

JMS Survey: Israeli Views of Diaspora Jews



The survey was taken May 8 - 11, 2014. The survey was performed among Jewish Hebrew-speakers in Israel.

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The Jewish people in Israel is a different nation from the Jews abroad.”?

a. Agree completely	34.0%
b. Somewhat agree	26.4%
c. Do not agree so much	15.2%
d. Do not agree at all	21.1%
e. Do not know / Decline to answer	3.4%

2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Jews in Israel and Jews in the Diaspora share a common fate.”?

a. Agree completely	41.6%
b. Somewhat agree	20.6%
c. Do not agree so much	19.0%
d. Do not agree at all	16.0%
e. Do not know / Decline to answer	2.8%

3. In your opinion, what is the primary connection between Jews in Israel and Jews in the Diaspora?

a. Jewish nationality	12.7%
b. Jewish religious law	18.4%
c. Blood relations / genetics	5.8%
d. Jewish culture and tradition	39.8%
e. Antisemitism	12.6%
f. Other	0.8%
g. All of the above equally	6.6%
h. Nothing. They have no common identity.	0.1%
i. Do not know / Decline to answer	3.2%

4. When making important decisions, should or should not the Government of Israel take into consideration how the decision will **influence** the situation of Jews in the Diaspora?

a. Does not need to consider it at all	9.9%
b. Does not need to consider it so much	16.5%
c. Somewhat needs to consider it	41.4%
d. Very much needs to consider it	29.7%
e. Do not know / Decline to answer	2.4%

5. In your opinion, when making important decisions, should or should not the Government of Israel take into consideration the **viewpoints** of Diaspora Jews?

a. Does not need to consider it at all	20.2%
b. Does not need to consider it so much	26.5%
c. Somewhat needs to consider it	34.2%
d. Very much needs to consider it	16.7%
e. Do not know / Decline to answer	2.5%

6. Are you in favor of the Government of Israel supporting Jewish communities in the Diaspora through... (You may choose 1 to 3 answers.)?
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| a. Sending emissaries from Israel | 62.3% |
| b. Financial support for Jewish communal activities | 38.9% |
| c. Physical defense of facilities and people | 42.2% |
| d. Alternatively, are you against support by the Government of Israel for Diaspora Jewish communities | 9.9% |
| e. Do not know / Decline to answer [Do not read] | 6.5% |
7. In your opinion, should the Jewish denominational streams - the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel - have a status that is equal to that of the Orthodox stream, for example in matters of conversion and marriage?
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| a. I am certain they should | 26.4% |
| b. I think they should | 24.4% |
| c. I think they should not | 14.1% |
| d. I am certain they should not | 29.3% |
| e. Do not know / Decline to answer | 5.8% |
8. Do you support or oppose allocating government funds to Reform and Conservative communities and rabbis?
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| a. Strongly in favor | 14.9% |
| b. Somewhat in favor | 25.4% |
| c. Somewhat opposed | 17.2% |
| d. Strongly opposed | 34.6% |
| e. Do not know / Decline to answer | 8.0% |
9. Does it interest or does it not interest you to know what is happening with Jews in the Diaspora?
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| a. It does not interest me at all | 4.1% |
| b. It does not interest me that much | 14.0% |
| c. It is somewhat interesting | 41.4% |
| d. It is very interesting | 39.9% |
| e. Do not know / Decline to answer | 0.7% |
10. From where do you receive the majority of your information regarding Diaspora Jewry? (You may choose more than one answer between 1 and 8.)
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| a. Radio | 30.2% |
| b. Newspapers | 50.6% |
| c. Television | 55.6% |
| d. The Internet | 51.4% |
| e. Family members or friends abroad (in the Diaspora) | 39.1% |
| f. Family or friends in Israel | 22.8% |
| g. Your own trips abroad (in the Diaspora) | 15.9% |
| h. Another source | 0.9% |
| i. From nowhere. I do not have information on what is happening with Jews in the Diaspora. [Do not read] | 0.9% |
| j. Do not know / Decline to answer [Do not read] | 0.4% |
11. Among the following objectives, which objective is the most important for world Jewry to focus on as its first priority?
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| a. The struggle against anti-Semitism | 23.5% |
| b. A relationship / attachment to Israel | 13.0% |
| c. The struggle against anti-Israel boycotts by different bodies around the world | 5.8% |
| d. Fundraising / financial support of Israel | 5.4% |
| e. Assimilation of the young generation in the Diaspora | 29.1% |

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| f. Exerting influence on local politicians on issues related to Israel | 8.6% |
| g. Another objective. Please elaborate. | 1.7% |
| h. All of the objectives are equally important | 8.6% |
| i. Do not know / Decline to answer | 4.2% |
12. In your opinion, of all of the issues that the Government of Israel must deal with, is it important or not important to take care of the issue of aliyah of Jews from around the world to Israel as well?
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| a. It is not important at all | 2.3% |
| b. It is not so important | 5.7% |
| c. It is somewhat important | 30.5% |
| d. It is very important | 60.7% |
| e. Do not know / Decline to answer | 0.8% |

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