EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS
JDC, THE FOURTH SURVEY, 2018

Future Priorities
Top five community priorities
Avg. score  2011  2018
1. Strengthening Jewish education  85  89
2. Supporting Jews in need in my community  84  88
3. Combating anti-Semitism  75  86
4. Including young leadership in authoritative bodies  87  85
5. Investing in leadership development  83  82

Security & Safety
Feeling of safety has eroded since 2008
"I feel very safe as a Jew in my city"

--- Feeling of Safety, East vs. West ---
96% Easterners
76% Westerners

63% Rather safe
20% Very safe
13% Rather unsafe

How safe do you feel?

6% Not safe at all

73% of all respondents consider their national governments' response as adequate to the Jewish communities' security needs.

Interruption
86% believe that the community should put suitable spaces or programs in place to better integrate intermarried families.

80% of the respondents believe that including intermarried families is critical for the survival of the Jewish community.

37% expect status issues to become more problematic in the future.

15% think that status issues will pose a danger to the existence of Jewish community continuity.

Future Threats
The Top 10 Identified Threats:
1. Alienation from community life
2. Demographic decline
3. Lack of engagement
4. Weakness of organizations
5. Ignorance about Judaism
6. Anti-Semitism
7. Lack of effective leadership
8. Lack of economic sustainability
9. Internal Jewish conflicts
10. Terror & violence against Jews
Anti-Semitism: A worrisome trend since 2015

66% expect increased anti-Semitic prejudice over the next 5-10 years (vs. 67% in 2015)

Western Europeans consider anti-Semitism more of a threat than Eastern Europeans.

Europe’s Future

60% feel that it is very important to strengthen relationships between Jews living in different parts of Europe.

Younger generation is more optimistic about the future

Under 40: 60%
41-65: 43%

49% Optimistic
51% Pessimistic

10% gap in optimism:
- Euro Barometer 17: 56%
- European Jewish Leaders: 46%

55% believe it is important that the community belongs to European Jewish organizations.

Israel

“ I fully support Israel, regardless of its govt.’s behavior.”

55% 2015
68% 2018

“Jewish communities should provide opportunities for members to share different opinions and points of view on Israel and its policies.”

88% West
36% East

“The media in my country regularly portrays Israel in a negative light.”

85%

“Events in Israel sometimes lead to an increase of anti-Semitism in my country.”

About the Survey and Respondents

The European Jewish Community Leaders Survey is conducted every three / four years using the same format, in order to identify trends and their evolution.

2011
2015

2008

893 Respondents

Conducted Online

29 Countries

10 Languages

Leaders, representatives and professionals from 8 main fields:

- Umbrella orgs. / feds.
- Private foundations
- City level communities
- Young activists
- Influential media entrepreneurs
- Social welfare
- Education
- Significant donors

89% University Graduates

Denomination:

- 41% Cultural
- 33% Orthodox
- 26% Traditional

Self outlook:

- 55% Religious
- 45% Secular

Over age 55: 65%
Under age 40: 13%