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In cooperation with the Jewish Journal of Sociology, our good friends in the UK, we are pleased to present this review of the year of Jewish social research in 2014. Included are 49 pieces of empirical research (both quantitative and qualitative) that appeared in the 2014 calendar year and are included in the Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ NYU Wagner.

Of course, your comments and additional contributions are invited. Should we have missed any research published in 2014, please do send it along.

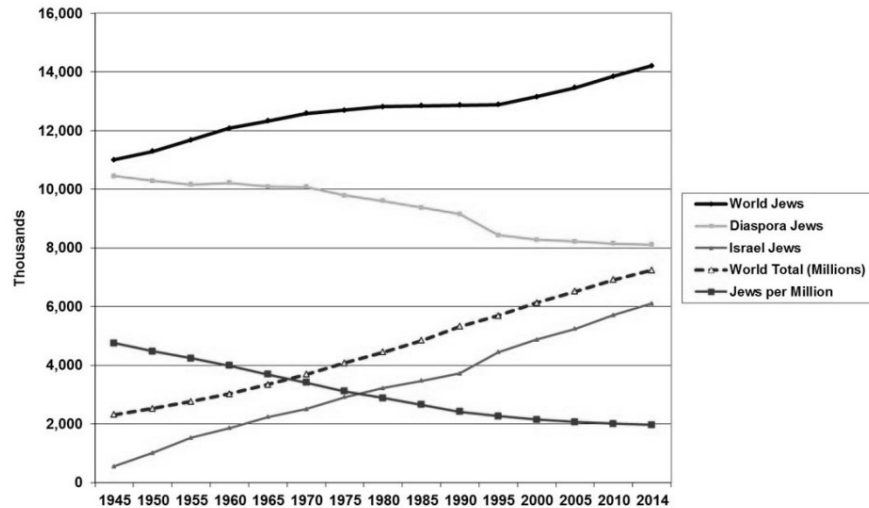
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Demography

World Jewish Population, 2014

Sergio DellaPergola | American Jewish Year Book 2014

The world's Jewish population is estimated at 14,212,800 at the beginning of 2014. This is an increase of 93,400 (0.66%) over the revised 2013 estimate. The core Jewish population estimate for the United States is approximately 5,700,000, second to the Israel estimate of 6,013,200.



World total population and Jewish population, core definition, 1945-2014

Jewish Population in the United States, 2014

Ira Sheskin, Arnold Dashefsky | American Jewish Year Book 2014

The authors review (carefully) a number of recent estimates of the United States Jewish population. They estimate that the U.S. population is probably between 6.6 and 6.7 million.

Jews in the United Kingdom in 2013: Preliminary findings from the National Jewish Community Survey

David Graham, L. D. Staetsky, Jonathan Boyd | JPR

The 2013 National Jewish Community Survey is a national survey of the UK Jewish community conducted in June and July 2013. It contains

data on 3,736 Jewish people and their households. It covers several themes, notably Jewish practice, belief and belonging, intermarriage, Jewish education, and charitable giving.

Highlights: Demographic Survey of American Jewish College Students 2014

Ariela Keysar, Barry A. Kosmin | Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut

The national online Demographic Survey of American College Students interviewed 1,157 self-identified Jewish students in March-April, 2014.

Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011--Special Study on Nonwhite, Hispanic, and Multiracial Jewish Households

UJA-Federation of New York

This special study (part of a larger series of reports from the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011) focuses on households that included one or more members who are Hispanic, black, Asian, Native American, biracial, or of mixed races.

Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011--Special Study on Jewish Households with LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender) Individuals

UJA-Federation of New York

This special study (part of a larger series of reports from the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011) focuses on households that included one or more members who self-identify at LGBT.

The Jewish Population of Australia: Key Findings from the 2011 Census

David Graham | Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC) at Monash University, Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA) Australia

The 2011 Census of Australia was conducted in August 2011. This produced a rich dataset on Australia's Jewish population. Australia's total Jewish population in 2011 was estimated to be 112,000 people.

The Jewish Population of New South Wales: Key Findings from the 2011 Census

David Graham | Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC) at Monash University, Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA) Australia

There were 45,718 Jewish people in New South Wales (NSW) in 2011, or 6 Jews per 1,000 people. The state has the second largest Jewish population in Australia.

The Jewish Population of Victoria: Key Findings from the 2011 Census

Andrew Markus | Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC) at Monash University, Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA) Australia

The Jewish population of Victoria continues to experience strong growth. The core Jewish population of Victoria is an estimated 51,955 persons, an increase of 6.3% since 2006.

2014 Greater Seattle Jewish Community Study

Matthew Boxer, Janet Krasner Aronson, Matthew A. Brown, Leonard Saxe CMJS / SSRI, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

The Greater Seattle Jewish community is composed of 63,400 Jewish individuals who live in 33,700 households. The 2014 Jewish population is 70% larger than the 2000-2001 estimate of 37,180 Jewish individuals. Much of the growth has come from newcomers to the community.

What is to be Done? Policy Responses to the Shrinking Jewish Middle

Steven M. Cohen | BJPA

A shrinkage is on the way of what may be termed the “Jewish Middle,” those located in the central region of the Jewish identity spectrum, roughly encompassed by those affirming a Jewish denominational identity other than Orthodoxy. The number of middle-aged non-Orthodox Jews who are engaged in Jewish life is poised to drop sharply in the next 20-40 years.

The Pew Survey Reanalyzed: More Bad News, but a Glimmer of Hope

Jack Wertheimer, Steven M. Cohen | Mosaic

Contrary to claims that the Pew report merely substantiates what we have long known, it actually offers powerful evidence to refute some of the most cherished myths of American Jewish life.

A Portrait of Jewish Columbus

Jewish Federation of Columbus, Wexner Foundation

An estimated 25,500 Jewish persons live in 14,200 Jewish households in the Columbus area. The Jewish community of Columbus is relatively young.

The Sky Is Falling! The Sky Is Falling! A reanalysis of last year's important Pew Study contradicts persistent alarmism about 'vanishing' American Jewry

Leonard Saxe | Tablet

The current state of American Jewry is neither as dire as some suggest, nor is it unequivocally positive. On the one hand, the anticipated demise of non-Orthodox American Judaism has not occurred, and there are many positive developments regarding Jewish attitudes and behaviors among the large majority of Jews who describe themselves as non-Orthodox. On the other hand, as predicted, Jews are a smaller proportion of the American population and there are growing numbers of non-Jewish individuals of Jewish background.

Identity & Continuity

"Once in a while kosher, once in a while Shabbat:" A Study on the Identities, Perceptions, and Practices of Children of Mixed Marriages in Germany

Julia Bernstein | JDC International Centre for Community Development

"My Jewish Part: Being a Part of Judaism of Keeping Judaism Apart?" The transmission of Judaism among children of mixed marriages residing in the Paris metropolitan area

Julia David | JDC International Centre for Community Development

Jewish Feelings, Jewish Practice? Children of Jewish Inter-marriage in the Netherlands

Barbara Tanenbaum, Riki Kooyman | JDC International Centre for Community Development

Choosing Each Other: Exogamy in the Jewish Community of Buenos Aires

Ezequiel Erdei | JDC International Centre for Community Development

Strengthening Jewish Identity: What Works? An Analysis of Jewish Students in the UK

David Graham | JPR

A nationwide study of the identities of Jewish students in the UK.

Generations & Re-Generation: Engagement and Fidelity in 21st Century American Jewish Life

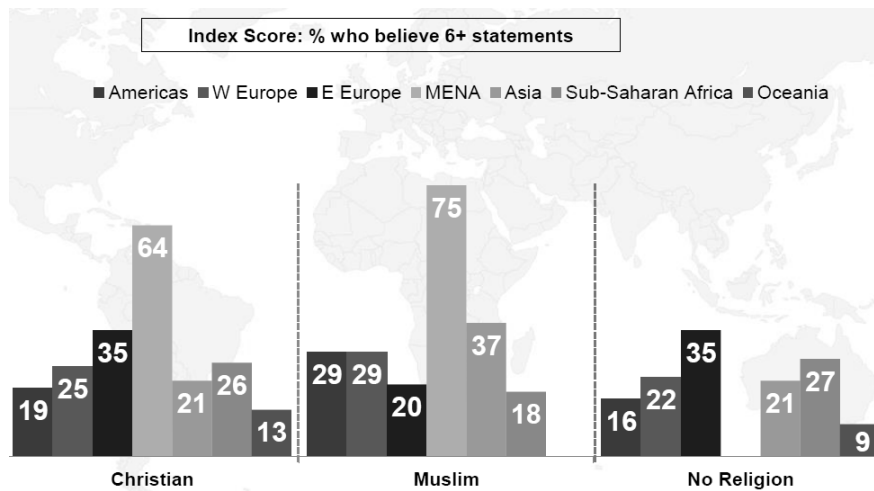
David M. Elcott, Stuart Himmelfarb | B3/The Jewish Boomer Platform

In the spring of 2013, B3 surveyed more than 12,500 engaged American Jews, exploring the demographics, beliefs, activities, and behaviors of those who have some degree of affiliation with a Jewish institution (members, donors, and/or email subscribers). They placed special emphasis on generational issues.

Social & Political Studies

ADL Global 100: An Index of Anti-Semitism

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)



The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Global 100 Index surveyed adults worldwide to assess the level and intensity of anti-Jewish sentiment across the globe.

Jewish and Democratic: Perspectives from World Jewry

Shmuel Rosner, Inbal Hackman | JPPI

This report is based on direct study of the views of Jewish groups with a significant connection to Israel. This was accomplished by initiating some 40 discussion groups and seminars with the participation of engaged Jewish community members around the world, through questionnaire responses, and analysis of research on the full spectrum opinions on the subject.

Annual Assessment--The Jewish People: Situation and Dynamics

JPPI

JPPI's Annual Assessment seeks to create a baseline for establishing the status and well-being of different Jewish communities around the world.

The Exceptional Case? Perceptions and Experiences of Antisemitism Among Jews in the United Kingdom

L. D. Staetsky, Jonathan Boyd | JPR

Based on data commissioned by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and gathered and analysed by JPR's academic team, this is the first in a series of reports looking at the perceptions and experiences of antisemitism among Jews in different EU Member States. This report, focusing on Jews in the UK, demonstrates that Jews feel more secure in the UK than elsewhere, but that Orthodox Jews are measurably more anxious about, and susceptible to antisemitic incidents, than non-Orthodox Jews.

U.S. Jewish Young Adults React to the Gaza Conflict: A Survey of Birthright Israel Applicants

Michelle Shain, Shahar Hecht, Leonard Saxe | CMJS

A survey of c. 1,800 American Taglit-Birthright Israel applicants—both participants and nonparticipants—assessing reactions of Jewish young adults to the summer 2014 conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Jewish life in Ukraine

Darina Privalko | JPR

Part of a four-part series funded by the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe that looks at Jewish life in east-central Europe since the collapse of communism.



Organizations & Philanthropy

Leadership Pipelines Initiative: Cultivating the Next Generation of Leaders for Jewish Nonprofits

Libbie Landles-Cobb, Susan Wolf Ditkoff | Bridgespan Group, Leadership Pipelines Initiative

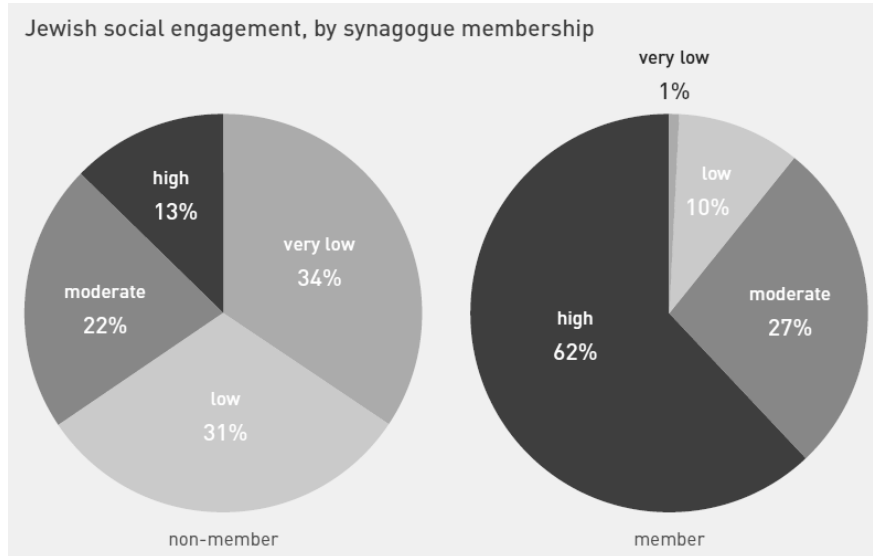
The authors interviewed more than 160 leaders: Jewish and non-Jewish, for-profit and nonprofit, lay and professional, current and emerging, funder and direct service, expert and academic.

Connected to Give: Synagogues and Movements

Steven M. Cohen, J. Shawn Landres Jumpstart

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The fourth report in the *Connected to Give* series of publications based on nationally representative surveys, focus groups, and field research involving more than 5,000 Americans, this report explores charitable giving by American Jews who are members of Jewish congregations and/or identify with a religious movement, with a special focus on Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform affiliates.



Connected to Give: Community Circles

Evelyn Dean-Olmsted, Sarah Bunin Benor, Jim Gerstein | Jumpstart

The fifth report in the *Connected to Give* series, this report outlines the demographics of giving circle participation and, through interviews with participants in African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, Jewish, LGBT, women's, and Millennial-generation giving circles, examines how people explore and express shared identities through collaborative giving.

Connected to Give: Risk & Relevance

Jim Gerstein, J. Shawn Landres, Joshua Avedon | Jumpstart

The sixth report in the *Connected to Give* series, this report looks towards the future by exploring donors' expectations regarding the organizations they support. The report finds that those most deeply connected to faith traditions are less in-group-focused than donors with

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looser ties. Moreover, donors who are the most connected to their faith traditions are not just more likely to give, but do so with a sense of openness, experimentation, and risk tolerance.

Education

Spreading and Sustaining Innovation in Congregational Education: Accomplishments and Lessons Learned

Experiment in Congregational Education, Jewish Education Project

Beginning in 2009, the Jewish Education Project and the Experiment in Congregational Education set out to engage in a five-year strategy to create a positive and measurable difference in the educational experience of children and families in congregational education programs. Findings from the study of these efforts have critical implications for the work of Jewish education in New York and beyond.

Hearts and Minds: Israel in North American Jewish Day Schools

Alex Pomson, Jack Wertheimer, Hagit Hacohen-Wolf AVI CHAI Foundation, Rosov Consulting

Through a survey of 95 North American Jewish day schools, site visits to over a dozen of the schools, and observations of school trips to Israel, the research team gathered qualitative data about how and when material about Israel is taught.

2012-13 Israel Studies Report and Directory

Annette Koren, Eric Fleisch | CMJS

The 2012-13 Directory of Israel Studies builds on the work of previous directories through inclusion of course enrollment data and identification of faculty. A key change is the recognition and addition of upper-level Hebrew language courses as Israel-focused.

A Census of Jewish Day Schools in the United States: 2013-2014

Marvin Schick | AVI CHAI Foundation

There were 861 day schools in 2013-14, significantly above the 802 schools reported in the previous census. In 1998-99, the number was 676. More than half of this increase is in the Yeshiva World sector.

Intergenerational Challenges in Australian Jewish School Education

Zehavit Gross, Suzanne Rutland

This paper investigates the intergenerational changes that have occurred in Australian Jewish day schools and the challenges these pose for religious and Jewish education. Using a grounded theory approach according to the constant comparative method, data from three sources (interviews, observations and documents) were analyzed, thus enabling triangulation. Findings show that there is an incongruity between what the adult community defines as the central components of Jewish and religious identity which are more particularistic, and the perspectives of Jewish youth which are more universalistic.

The Chicken and the Egg: Connections Between Hebrew Language Teaching, Curriculum and Identity in Jewish Day Schools in Australia

Zehavit Gross, Suzanne Rutland

This paper investigates the role and place of Hebrew within the Australian Jewish day schools' curriculum and analyzes the cultural factors, which contribute to the challenges Hebrew teachers face. Its findings show that there is a need to locate Modern Hebrew more centrally within the schools' organizational structure. If the Hebrew language is central to Jewish identity, then it is important to integrate it across the school curriculum, and not treat it as a separate subject area, in addition to upgrading teaching and learning methodologies and professional development. An integrative, interdisciplinary approach would change the power allocation within the school, and thus strengthen Jewish identity through more effective language acquisition.

Combatting Racial Prejudice in the School Playground: An Australian Case Study

Zehavit Gross, Suzanne Rutland

This paper analyzes the problem of racial bullying in contemporary Australian government schools by investigating Jewish children as a case study. The study is interdisciplinary, and employs a qualitative approach through semi-structural interviews conducted in Sydney and Melbourne with all the major stakeholders: students, teachers, principals, parents and Jewish communal leaders. The classical anti-Jewish stereotypes are perpetuated in the school playground, transmitted by children from one generation to the next. This finding provides an additional perspective to

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the general literature, which argues that stereotypes are acquired primarily through home, churches, and the media, but neglects the role of the playground.

Program Evaluations

Assessing the Teen Israel Experience: A Focus on In-Marriage, Raising Children Jewish and Jewish Engagement -- Comparing Teen Israel Trip Alumni with Birthright Israel Alumni and Young Adults from the Pew Survey

Steven M. Cohen, Ezra Kopelowitz | Research Success Technologies

A study of alumni, age 18-39, of the Youth to Israel Adventure (Y2I), assessing the the impact of Y2I upon adult Jewish engagement, as compared with similar demographics among Birthright alumni and young Jews in the Pew study.

DeLeT Graduates' Perceptions of the Program and their Preparedness for Teaching: An Evaluation Report

Eran Tamir, Nili Pearlmuter | Brandeis

This report is a part of a longitudinal survey of the DeLeT program, which was established in 2002 in response to three decades of expansion in non-orthodox Jewish day schools. It focuses on how DeLeT graduates from both programs perceive their preparedness for day school teaching, as well as how they perceive the DeLeT faculty and the programs' strengths and weaknesses.

Jewish Futures Project--The Impact of Taglit-Birthright Israel: Marriage and Family

Leonard Saxe, Michelle Shain, Shahar Hecht, Graham Wright, Micha Rieser, Theodore Sasson | CMJS

This report examines Taglit-Birthright Israel's long-term impact on participants with a special focus on their decisions about marriage and children. The findings are derived from data collected in 2013 for the fourth wave of the "Jewish Futures Project" (JFP), a panel study of individuals who applied to Taglit between 2001 and 2006. Interviews, both telephone and web, were conducted with over 2,000 respondents. The analysis compares Taglit participants to those who applied to the program but did not participate.

The Jewish Resource Specialist Program: Year 3 Evaluation Findings
Ellen Irie, Naomi Orensten, Isaac Agree | Informing Change

This report presents the final cumulative evaluation findings for the Jewish Resource Specialist Program (JRS) over the three years of the JRS pilot, including key achievements and challenges.

New Jewish Specialty Camps: From Idea to Reality -- Foundation for Jewish Camp Specialty Camps Incubator Evaluation Report
Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC), Jim Joseph Foundation

The Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) launched the Specialty Camps Incubator (Incubator) to support the creation and development of five new Jewish specialty camps. A key purpose of establishing the new specialty camps was to attract Jewish teens who were not attending other Jewish camps.

Making an Impact: Learning from the Kavana Cooperative's Model
Lori Smith, Rachel Nussbaum, Steven M. Cohen | Kavana Cooperative

The Kavana Cooperative is a pluralistic, non-denominational, cooperative Jewish community influenced by Seattle's start-up culture, specifically designed to meet the needs of 21st century Jews.

Understanding the Israel Fellows Program: Program Theory and Implementation Challenges
Fern Chertok, Annette Koren | CMJS

Concern regarding support for Israel on North American campuses led to the development of the Israel Fellows Program (IFP). The IFP brings Israeli young adults to American college campuses to work on Israel education, advocacy, and engagement.

Seeds of Opportunity: A National Study of Immersive Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education (JOFEE)
Hazon, Informing Change

This study examines key components of numerous aspects of Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education (JOFEE).

Evaluation of the Jim Joseph Foundation Education Initiative: Year 3 Report

Mark Schneider, Yael Kidron, Jesse Levin, David Blumenthal, Alexandra Brawley American Institutes for Research (AIR)

The Jim Joseph Foundation's Education Initiative funds the development, operational costs, and scholarships for 18 degree, certificate, and leadership programs at HUC-JIR, JTS, and YU. AIR is conducting an ongoing, five-year, independent evaluation of the Jim Joseph Foundation's Education Initiative.

The Summer Institute for Israel Studies: The First Decade and Looking Ahead

Annette Koren, Eric Fleisch | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies

Summer 2014 marked the beginning of the second decade of the Summer Institute for Israel Studies (SIIS). This report attempts to capture fellows' experience in 2014 and summarizes the first decade of SIIS influence on the academy. Including summer 2014, the program has prepared 226 fellows from around the world to teach about Israel. Of the 205 fellows in the first decade, 172 have taught a total of more than 600 courses about Israel to at least 18,000 students.

Looking Back, Looking Forward: Year 3 of the Evaluation of the Boston-Haifa Connection Jewish Identity and Education School Pilot

Fern Chertok, David Mittelberg, Dinah Laron, Ellie Aitan | CMJS, Oranim Academic College

The Jewish Identity and Education School Pilot (JIESP) developed by the Boston Haifa Committee is an example of the emerging peoplehood education paradigm which seeks to build reciprocal lines of connection between Israeli and American students, educators, and schools. This report describes the findings of formative and summative research on Year 3 of the project.

Building a Community of Jewish Teens: A Model Documentation of the North Shore Teen Initiative

North Shore Teen Initiative

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This report documents the evolution of the North Shore Teen Initiative (NSTI), a pilot project in the North Shore of Boston to increase Jewish teen engagement.