

WHOSE PASSOVER IS IT ANYWAY?

2025 Jews Around the World Edition

It is traditional to ask questions during the seder, but why stop at just the standard four? This Pesach, test your family's knowledge about Jews around the world while reading the Haggada, and don't forget to check the answers for more information. Things have changed since the Jewish people left Egypt...

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"HAVDALAH"

Where in Europe will you find the highest proportion of Jews who avoid switching on lights on Shabbat (i.e. are 'shomrei Shabbat')?

- a) UK
- b) Belgium
- c) Italy
- d) France

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (b)

Our latest data shows that more than 40% of Belgian Jews do not switch on lights on Shabbat, followed by Jews in the UK, France, and Italy.

"LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND SHARE OUR MEAL"

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Which of these types of charities were British Jews most likely to prioritise in 2024?

- a) General charities in the UK
- b) Israeli charities
- c) Jewish charities in the UK
- d) Charities outside the UK

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (c)

38% of British Jews said they prioritise Jewish charities in the UK, compared with 34% who prioritise general charities in the UK. The proportion of people prioritising Israel charities increased from 5% to 11% following the October 7th 2023 attacks.

Adopt a cat?

We already adopted a Hebrew baby

Go!

"IN THE BEGINNING, OUR FATHERS WERE IDOL WORSHIPERS. BUT NOW..."

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What proportion of European Jews attend synagogue at least weekly?

- a) One in ten
- b) Just under a quarter
- c) About a third
- d) Nearly 45%

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (b)

23% of European Jews attend synagogue at least once a week. Belgian Jews are most likely to do so, at 44%; at the other end of the spectrum are Jews in Sweden and Denmark, where the equivalent proportion is only 8%

"HE WENT DOWN TO EGYPT AND LIVED THERE IN SMALL NUMBERS"

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The United States holds the largest population of Israelis living outside of Israel. Which country holds second place?

- a) Germany
- b) UK
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (c)

Nearly 170,000 Israelis live in the US. Canada is home to almost 34,000 ex-pat Israelis, with Germany and the UK next (over 23,000 each). Australia closes the top five list (13,000).

Size doesn't matter

"IN EVERY GENERATION, THEY RISE UP TO DESTROY US"

What proportion of British Jews think that the slogan 'Free Palestine' is either definitely or probably antisemitic?

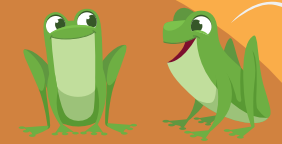
- a) More than 70%
- b) Nearly 60%
- c) Just under half
- d) About a third

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (c)

45% of adult Jews in the UK either strongly agreed (25%) or tended to agree (20%) that the slogan is antisemitic, compared to 50% who did not. The remainder did not know or had no opinion.

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Next year I'm hopping to Berlin



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"NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM"

How many Jews in total from around the world made aliyah (emigrated to Israel) in 2024?

- a) About 30,000
- b) About 60,000
- c) About 90,000
- d) About 120,000

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (a)

31,036 Jews made aliyah in 2024 according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics. This was down about 15,000 from 2023, but about 5,000 higher than the average count over the past 25 years.

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"WHO KNOWS ONE?"

How many Jewish children attend registered Jewish schools in the UK?

- a) About 12,000
- b) About 24,000
- c) About 36,000
- d) About 48,000

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (c)

36,064 Jewish pupils attended 136 registered British Jewish schools in the academic year 2023/24. Six in ten Jewish pupils attended registered Strictly Orthodox schools.

40 years? That can't be right...



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"SHULCHAN ORECH" (DINNER IS SERVED)

In which of these countries are Jews more likely to eat only kosher meat at home?

- a) UK
- b) Italy
- c) France
- d) Belgium

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (d)

With over 40% of the Jewish population identifying as "Haredi" or "Orthodox", it's not surprising to find out that half the Jews in Belgium only eat kosher meat. However, the UK (45%), France (42%) and Italy (39%) are not far behind.

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"DAYENU (IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH FOR US)"

In which of these countries are you most likely to meet Jews who, rather than identifying with a specific Jewish denomination, see themselves as "just Jewish"?

- a) Hungary
- b) Sweden
- c) The Netherlands
- d) Austria

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (a)

When asked about how they identify denominationally, nearly six in ten Hungarian Jews say they are "just Jewish", and only small proportions see themselves as either "Haredi", "Orthodox", "Traditional", or "Reform/Progressive".

Are you sure you don't want to ask someone for directions?



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"EACH PERSON MUST SEE THEMSELVES AS IF THEY PERSONALLY CAME OUT OF EGYPT"

In which of these countries are Jews most likely to say that 'feeling part of the Jewish People' is 'very important' to their Jewish identity?

- a) Denmark
- b) Spain
- c) Hungary
- d) Germany

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS (b)

82% of Jews in Spain say that feeling part of the Jewish people is very important to their Jewish identity. In Germany, it's 63%; in Denmark, 53%; and in Hungary, just 41%.

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