KEY FINDINGS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVEY OF SOUTH AFRICA

The data presented here are the results of work undertaken by the Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town and the Institute for Jewish Policy Research in London. Our goal was to produce a broad and deep portrait of the Jews of South Africa in 2019. This is a small selection of findings. Read the full Jewish Community Survey of South Africa report at www.kaplancentre.uct.ac.za or www.jpr.org.uk.

**Distribution of the Jewish population in South Africa (2016-2019)**

- **52 300** TOTAL POPULATION
  - **58%** JHB
  - **7%** DURB
  - **24%** CT

**Interruption in South Africa**

- **57%**
  - 12,687 Jewish households belong to 103 synagogues
  - In 2015 there were an estimated 3 deaths for every 2 births

**Interruption in the diaspora**

- **21%** AUSTRALIA
- **58%** UNITED STATES
- **26%** UNITED KINGDOM

**Tolerance and acceptance felt by South African Jews**

- **67%** Feel well accepted by the Jewish community
- **23%** Somewhat accepted by the Jewish community
- **6%** Not very well accepted or not accepted at all

**Say that more than half of their close friends are Jewish**

- **71%**
  - **80%** JHB
  - **60%** CT

**Percentage who identify as Orthodox**

- **48%**
  - **22%**
  - **28%**

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15% of Jews in South Africa said they are likely to leave South Africa in the next five years.

**Attachment to Israel**

- 66% Strong Attachment
- 24% Moderate Attachment
- 6% Weak Attachment
- 3% No Attachment
- 1% Don’t know / Prefer not to say

**Criticism of Israel in the past 12 months**

- 68% of Jews have heard Israel labeled an ‘Apartheid State’
- 63% of Jews have heard people call for a boycott of Israeli products

**43% have considered leaving SA in past 12 months**

**Percentage who say the following are a ‘very big problem’ in South Africa**

- 95% Government Corruption
- 94% Unemployment
- 87% Crime Level
- 57% Anti-Israel Sentiment
- 31% Antisemitism

**32% say it is likely they will permanently settle in Israel at some point in the future**

**Location of South Africa’s Jewish diaspora**

- **Israel**: 26%
- **Australia**: 21%
- **United States**: 21%
- **United Kingdom**: 20%

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In 2016, 75% of school-aged Jews attended Jewish schools (6,189 pupils).

71% gave more than half of their personal total charitable donations to Jewish charities.

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