

## Survey of Canadian Jews 2025 - Topline Results

*Note on Survey Eligibility: Respondents qualified by identifying as Jewish (religion or ethnicity).*

### **1. Would you prefer to complete the survey in English or French? Préférez-vous répondre à ce questionnaire en anglais ou en français? (Base n = 502)**

English / Anglais: 98%

Francais / French: 2%

### **2. In which province or territory do you live? (Base n = 502)**

British Columbia: 9%

Alberta: 4%

Saskatchewan: 0%

Manitoba: 4%

Ontario: 57%

Quebec: 24%

New Brunswick: 0%

Nova Scotia: 1%

Prince Edward Island: 0%

Newfoundland: 0%

### **3. How old are you? (Base n = 502)**

18-24: 3%

25-34: 20%

35-44: 16%

45-54: 15%

55-69: 24%

70+: 23%

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### 4. What is your gender? (Base n = 502)

Man: 50%

Woman: 50%

Non-binary: 0%

### 5. Which of the following, if any, do you identify with? (Base n = 349)

Religious: 16%

Secular: 67%

Neither: 17%

### 6. What Jewish denomination, if any, do you identify with? (Base n = 349)

Orthodox: 8%

Conservative: 20%

Reform: 18%

Just Jewish: 43%

Other: 7%

Dont know/no response: 3%

### 7. How closely have you been following the news from Israel and Gaza in recent weeks? (Base n = 502)

Very closely: 56%

Somewhat closely: 32%

Not very closely: 10%

Not at all: 2%

**NET Closely: 88%**

**NET Not closely: 12%**

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### 8. How closely have you been following the new Canadian government's policies regarding Israel and the Palestinians since the elections earlier this year? (Base n = 502)

Very closely: 47%

Somewhat closely: 37%

Not very closely: 15%

Not at all: 1%

**NET Closely: 84%**

**NET Not closely: 16%**

### 9. The topic of Israel can be very sensitive these days. Over the last two years since October 7, 2023, have you refrained from expressing your view, publicly or privately, about Israel at some point? (Base n = 502)

I have refrained from criticizing Israel: 12%

I have refrained from supporting Israel: 8%

I have refrained from both criticizing and supporting Israel: 25%

I have not held back my opinions about Israel: 42%

Not relevant – I am not regularly involved in conversations about Israel: 13%

### 10. Have you felt isolated within your Jewish community and part of a very small minority due to your views about Israel, or do you feel close to how your Jewish community feels about Israel? (Base n=502)

I feel mostly isolated or in the minority view about Israel in my Jewish Community: 24%

Generally, I hold similar views to my Jewish community regarding Israel: 58%

Don't know/not relevant to me: 18%

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**11. SPLIT A: Below are different policy initiatives for Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Canadian government to consider concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict. To what extent do you favour or oppose each of these? (Base n=251)**

**11.1a1 Pressure the Palestinian Authority to ensure that social welfare payments are not made as incentives to militants convicted of terror attacks against Israeli civilians:**

Strongly Favour: 65%

Favour: 16%

Neither favour nor oppose: 11%

Oppose: 0%

Strongly oppose: 2%

Don't know/no answer: 6%

**TOTAL favour: 81%**

**TOTAL oppose: 2%**

**11.1a2 Expand sanctions on Jewish settlers in the West Bank who engage in acts of vigilante violence against Palestinian civilians:**

Strongly Favour: 29%

Favour: 18%

Neither favour nor oppose: 27%

Oppose: 5%

Strongly oppose: 16%

Don't know/no answer: 4%

**TOTAL favour: 47%**

**TOTAL oppose: 21%**

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### **11.2a1 Place economic and travel sanctions/visa bans on Palestinian individuals who publicly call to commit specific violent acts against Jewish or Israeli civilians:**

Strongly Favour: 74%

Favour: 11%

Neither favour nor oppose: 8%

Oppose: 5%

Strongly oppose: 1%

Don't know/no answer: 1%

**TOTAL favour: 85%**

**TOTAL oppose: 6%**

### **11.2a2 Place economic, travel sanctions and visa bans on far-right ministers, such as Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, and settler leaders who have aided and incited Jewish settlers who commit violent attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank:**

Strongly Favour: 31%

Favour: 20%

Neither favour nor oppose: 20%

Oppose: 6%

Strongly oppose: 17%

Don't know/no answer: 17%

**TOTAL favour: 51%**

**TOTAL oppose: 23%**

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### **11.3a1 Implement tougher additional sanctions against entities and financial institutions involved in international funds transfer to Hamas or Palestinian militias:**

Strongly Favour: 67%

Favour: 15%

Neither favour nor oppose: 11%

Oppose: 2%

Strongly oppose: 2%

Don't know/no answer: 2%

**TOTAL favour: 82%**

**TOTAL oppose: 5%**

### **11.3a2 Institute an embargo on the purchase of arms manufactured in Israel and the sale of Canadian manufactured arms to Israel:**

Strongly Favour: 17%

Favour: 3%

Neither favour nor oppose: 17%

Oppose: 16%

Strongly oppose: 45%

Don't know/no answer: 2%

**TOTAL favour: 20%**

**TOTAL oppose: 61%**

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### **11.4a1 Canada should have formally recognized a Palestinian state only after negotiations between Israel and the recognized Palestinian leadership reach a final peace agreement for a two state solution:**

Strongly Favour: 28%

Favour: 18%

Neither favour nor oppose: 11%

Oppose: 8%

Strongly oppose: 27%

Don't know/no answer: 8%

**TOTAL favour: 46%**

**TOTAL oppose: 35%**

### **11.4a2 Canada's formal recognition of the State of Palestine at the UN a few weeks ago:**

Strongly Favour: 15%

Favour: 7%

Neither favour nor oppose: 12%

Oppose: 15%

Strongly oppose: 46%

Don't know/no answer: 6%

**TOTAL favour: 22%**

**TOTAL oppose: 61%**

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### **11.5a1 Increase aid to Israeli civil society for social services to help Israeli civilian victims of October 7 and the war:**

Strongly Favour: 44%

Favour: 27%

Neither favour nor oppose: 15%

Oppose: 7%

Strongly oppose: 6%

Don't know/no answer: 1%

**TOTAL favour: 71%**

**TOTAL oppose: 14%**

### **11.5a2 Increase humanitarian aid to Gaza:**

Strongly Favour: 25%

Favour: 24%

Neither favour nor oppose: 13%

Oppose: 14%

Strongly oppose: 22%

Don't know/no answer: 2%

**TOTAL favour: 49%**

**TOTAL oppose: 36%**



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**11. SPLIT B: Below are different policy initiatives for Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Canadian government to consider concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict. To what extent do you favour or oppose each of these? (Base n=251)**

**11.1b Increase sanctions on Jewish settlers in the West Bank who engage in acts of vigilante violence against Palestinian civilians :**

Strongly Favour: 24%

Favour: 19%

Neither favour nor oppose: 18%

Oppose: 13%

Strongly oppose: 20%

Don't know/no answer: 6%

**TOTAL favour: 43%**

**TOTAL oppose: 33%**

**11.2b Place economic, travel sanctions and visa bans on far-right ministers, such as Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, and settler leaders who have aided and incited Jewish settlers who commit violent attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank:**

Strongly Favour: 19%

Favour: 20%

Neither favour nor oppose: 13%

Oppose: 14%

Strongly oppose: 26%

Don't know/no answer: 8%

**TOTAL favour: 39%**

**TOTAL oppose: 40%**

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**11.3b Institute an embargo on the purchase of arms manufactured in Israel and the sale of Canadian manufactured arms to Israel:**

Strongly Favour: 15%

Favour: 8%

Neither favour nor oppose: 10%

Oppose: 13%

Strongly oppose: 46%

Don't know/no answer: 8%

**TOTAL favour: 23%**

**TOTAL oppose: 59%**

**11.4b Canada's formal recognition of the State of Palestine at the UN a few weeks ago:**

Strongly Favour: 13%

Favour: 11%

Neither favour nor oppose: 14%

Oppose: 8%

Strongly oppose: 52%

Don't know/no answer: 3%

**TOTAL favour: 24%**

**TOTAL oppose: 60%**

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**11. SPLIT B: Below are different policy initiatives for Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Canadian government to consider concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict. To what extent do you favour or oppose each of these? (Base n=251)**

**11.5b Increase humanitarian aid to Gaza:**

Strongly Favour: 22%

Favour: 26%

Neither favour nor oppose: 22%

Oppose: 8%

Strongly oppose: 18%

Don't know/no answer: 4%

**TOTAL favour: 48%**

**TOTAL oppose: 26%**

**12. As you might have heard, Israeli society has been deeply divided between people who wanted a deal between Israel and Hamas to release Israel's remaining hostages in return for an end to the war in Gaza like the current ceasefire, and those who want Israel to have continued fighting the war until Hamas is totally destroyed. Do you prefer: (Base n=502)**

Israel and Hamas reaching the deal to release hostages and end the war: 66%

Israel should have continued fighting the war until Hamas is totally destroyed: 24%

Neither/other: 5%

Don't know/no answer: 5%

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### **13. Do you think Israel's actions during the war over the last two years, mainly reflected: (Base n=502)**

The Israeli government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: 50%

Israeli society as a whole: 12%

Both equally: 27%

Don't know: 11%

### **14. Do you think the attack of October 7, 2023 reflected mainly: (Base n=502)**

Hamas: 51%

Palestinian society as a whole: 8%

Both equally: 35%

Don't know: 6%

### **15. The current Israeli government coalition agreements declare that Israel will extend sovereignty over the West Bank, which is annexation, and the government repeatedly pledges to prevent a Palestinian state. Do you: (Base n=502)**

Strongly support this position: 20%

Somewhat support: 15%

Somewhat oppose: 18%

Strongly oppose this position: 30%

Don't know: 17%

**TOTAL support: 35%**

**TOTAL oppose: 48%**

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### **16.The Israeli government is expanding West Bank settlements and declaring new ones, and some ministers advocate building Jewish settlements in Gaza. Do you: (Base n=502)**

Support expanding settlements in the West Bank and Gaza: 16%

Support expanding only in the West Bank: 12%

Support expanding only in Gaza: 1%

Don't support expanding in either area: 53%

Don't know: 18%

### **17.Do you support or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state next to Israel, known as the two-state solution?: (Base n=502)**

Strongly support: 23%

Somewhat support: 29%

Somewhat oppose: 14%

Strongly oppose: 23%

Don't know: 11%

**TOTAL support: 52%**

**TOTAL oppose: 38%**

### **18.Do you support or oppose Israel forging regional normalization agreements with additional Arab states in return for a multi-lateral regional security framework for implementing a peace agreement with the Palestinians which includes the establishment of a Palestinian state: (Base n=502)**

Strongly support: 32%

Somewhat support: 30%

Somewhat oppose: 10%

Strongly oppose: 7%

Don't know: 21%

**TOTAL support: 62%**

**TOTAL oppose: 17%**

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### **19. Moving to the situation in Gaza, who do you believe was mainly to blame for famine or widespread hunger in Gaza during the war?: (Base n=502)**

Israel: 17%

Hamas: 48%

The war in general/both sides equally: 19%

I don't believe there was famine or widespread hunger in Gaza: 13%

Don't know: 4%

### **20. Of the following terms, which ONE do you believe is the closest description for Israel's actions in Gaza over the last two years?: (Base n=502)**

Self defense: 34%

Hostage return: 21%

War: 21%

War crimes: 10%

Ethnic cleansing: 4%

Genocide: 10%

### **21. Before the recent ceasefire, some people said Israel was committing genocide in Gaza. Other people say the situation in Gaza does not meet the definition and criteria of genocide. In your opinion, based on what you have read, heard or seen, do you believe Israel is or was committing genocide against the Palestinians: (Base n=502)**

Israel is or was committing genocide against Palestinians: 17%

Israel was not committing genocide against Palestinians: 71%

Not sure/don't know: 11%

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### 22. In your opinion, is Israel today a democracy?: (Base n=502)

Mostly or fully democratic: 57%

Partly democratic: 19%

Some democratic aspects, but mostly not democratic: 10%

Not at all democratic: 4%

Don't know: 10%

**TOTAL democratic: 76%**

**TOTAL not democratic: 14%**

**23. As you might recall, the Israeli government has been trying to implement a series of reforms to the Israeli judiciary, such as increasing the control of political figures over judicial appointments, and limiting the Supreme Court's authority to rule against government actions; some of the reforms paused at the start of the war but have continued - including trying to dismiss the Attorney General and the government refusing to recognize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. What impact do you think the government's efforts will have on democracy in Israel?: (Base n=502)**

They will strengthen democracy in Israel: 10%

Neither strengthen nor weaken: 12%

They will weaken democracy in Israel: 49%

Haven't followed enough to know: 29%

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**24. Considering the previous question, do you think the government's efforts to reform the Israeli judiciary are related to its support for annexing the West Bank and possibly rebuilding settlements in Gaza, or are these issues unrelated?: (Base n=502)**

Strongly related: 13%

Somewhat related: 25%

Mostly unrelated: 16%

Completely unrelated: 16%

Don't know: 35%

**TOTAL related: 38%**

**TOTAL unrelated: 32%**

**25.SPLIT A: How important do you think it is for Canadian Jews to support each of the following : (Base n=251)**

**25.a1 The Israeli peace camp:**

Very important: 42%

Somewhat important: 20%

Not very important: 7%

Not at all important: 4%

Don't know: 27%

**TOTAL Important: 62%**

**TOTAL Not important: 11%**



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### **25.SPLIT B: How important do you think it is for Canadian Jews to support each of the following : (Base n=251)**

#### **25.b1 The Israeli peace, anti-occupation and human rights camp:**

Very important: 38%

Somewhat important: 26%

Not very important: 9%

Not at all important: 11%

Don't know: 17%

**TOTAL Important: 64%**

**TOTAL Not important: 20%**

#### **25.2 The Israeli settler movement:**

Very important: 18%

Somewhat important: 16%

Not very important: 19%

Not at all important: 31%

Don't know: 16%

**TOTAL Important: 34%**

**TOTAL unimportant: 50%**

#### **25.3 The Israeli government:**

Very important: 30%

Somewhat important: 27%

Not very important: 16%

Not at all important: 20%

Don't know: 7%

**TOTAL Important: 57%**

**TOTAL unrelated: 36%**

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### 25.4 Pro-Israel "Hasbara" movements that work to protect Israel's image: (Base n=502)

Very important: 39%

Somewhat important: 20%

Not very important: 8%

Not at all important: 15%

Don't know: 19%

**TOTAL Important: 59%**

**TOTAL Not important: 23%**

### 25.5 The Israeli democracy movement: (Base n=502)

Very important: 52%

Somewhat important: 29%

Not very important: 4%

Not at all important: 3%

Don't know: 12%

**TOTAL Important: 82%**

**TOTAL Not important: 7%**

### 25.6 Canadian Jewish groups combating antisemitism in Canada: (Base n=502)

Very important: 81%

Somewhat important: 15%

Not very important: 1%

Not at all important: 1%

Don't know: 1%

**TOTAL Important: 96%**

**TOTAL Not important: 2%**

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**26. SPLIT A: Now you'll see some positions in the Jewish community regarding Israel. For each one, please indicate if you agree or disagree: (Base n=251)**

**26.a1 Canada should do more to protect civilians in Gaza:**

Strongly agree: 20%

Somewhat agree: 18%

Somewhat disagree: 19%

Strongly disagree: 33%

Don't know: 9%

**TOTAL Agree: 38%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 53%**

**26.a2 Canada should take an open position in support of democracy in Israel:**

Strongly agree: 50%

Somewhat agree: 31%

Somewhat disagree: 6%

Strongly disagree: 4%

Don't know: 10%

**TOTAL Agree: 81%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 10%**

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**26. SPLIT B: Now you'll see some positions in the Jewish community regarding Israel. For each one, please indicate if you agree or disagree: (Base n=251)**

**26.b1 Canadian Jews should support Canadian efforts to protect civilians in Gaza because of our Jewish values:**

Strongly agree: 29%

Somewhat agree: 32%

Somewhat disagree: 13%

Strongly disagree: 12%

Don't know: 14%

**TOTAL Agree: 61%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 25%**

**26.b2 Canadian Jews should support Canada openly advocating for democracy in Israel, because of our Zionist values:**

Strongly agree: 30%

Somewhat agree: 34%

Somewhat disagree: 7%

Strongly disagree: 10%

Don't know: 20%

**TOTAL Agree: 64%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 17%**

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### **26.3 Canada should not intervene in internal Israeli affairs: (Base n=502)**

Strongly agree: 41%

Somewhat agree: 24%

Somewhat disagree: 19%

Strongly disagree: 8%

Don't know: 9%

**TOTAL Agree: 64%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 27%**

### **26.4 Canada should be more critical of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: (Base n=502)**

Strongly agree: 23%

Somewhat agree: 16%

Somewhat disagree: 21%

Strongly disagree: 29%

Don't know: 11%

**TOTAL Agree: 39%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 50%**

### **26.5 Canada should focus on global and Canadian antisemitism more than on Israeli politics: (Base n=502)**

Strongly agree: 57%

Somewhat agree: 24%

Somewhat disagree: 9%

Strongly disagree: 3%

Don't know: 7%

**TOTAL Agree: 81%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 12%**

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### **26.6 The Gaza war, conflict and occupation undermine Israel's democracy and the country might not remain democratic: (Base n=502)**

Strongly agree: 17%

Somewhat agree: 19%

Somewhat disagree: 16%

Strongly disagree: 28%

Don't know: 19%

**TOTAL Agree: 37%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 44%**

### **26.7 I support Israeli security, but I oppose settlements as a violation of international law, which also makes a two-state solution impossible: (Base n=502)**

Strongly agree: 23%

Somewhat agree: 28%

Somewhat disagree: 17%

Strongly disagree: 14%

Don't know: 18%

**TOTAL Agree: 51%**

**TOTAL Disagree: 30%**

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## Methodology

The survey was sponsored by JSpaceCanada and administered online by Leger, between April 29 and May 9, 2025. Respondents qualified by identifying as Jewish (religion or ethnicity) and voting in the 2025 federal election. A total of 504 respondents completed the questionnaire. Weights were applied to align the final sample with known population benchmarks for Canadian Jews.

Survey analysis was done by University of Toronto PhD Sociology student and JSpaceCanada board member, Ori Gilboa.

## Weighting

Respondents were weighted on six key dimensions:

- Age, gender, region of residence, religious/secular status, and educational attainment: benchmarks were drawn from the 2021 Census of Canada.
- Denominational affiliation: drawn from the 2018 Survey of Jews in Canada (n = 2,335; Montréal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg).

## Margin of error

If one treats the weighted sample of 504 as a simple random probability sample, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level (and is smaller for estimates further from 50 percent).