

APPENDIX 1

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Q1. Age group:

Answered: 133 Skipped: 21

- 18 – 25 (11.49%)
- 26 – 35 (16.67%)
- 36 – 45 (15.52%)
- 46 – 55 (17.24%)
- 56 – 65 (15.52%)
- 66 – 75 (17.24%)
- 76 – 85 (4.02%)
- 85+ (1.15%)

Q2. Gender:

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- Male (36.99%)
- Female (63.01%)
- Other\prefer not to say (0.00%)

Q3. Do you identify as:

- a. Orthodox (17.24%)
- b. Conservative (36.78%)
- c. Reform (20.11%)
- d. Reconstructionist (1.15%)
- e. Non-denominational (20.11%)
- f. Other (4.60%)

Q4. Politically, do you:

- a. Identify as a Democrat (53.53%)
- b. Lean Democratic (21.76%)
- c. Lean Republican (6.47%)
- d. Identify as a Republican (2.94%)
- e. Identify as independent (15.29%)

Q5. Approximately, how many times have you visited Israel?

- a. I have never visited Israel (3.45%)
- b. 1-5 (22.99%)
- c. 6-10 (21.26%)
- d. More than 10 (52.30%)

Q6. When was your first trip to Israel? (open question)

1	1978, I was 8 years old
2	Summer 1988
3	1997
4	When I was about 2 years old
5	Senior year of High School (12th grade, age 17)
6	2011
7	1986

8	1982
9	1976
10	Birth
11	12 years old-1996
12	2007
13	After my Bat Mitzvah age 13. I moved to Israel shortly thereafter. Spent the next eight years living in Israel.
14	When I was 12 years old. 1982.
15	USY Poland/Israel Pilgrimage, 1996
16	1999 at age 15
17	1994
18	UJA Bnei Mitzvah trip in summer of 1995
19	Summer 2000
20	In college-1992
21	2009
22	2001
23	1987
24	When I was an infant
25	September 1999- January 2000, URJ EIE High School in Israel
26	Age 20 (2008)
27	1991
28	1974
29	Machach Ba Aretz - Moshava (Orthodox) 9th grade?
30	2004 - March of the Living
31	1997
32	June, 2021
33	At 16 years old
34	1996 - family trip
35	When I was a year old
36	2010
37	2019
38	When I was six years old for a family bar mitsvah
39	A Birthright trip in the winter of 2017
40	I was in third grade, 8 years old.

41	Have not been to Israel
42	Born there.
43	2012 (age 12)
44	1999 - summer between 8th and 9th grade
45	1969
46	When I was a baby to visit family.
47	September 2017
48	N/A
49	At age of 1 or 2
50	I was born in Israel
51	Age 13
52	1963
53	1973
54	1970
55	1988
56	1999
57	1955
58	2008
59	1979
	First trip at 10
60	Made Aliyah at 13 lived there for 15 years
61	1984
62	1979
63	6 years old
64	1968
65	Was born in Israel, moved to Canada in 2008 and visited Israel every 2 years since.
66	Lived there age 8 to 31
67	I grew up in Israel until I was 23.
68	1995
69	Born and raised in Israel
70	1969
71	When I was in Grade 8 with my family on a synagogue trip.

72	When I was 17, in 2016, with Bilum Israel
73	1995
74	1977
75	1970
76	February 2020
77	At 14 years old. School trip from Mexico City
78	1953
79	1975
80	Birthright 2014
81	1963
82	After college graduation - 1989.
83	1974 with my parents
84	1973
85	When I was 20 years old
86	Birthright - 2017
87	1971
88	1970
89	2012
90	1994
91	1994
92	1987
93	1971
94	When I was 16 on a USY Poland/Israel pilgrimage
95	When I was 17 on a BBYO summer trip.
96	2014
97	2009
98	1990
99	1979
100	With my family at age 7
101	1970
102	1960s
103	2010
104	N/A
105	1981

106	1968 after 1967 war - I was 20 yrs. old
107	1965
108	When I was less than one year old
109	When I was 17 years old on March of the Living in 2007
110	In 1975,teen tour
111	2008
112	2007 on a Birthright trip
113	2007
114	1999
115	1968
116	1962
117	1 year old
118	Late 1980s
119	1982
120	1972
121	1971
122	1968
123	1968
124	1963
125	As a teenager
126	2006
127	2010
128	11 years old 1999
129	2008
130	2018
131	Around age 16
132	2007
133	Born and raised
134	1972
135	1969
136	2019
137	1996
138	I'm an Israeli!
139	1983

140	2016/2017
141	2016
142	2006
143	2003
144	1967
145	N/A
146	2003 or so
147	n/a
148	1979
149	1966
150	1972
151	1969
152	1967
153	2004
154	1969
155	Jan 2020
156	1971
157	My first trip was a child with my family.
158	In high school
159	I was born in Israel
160	1987
161	Age 16 (1985)
162	1997
163	1996
164	When I was 16 years old on Ramah Seminar.
165	Age 16 (1984)
166	2004
167	2019
168	2019
169	1998
170	1997

- Q7.** Being Jewish in America and Israel takes different forms. In America, Jews are a minority; in Israel a majority. In America, religion is private and voluntary; in Israel, it is public and embodied in the state. Reflecting upon these distinctions, do you think that:
- a. Despite these distinctions, in essential matters all Jews are similar and can identify with each other. (53.22%)
 - b. There is a great distance between American and Israeli Jews. (46.78%)
- Q8.** Given the differences listed in the previous question, can American and Israeli Jews share history and solidarity?
- a. To a great extent (52.30%)
 - b. To a certain extent (47.70%)
 - c. Not at all (0.00%)
- Q9.** What does being pro-Israel mean to you in three sentences or less (open question)?

Supporting the democratically elected government of Israel in all its decisions, even if I disagree with those decisions. Providing material support to Israel when needed. Promoting Israel in the public sphere, which includes education at all levels.
“Pro-Israel” means affirming the right of Jews to be a free people in our land. And it may include a broad range of views and perspectives on how this right is actualized.
It means having an intrinsic connection to the Land that has belonged to our nation since the time of Avraham. To that end, it is our responsibility to ensure that it remains ours and we each do our part in that.
Supporting the existence of Israel as an individual state.
I support Israel’s right to defend itself. Israel’s politics have a dynamic unique to their society. Israel is the homeland forever for the Jewish people.

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I don’t define myself as pro-Israel. I have a deep love for Israel but there are times that I feel pro and times that I feel anti and that doesn’t change the baseline of Ahavat Israel.
Believing that Jews can go to their homeland, being Israel.
Believing in Israel’s right to exist.
At this point in my life, I am not sure.
“Pro-Israel” is a complicated formulation for me; in a reductionist way, it is as meaningless as “pro-peace” and in a maximalist way, it is equivalent to saying “I stand with all the policies of the government of Israel, right or wrong.”
Simply put, Israel’s right to exist as a nation. There are different variations, but the minimum is agreeing that Israel has a right to exist. It does not mean that you agree with all policies without question.
Pro-Israel means you support and care about Israel. It does not mean that one does so blindly or without reservation.
To me, being pro-Israel means supporting the right to a Jewish state while being able to critique the Israeli government just like one would with any other government. Pro-Israel is supporting the idea of a Jewish state, not every action said state takes.
Supporting Israel’s right to exist as a state and as a homeland for the Jewish people. Supporting Israel’s right to defend herself. Supporting Israel as a state and a homeland even if we do not agree with all of the politics Supporting the right for the state of Israel to exist, loving Israel while simultaneously engaging in challenging dialogue on the many complexities of the state, which can result in not agreeing with all of Israel’s policies/politics.
It means taking seriously the responsibility to ensure Israel’s continued existence. It also means internalizing the idea that no nation is perfect and most are deserving of rebuke. As a “lover of Zion” I have the obligation to hold Israel accountable and love her despite her flaws.

Advocate for Israel, support Israel in both resources and thought, make sure kids and future generations visit Israel and it becomes part of their identity
I support the state of Israel, and its right as a sovereign Jewish, democratic nation State in my words, actions, voting. I visit, understand and relate to Israeli society in all of its diversity. I ensure that the next generation of Jews understands that Israel is part of our past, present and future.
Supporting the right of the Jewish State to exist. Advocating for Israel when you hear detractors and misinformed individuals repeating half-truths and misinformation. Going to Israel and experiencing it yourself, getting to know Israelis and building a relationship.
Recognition of Israel's right to self-determination, supporting her right to exist, working to support her from terrorism and other existential threats
Pro-Israel means identifying with shared culture and history of Israel and the Jewish people, supporting Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, and desiring a strong relationship with the state and its people
Israel has the right to exist.
I believe Israel has the right to exist, and a need to exist; a right to defend itself. Being Pro-Israel to be also means that I don't always agree with things going on there, and actions taken by the government, that I may even be disgusted by such things. That disagreement or even disgust does not sway my belief in its right and need to exist, nor my love for the country.
For me, it means that I support the existence of Israel and recognize it as the Jewish Homeland, but it doesn't mean I agree with all of its policies or actions just as I don't always agree with the United States.
Supporting the right of the Jewish people to national self-determination in their ancestral homeland. Today that means supporting the existence of the State of Israel, but not necessarily the politics of the government of Israel.
Supporting Israel's right to exist. Being committed to learning and engaging in difficult conversations around Israel.
It means encouraging visits to Israel, making Aliyah to Israel, developing a relationship with the Land/People/State of Israel. For American Jews, it means supporting Israel financially and through the political process of strengthening ties between the US and Israel.
Being Pro-Israel means that you are an advocate for the State of Israel and its peoples, but I think this term has taken on right leaning connotations in the United States and often aligns with Hasbara efforts.
A devotion to Israel that is unflinching, even when it is time to be critical of Israel, as she is not perfect. Also, teaching Ahavat Zion with the understanding that Israel is very complicated is key. I want shy away from the challenging questions, but admit there is often more than one right answer.

I believe that Israel should exist. I believe that we have a right to the Jewish homeland that is Israel. I support and defend Israel as a country but not necessarily always politically.
Feeling a positive connection to the land and people of Israel. Supporting the continued existence of a Jewish and democratic state in the land of Israel.
1. Caring about Israel as a core element of one's identity over all 2. elevated to the top tier of one's Jewish identity.
Believing in the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state.
It doesn't mean much. It's a professional requirement, but my personal relationship is limited.
Believing in and acting on the importance of supporting Israel and the Israeli people from abroad. For me it involves being a Zionist, and a supporter of Israel's right to exist as a Jewish/democratic state.
It means supporting Israel's right to exist as a Jewish and Democratic state.
Pro-Israel means having a state for the Jewish people; however, it also means embodying my Jewish values of kindness and equality. Therefore, democracy is essential in a Jewish homeland.
Being pro-Israel means that I believe Israel has a right to exist as a homeland for Jewish people, but not only for Jewish people. Being pro-Israel means that when I criticize the Israeli government or actions of the IDF, it is done with love and respect for a place that I care for deeply.
Supporting the creation and consolidation of a Jewish state that is dedicated to ensuring safety to every Jew in the world.
Supporting Israel but also making sure she does better and becomes a better neighbour, a better example to the world.
Being pro-Israel means supporting Israel's right to exist, providing communal, physical, and financial support when possible, celebrating Israeli successes, and being constructively critical when the Israeli government is not living up to its ideals.
Being pro-Israel means acknowledging that the Jews have historical and religious ties to the land of Israel, and have a right to establish a home there for themselves. At the same time, it means respecting the history and ties that other people have to that land as well, and so it also means a responsibility to ensure safe living for everyone in the region and advocating for Jews and non-Jews alike.
Accept, respect and support Israel's right to exist.
1. Supporting decisions made by the Israeli govt, respecting that I am not there under the gun
2. Respecting our common heritage and Israel as keeper of that heritage.
3. Enjoying the cultural and social smorgasbord that is the current Israeli society

Supporting the existence of a Jewish and Democratic state. This includes working to make Israel better.
It means believing that Israel has a right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state. It means supporting Israel and standing up for it.
It means believing in the right of Jewish self-determination and statehood in the territorial region to which Jews can trace an ancestral homeland, irrespective of political views on governance.
Being in favor of the existence of a Jewish state in the land of Israel. Supporting the existence of that state through political, social, economic, means.
I believe Israel has a right to exist and I strive to have Israel represent a certain set of values
Supporting the right of the Jewish people to Jewish sovereignty in Palestine-Israel
Supporting the State of Israel in its right to exist and ensuring the welfare of its citizens.
That I support THE JEWISH PEOPLE's right to self-determination and that while I may disagree with things happening Israel's existence is important to me
Israel is a fulfillment of the ancient dream of the Jewish people. It should be a light upon the nations. I have strong ties there and visit often.
Ensuring the survival of the Jewish people even though for the most part I have always felt comfortable in America. More recently I have felt some discomfort but know that because of Israel there is deep support in this country from the evangelic Christians although I'm conscience that their reasons are different than mine.
Israel has the unequivocal right to exist in safety and security. I will do all I can to advocate and fight for this.
Going to Israel. Advocating for Israel on key issues (unless I disagree on a particular now) and supporting Israeli organizations. Instilling a love for Israel in next later generations.
Support Israel's right to exist
Anti-Israel equals anti-Semitic
Pro Zionist, Anti BDS, Supportive of Israel's right to exist, defend its people and borders as the Jewish State.
Actively (being involved) in support supporting state of Israel and being active in Israel connections
While Israel is not perfect, it is imperative that we support Israel in all facets. Socially, emotionally, politically and financially (not just donations but with investments)
Supporting Israel publicly, financially and visiting

Prioritizing the safety & security of the state and its people.
A love of Israel, a belief the state has the right to exist.
Supporting and promoting Israel- Canada relations and peoples
Pro-Israel means: a. that your views give value to Israel's best interests b. you strongly support the right of an Israeli Jewish state to exist in the context of it being the only Jewish state in the world c. Adopting into your life a special connection that differentiates between - for e.g. - "I'm pro Taiwan vs China" and "I'm pro-Israel". It's like family - you can disagree - but still be pro.
Loving the land/people/state of Israel. Enjoying being there, participating in the cultural, religious, civil life there. Caring about what happens to all those who live there.
I believe in the existence of this state as and will advocate for it everywhere.
Be knowledgeable about the history of the Jewish people and the state of Israel. be able to voice pro-Israel voice based on knowledge and facts
Supporting the Jewish nation state of Israel
Understanding the legitimacy of the Jewish homeland; advocating for Israel's right to exist and defend itself.
Supporting while questioning Israel's policies
Supporting the existence and prosperity of the state of Israel.
Standing up for the State of Israel without apologizing for the government's actions
Recognizing the symbiotic relationship between Israel & the Diaspora
Being pro-Israel to me means supporting the idea that the Jewish people have a right to a homeland. It means not necessarily agreeing with everything the government does, but working towards the goal of peace and equity.
Knowing that the Jewish people have a right to self-determination in the State of Israel
Being pro Jewish, pro freedom of speech, human rights, freedom of religion, healing the world.
Historical identity.
Concern with issues like settlements and need for religious/state divide.
Standing firmly and proudly with Israel. It's the only democracy in the area AND the only really safe haven in the world for U.S. Jews.
Being supportive of Israel and performing actions such as volunteering, informing friends, visiting Israel or giving to show support.
I support Israel as the homeland and state of the Jewish people. I relate to Jews around the world. I do not have to agree with Israel's politics and have limited political rights there as a non-citizen.

To love the people and the land and defend the Jewish state from enemies
Supporting Israel as the State of the Jewish People. Might not agree with politicians always but Jews need a state
Supporting Israel - its security, its economy, and its people.
Recognizing that Greater Israel is our Homeland and we are living on borrowed time outside Israel. A sincere love and concern for our Homeland in every way possible including educating our fellow Jews in the Diaspora that Israel should be as important to them as eating and breathing.
Israel has a right to exist.
Believing in Israel's right to exist in peace.
Being pro-Israel means that you support the state of Israel entirely and crave for the success of the state as well as always supporting the existence of Israel no matter what
Supporting the safety, security and vitality of Israel as world's only Jewish state.
Supporting the Jewish state, the right of Israel to exist, supporting Israelis
Recognizing and securing the connection between the Jewish people and our ancestral homeland.
Knowledgeable about Israel, concerned about Israel, making it part of your family life with visits etc. supportive of Israel though not necessarily all its activities. Concern about its citizens
Being a Zionist who embraces Israel's promise of democracy and equality for all Jews and other citizens within its borders
Peoplehood, shared values, common destiny
Unequivocally supporting the idea of a Jewish state in our ancestral homeland, publicly supporting the State, and working productively to build cohesion between the State and Diaspora.
Share a strong belief in Israel's right to exist and defend herself.
It means that I support Israel, the people of Israel, and the unity of the Jewish people.
An unwavering and apolitical commitment to the survival and resilience of the Jewish people in their homeland.
An absolute imperative for Jews in the US. A supporter and defender of Israel and its people. It doesn't mean you have to agree with everything she does, but you also shouldn't disagree in the broader world.
That Israel has a right to exist and is the Jewish State
Supporting the people of Israel and advocating for the country
I support Israel as the homeland of Jews.

I support the need for Israel to exist as an independent country. It is a haven for Jews.
I feel very connected. Supporting the state clearly while still being a comfortable critic of policy.
Being pro-Israel, to me, means supporting Israel and its right to exist as a country. It does not always mean supporting their governmental decisions, just as I do not always support/agree with US governmental decisions and politics.
Advocating for Israel, US politics (AIPAC) and globally (AJC)
Advocating for Israel among friends and community
Visiting Israel - I have an apartment in Israel
Support it on the world stage, try to encourage American Jews to support and visit Israel. Interest others in the benefits of supporting Israel
Praying for the welfare of Israel and monitoring it daily; supporting Israel philanthropically and ideologically; visiting as often as possible
It means backing Israel but recognizing Palestinian rights too
Ensuring the safety of the Jewish state, supporting Jews of all positions, praying that Israel lives up to its potential as a Jewish state
To stand up for Israel when it is being held up unfairly in the world. To help educate others and to take pride in Israel. To advocate for Israel politically.
That you care for the welfare of the state of Israel even if you are critical of it.
It means understanding that while all nations are flawed, we live in the time of the actualization of our 2,000-year-old dream to have a state of Israel. It means to help others realistically assess the strengths and difficulties of having a nation
It means supporting the State of Israel, financially, speaking up, reading current issues of Israel, visiting Israel
Believing in the Jewish state; critiquing and educating
Believe in the historical, religious and cultural similarities that bring us together.
Supporting the existence of the State. Working to make Israel more democratic and inclusive. Helping to make Israel a better place by reducing the influence of the Rabbinut.
Standing with Israel but recognizing its many flaws
Loving Israel but working to make her a true beacon to the nations. Also, educating others about the complexity of the issues that many on both the right and left otherwise see and present as black and white.
It means supporting there being a state of Israel. It can sometimes also mean supporting what is done there, decisions made there.

It means supporting Israel, but NOT necessarily supporting Israel's government policies. As diaspora Jews, I believe we have a responsibility to voice our opinions, though Israel has the right to make its own policies
Great question that I struggle with
Affirming right of Jewish people too Jewish homeland in Palestine
Unequivocal support for a Jewish State.
Supporting the existence of a Jewish state of Israel. Believing that Israel is a fundamentally good country, even with all its challenges.
Jewish Survival
Supporting Israel and defending it against its detractor. Send money to help the country.
Being pro-Israel means believing Jewish people have a right to self-determine in their Indigenous land of Israel and supporting their actions to do so.
It is my country even though I have not been able to live there. I am pro-Israel even though I may disagree with the politics of Israel
Believing that the Jewish people have a country and are able to live free of persecution. A Jewish country that is respected by neighbouring countries.
Support Israel on social media and among locals.
Want to keep my and my family's connection with Israel.
Tribal loyalty
Preservation
Heritage, identity
Support the right of Israelis to define their own politics
Advocating for Israel on the global stage.
Identifying with the Jewish homeland (roots)
Jewish identity.
Supporting Israeli government no matter what
I am a voice in my community to advocate for the Jewish state. I am a voice in my community to educate Jews and non-Jews about the connection between Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.
Being supportive of the nation state and recognizing that its imperfections are not a justification for abandoning it
Bringing Israel to the Diaspora.
Having an ongoing relationship with Israel. believing in the Jewish people's right to self-determination
Supporting the values of the country and of the Jewish people.
Stand up for Israel

Maintaining the viability of the STATE economically, politically and culturally. Assuring the continuity of the State as a Jewish nation.
It means supporting the decisions Israelis make in the governance of Israel. It means defending Israel's rights to peacefully exist and to insist that Israel be treated as all other countries are.
It means supporting the state as a haven for Jews, even if you don't always agree with its politics or political actions.
Being pro-Israel means that Israel is accepted as a sovereign nation and is not subjected to double standards.
Support of the is real as a Jewish state
It means supporting the notion of a Jewish State but not necessarily supporting the government at all times.
Stand for existence of the State if Israel and its people
Being unconditionally supportive of Israel even if you don't always agree with the Israeli government's policies. Coming to Israel's defense in a world that is largely hostile to it.
Whether or not I agree with every Israeli policy, Israel is a legitimate state with an unquestionable right to exist. The existence of a Jewish state provides me with security and confidence to live proudly and openly as a Jew.
Supporting the government and the State of Israel, even when I don't necessarily agree with it. Advocating for it politically.
You believe in Israel's right to exist.
You believe that you can be pro-Israel and anti-specific government policies of the state. You believe that you must advocate for the rights of Israel as a legitimate state within the community of nations
Ensuring a homeland for the Jewish people. However it does not mean blind support for everything The Israeli government does
Supporting Israel financially and politically and being a strong Zionist
Israel is the Jewish Homeland. Israel has the right to exist safely and securely, and I actively support that right. I also engage with Israelis to improve life for all citizens.
Supporting the need for a Jewish homeland for the Jewish people. Ensuring Israel is both Democratic and Jewish. Israel's values of social justice align with mine.
Having solidarity with the Jewish state
Actualizing Jewish values and religious tenets
Pride in the accomplishments and independence of the Jewish state

Being pro-Israel mean supporting a Jewish democratic state in the land of Israel. It means supporting the existence and legitimacy of the county. However, it is not “blind” acceptance of everything the government does.
Supporting Israel, visiting Israel, standing with Israel, connecting with the people of Israel, advocating for issues of mutual benefit and importance.
I believe in the existence of Israel for the strength and solidarity of Jews EVERYWHERE. Having a Jewish state is important to me as a North American Jew - it give me safety and rights.
Foremost, doing what I can to support the security of the State of Israel. Beyond that imperative, to be part of cohort of people working to establish mutual understandings on matters of interest to Israel and Jews in the Diaspora.
The right to exist. The dire importance of Israel to diaspora world Jewry. Complicated.
Supporting the people and institutions of Israel, it’s right to exist, and its ability to prosper.
Supporting the existence of a Jewish state
Affirming the right of the Jewish people to create a homeland in Palestine ... now Israel.
To me, it means supporting Israel economically and politically. Being an ally in the many causes that the Israeli government sets forth.
Thinking carefully about which American political leaders I vote for - considering their stance on Israel.
Believing in Israel’s right to exist; generally feeling positive about Israel, even if not always agreeing with policies
Supporting a place where Jews can be safe and practice their religion.

Q10. During the past year, a few leading Democrats distanced themselves from policies of the Government of Israel (then led by Prime Minister Netanyahu). They assert that despite differences over policies, they remain strongly pro-Israel with increased divisions in the Democratic Party. Do you understand or experience their policy differences as reflecting a growing distancing from the State of Israel and its people? Alternatively, do you see the policy differences as differences with government policies? Do you think that Israel-Diaspora relations have shifted in recent years?

- a. Growing distancing from Israel (41.92%)
- b. Policy differences with the Israeli government within the framework of strong support for Israel. (59.28%)

Q11. Would you welcome increased involvement of the State of Israel in preserving the ties of the Jewish people with Israel and in preserving Jewish heritage among the Jews of the Diaspora?

- c. Yes (93.10%)
- d. No (6.90%)

Q12. Do you think the Israeli government should:

- a. a. Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education (26.44%)
- b. b. Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps, and educational programs (25.29%)
- c. c. Both (12.64%)

Q13. If the government of Israel could only do one of the options presented in the previous question, which would you choose? (open question)

Funding
Strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education in collaboration with diaspora educators.
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education.
Partnerships in some ways.
Funding for Jewish experiences and education.
Neither. I am uncomfortable with partisan political Israeli governments shaping Jewish education in the USA; I would rather see the government either investing in affordable tourism or promoting education for Israelis about Jewish life in the USA.
I am really not sure that I am comfortable with the current government of the State of Israel setting education policy or providing funding for Jewish education.
Funding
Education about Jewish life in the Diaspora.
Curriculum--but must be in partnership.
Neither
Jewish schools so that all students can afford Jewish school if they would like to. Cost is prohibitive for many.
Strengthen curriculum

I guess the first. Or they could assist American Jewish educational organizations in generating better vehicles for mifgash.
HOWEVER...the American Jewish community has MUCH to do about reconciling its own educational mishigas (including ensuring an embrace for young people who are staunchly critical of Israel within its institutions). There is very little that the State can or should do until the American Jewish community sorts itself out.
Support schools, camps and educational programs
Education
Content of Jewish education in Israel about the diaspora
Working to strengthen ties with collaborative education/curriculum
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education.
Q 13 is unclear - do you mean in the Diaspora, or in Israel, or both???
Provide funding to schools, camps and educational programs
The first one
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education. (I'd be concerned that funding would come with too many strings attached.)
Provide funding
Funding of educational programs
Funding for schools, camps, etc. We in America should be empowered to develop the appropriate content.
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education
Strengthen Israel education and connection in the diaspora.
Provide funding for Jewish experiences where (grand)parents could see the direct support.
Provide resources to enhance Jewish identity and Jewish peoplehood in the diaspora - but from the diaspora
The Israeli government's version of Judaism and Jewish education comes through a specific lens that is not aligned with much of North American liberal Jewry. Therefore, Israel should not be in the business of producing Jewish educational content but can fund the instruments through which it is carried out.
Provide funding. We do not need a top down curriculum issued by a government. That never ends well.
None
Strengthen Jewish education
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education
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Strengthening the curriculum. I went to a Jewish school and camp most of my life, and while I had great Israel and Jewish exposure, I felt that the education still was lacking in many key parts, especially in education of Israeli history and discussions about current events in Israel. While exposure to Israel broadly through camps/schools is present, the education itself should be improved.
Strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education (provided that includes experiential and informal education)
I'd like to see Israeli influenced content in American schools and society - better PR!!
I think its controversial for a foreign political body, the government, to sponsor other countries' education on itself. Although there is much misinformation out there about Israel, I fear that Israeli sponsored education may just promote further propoganda, which is just as harmful. If Israel is able to be true and inclusive, then they can strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education. Just giving money is dangerous because being sponsored by Israel will already make people think of an institution to be a certain way.
Provide funding.
N/A
It should provide funding for Jewish schools, camps, and educational programs.
Educate world Jewry better
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education
See above
Neither
Strengthen curriculum
See above
Funding
Content of Jewish education should include the history of the State of Israel, specifically that Jewish people are indigenous to Israel.
Strengthening Jewish education but both in Israel and overseas
Provide funding for Jewish Schools, Camps and Educational Programs.
Funding for camps and educational programs
The chosen option
Strengthen curriculum
Provide funding, especially for programs that would including bringing people to Israel.
Funding for Jewish schools

Content
Work on curriculum
Support with material, not curriculum
Strengthen Jewish education
Strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education
Strengthen curriculum & content
Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps and educational programs
None. They should invest in Hasbara
N/A
Educate non-Israeli Jews
Education
Curriculum of Jewish Education
Shlichim in both directions.
Funding Jewish educational programs
Find ways to engage with young Jewish people abroad in any way shape or form
Strengthen curriculum
Strengthen curriculum - but not religious - must give people cultural and secular ways to connect.
Strengthen Jewish Education
Education!
Content
Provide funding for Jewish schools camps and educational programs
Jewish ed content and curriculum
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education. Israel can provide valuable resources, but a Jewish education funded by Israel will appear to be propaganda to too many people.
Strengthen curriculum
Provide funding and allow opportunities for Israelis and Diaspora Jews to get to know one another
Help build a curriculum that will connect diaspora Jews to Israel.
Funding for infrastructure and visitation to Israel
Support trips to Israel
Strengthen relationships
N/A
Work to strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish education.

The second because people to people connections overcome lots of obstacles.
Strengthen curriculum and content.
Strengthen curriculum
Add to content and curriculum
Jewish education
Strengthen curriculum
Curriculum
Schools, camps, and educational programs
Provide funding for every Jewish young person to visit Israel
Greater presence--physical, online, written--in Jewish education (and synagogues)
Funding for educational programs
I would lean towards funding. My fear is that a curriculum by the far right would be detrimental.
I would choose a third option, a curriculum in both school systems that honors the global existence of Jews, our shared values and our shared history
Funding for Jewish schools, camps, etc.
Fund camps and Jewish education
Education programs
Work to strengthen curriculum and content
Strengthen curriculum to help Israeli students understand the importance of being part of world Jewry
Strengthen curriculum and content of Jewish Education for Israelis in particular
Strengthen content of Jewish education
Funding
A
Investment in pluralistic Jewish identity experiences for Israelis.
#2
work to increase Jewish education
Help small communities in Canada
Funding to make Jewish programming that already exists more accessible to North American Jews
Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps and educational programs. I believe this should also extend to synagogues and the Jewish community (i.e., Kosher food/wine, supplies, having a Rabbi).

The first item
Strengthen Jewish History & Geography in Education
History and culture.
Develop stronger ties to Jews to Diaspora.
Provide funding
Israel should work to facilitate more person to person bridging programs so that North American Jews can feel personally connected to and have a voice in Israeli issues and affairs.
Embolden diaspora Jews with knowledge
Both
Work to strengthen ties to Jewish education.
The first
Funding for camps and educational programs
Education support
Strengthen curriculum and content
I would choose educational programs since many young Jews in today's world are unaware of Israel's history.
Provide funding for Jewish education
Funding
Work to strengthen Jewish education.
Funding. I'd prefer governments to stay out of curriculum content.
Education of children and adults in Jewish history and vulnerability when we divide ourselves into factions.
Strengthen curriculum
Hire an effective communications company!
Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps, and educational programs
Education. The Jewish community here should do the other
None!
To have a dialogue and understand the needs
Increase connection of Israelis and American Jews by teaching more content and creating more experiences.
Camps and educational programs
Work to strengthen the programs
Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps and educational programs

If I were forced to pick, I would select “provide funding for Jewish educational programs.” However I’d have strong reservations about any restrictions or limits placed on the content as a result of funding from the State of Israel
Funding for schools
Funding
Provide funding for Jewish schools, camps and educational programs
I am not sure I feel that is the job of the Israeli government at all.
funding
Jewish education.

Q14. If the State of Israel substantially increases its financial support for Jewish education in the Diaspora (or North America), they might attach a range of conditions to such support as is customary with much funding. Do you believe it would be acceptable if the Government of Israel required institutions that received such support to:

- a. Affirm the legitimacy of the State of Israel (33.33%)
- b. Acknowledge the importance of celebrating Yom Ha’aztmaut (2.92%)
- c. Include education to strengthen the ability of young people to advocate for the State of Israel (16.37%)
- d. Include some educational component about the history of the State of Israel
- e. Affirm the importance of aryvut — responsibility for Jews globally (22.81%)

Q15. What do you think should be the most important aim of Israel-Diaspora ties?

- a. Keeping in touch and maintaining familiarity (as with friends and family) (8.09%)
- b. Strengthening mutual understanding and empathy (28.90%)
- c. Strengthening mutual support and assistance (20.81%)
- d. Strengthening the ability to understand differences and learn from one another (42.20%)

Q16. Do you think that increased meetings between ordinary people from Israel and the Diaspora and activities involving them can enhance Israel-Diaspora ties?

- a. It's nice, but what really matters is cooperation and understanding between leaders (15.88%)
- b. I think that it can make a significant contribution (49.41%)
- c. This is what it is really about: regular Israeli and American Jews forming friendships and social ties of cooperation and solidarity (34.71%)

Q19. What frameworks do you think can usefully promote Israel-Diaspora ties:

- a. Congregational missions to Israel (15.29%)
- b. Curriculum on Jewish peoplehood — in Israel and the Diaspora (21.18%)
- c. Dialogues between senior officials (6.47%)
- d. Spending time (a week or a month) with people you disagree with, for example: The Israeli government/Jewish Agency should facilitate Jewish liberals from J Street spending time in Kiryat Arba or Jews from Boro Park spending a week in Tel Aviv (41.18%)
- e. Spending time with people who seem similar to you and exploring how similar or dissimilar you really are. For example: Jews from the Upper West Side of Manhattan with Israelis from Tel Aviv (15.88%)

**Q18. In 3 sentences, what is the most important/most impactful experience you have had in learning about and connecting with Israel and Israelis
Where? When?**

Long term experiences in Israel - gap year, etc.
My son served for 3 years in the army and living through that helped me understand in a very raw way how to connect to Israelis.
Relationship building, partnership
When I went to Israel as a 15 year old and spent six weeks living in Israel with fellow North Americans and Israelis (madrichim and fellow participants).

My Junior year abroad at Hebrew University was impactful. Lived with Israelis, learned Hebrew, and walked the land. Still am connected with Israeli friends.
For above question #18 I think both are important. Most impactful experiences for me involved social events with Israelis, including non-Jews, AND WITH PALESTINIANS.
Family in Israel
Culture.
Long-term opportunities to study and live in Israel.
I have gone on two school organized trips to Israel and have experienced getting to know many Israelis by working at overnight summer camps. To me, these have been the most influential experiences I have had. Getting to know real people, has made me feel the most connected to Israel as whole.
Growing up in Israel (age 13-18) was an incredible experience that afforded me the opportunity to live in Israel and experience Israel as opposed to hearing about it on the news or in a textbook. Being immersed in the culture changed my life and perspective on Israel as a whole and its integral role in my Jewish identity as a (now) diaspora Jew.
My teen trip to Israel in 1986. I spent time with Israeli teens, built relationships and grew my identity as a Jew and supporter of Israel.
Most impactful was spending time in a regular Israeli neighborhood (Nahalal) with regular people as they were an emerging liberal/spiritual community, having dinner in their home, engaging in conversation about what their every day lives look like, rather than visiting classic touristy sites.
Every opportunity to NOT feel like a tourist but rather a sense of familiarity, comfort, authenticity and realness in Israel (including things that were hard to experience), these have for sure been the most impactful.
I lived in Israel for one year attending Pardes.
Traveling with teens to Israel and seeing the lack of misunderstanding and stereotypes they held at 16 year olds last summer led me to believe we have a lot of work to do in order to connect them to Israel and Israelis.
Studying with Israelis at Hebrew University
Living in Haifa for 6 months, getting to know Israelis, living with Israeli druze, living in Israel during times of peace and times of upheaval.
From really living there in rabbinical school - being on both sides of the fence. Meeting Israelis, Palestinians, Druze, Christians etc.
Being in Israel, talking to real Israelis
Being in Israel and interacting with Israelis on the various organized trip I participated in.

Spending a year learning and living in Israel was certainly the most impactful for me personally. For many of my campers, having an Israeli counselor is the first time they feel personally and meaningfully connected to Israel.
My year spent volunteering with Young Judea Year Course
Living in Israel as a student for a year. Living amongst Israelis, paying bills, seeing the Land, studying, experiencing a world beyond the Jewish “bubbles” of most American metropolitan cities (NYC, DC, etc.).
I currently work in an International Jewish organization where I both work with and serve Israelis. This has been very impactful in terms of understanding deep cultural differences and commonalities. This has been more impactful than living in Israel where I was largely in an Anglo bubble.
Being in Israel and interacting with Israelis both there and here are the most impactful experiences I’ve had.
Spending a year during college learning at Pardes while actually living in an apartment and traveling around Israel without the tours and without any limitations.
Living in Israel for a year.
JTS trip meeting communities in Israel (and beyond) that I had not met before also Qushiyot.
Living in Israel for a year (twice in my lifetime)
I grew up with an Israeli father and an American mother and have spent significant time in both places. The most impactful Israel experiences I’ve had have been personal and have given me a chance to experience Israeli life beyond tourism.
When I lived there for several years.
After my Birthright trip, I participated in a 4-day extension that took our small group of students to East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Meeting with Jewish Israelis, Arab Israelis, and Palestinians, I learned about their personal experiences of the occupation and saw first-hand just a glimpse of the realities of the occupation. The experience inspired me to use my voice as an American Jew to advocate for policies that promote the end of the occupation.
When visiting Israel for the first time, learning about Israeli culture and the rich history of the state of Israel.
As a Taglit North American staff member, strengthening the understanding between mostly unaffiliated American Jews and Israeli soldiers and opening dialogue about the differences of living Jewishly in the US vs Israel for “regular” Jews
Trips to Israel
Conversation with Israelis

Readings about current events in Israeli govt and politics
Shared beliefs and respect of everyone's point of view.
Living in Israel was by far most impactful for me. Since that isn't accessible to all, sustained contact with shlichim and shinshinim is ideal, as well as trips to Israel whenever possible.
In an Israel program I did senior year of high school, we had a week where we went all around the country and talked to people from all different political views, ranging from Haredi Jews in Mea Shearim to anti-settlement leaders in the West Bank. It showed me the true diversity of Israel as well as enhanced the need to fight for representation and equality for all the people in Israel, and strengthened my love for Israel while at the same time showing me where its faults lay and where I should focus my attention as I grow my Israeli advocacy.
I was in Israel on a trip with my summer camp and we heard from a kibbutz founder in the north. Among other things, he spoke of the dire need to maintain Israel for without it, we have nowhere to go.
I am Israeli so... :) But, most impactful experience I had connecting with American Jews and learning from them would be on Columbia Campus, during Hillel and Chabad events, etc.
Spending a semester at Hebrew University/living in Jerusalem.
My most impactful experience was taking a gap year in Israel. I got to experience life in Israel as an American, but try to connect with Israelis through this lens. It allowed for a lot of dialogue and understanding, as well as learning from each other, as the exposure was key.
In Jewish day school, there would be representatives from an array of backgrounds to speak about Israeli life and culture. They would also ask for information about Jewish life in the United States. This all culminated in what was intended to be a class trip to Israel in the last year of elementary education.
Going to Israel and connecting to Israelis as people. Not talking about politics. Being welcomed by them in their homes.
I'm Israeli
Visiting Israel and learning about the true extent the government goes to protecting Jews both inside and outside its borders.
Day spent in west bank including Efrat, meeting with a crazy guy who founded an outpost, meeting a haredi feminist in her home in Bnei Brak I think, and going to Shorashim/Roots village with settler and Palestinian all while on a Berrie fellows trip with Jewish Federation of NNJ-
Visiting Israel over 30 times; meeting with friends and family there
My trips to Israel and the ability to meet with Israelis here in America

Visiting absorption center with Jewish Agency in 2018. Spending time with citizens of Nahariya (our sister city) in 2018.
Multiple visits to our family in Israel. Teaching a U of Tel Aviv in my 20s. Federation missions to Israel
I live in Ten-Aviv NJ (Tenafly NJ). Over 50% of my local friends and neighbors and my kids' friends are Israeli Americans. Celebrating Shabbat and life's cultural moments with them every week 52/52 has helped me learn about and connect with Israel, Israeli culture and shared values and experiences.
Every time I am in Israel I am impacted. From the most mundane moments to the most profound.
When I spent a year living/studying in Israel in 1988
I was part of a fellowship program that brought a cohort of 18 people from all facets of the religious spectrum to Israel. Even though I have been to Israel dozens of times, that experience was the most impactful. I learned from my cohort and hopefully was also able to share some of my thoughts in a productive and constructive manner
I am Israeli so I think this is not really directed to me.
Spending time in Israel in 8th grade and high school, a gap year there, and time there in college. Also, working for FIDF and meeting the soldiers.
Camp Massad in the 70s
Rama in the 70s
Many trips to Israel ever since the 70s
Speaking with young students
N/A
JAFI's Partnership Together program
It actually was when I read the book "Israel" by Noa Tishby. That book really opened my eyes and made me understand more about Israel and the history of Israel.
I spoke with the late Saeb Erkat. He said, you cannot be pro-Israel or pro-Palestine, you are either pro-peace or you're not. This struck a chord for me, for some form of narrative has to be able to integrate both communities. I want to see an end to the conflict in my lifetime.
Being in Israel; connecting with Israelis in the Diaspora; being Jewish.
Being in Israel and spending time with colleagues and professionals
Learning Hebrew and travelling to Israel
Every visit/mission is impactful.
Meeting with leaders of Israeli-Arab NGOs I worked with and learning that they felt like second class citizens. (About five years ago).

Visiting Ethiopian kids in an after school program with our grandkids. They are still in touch with some of them.
In the Golan. The year Jews were evacuated.
Birthright by far, and some instances in growing up and going to overnight camp with Israelis
Spending time with Israelis, both family and friends as well as those I meet on missions and through P2G
Worrying about the days prior to the 6-Day War firmly embedded within me a very pro-Israel attitude
People to people connection - P2G
Going to Israel on missions and traveling with and meeting regular, secular Israelis - like me.
Being in Israel
When I spent a semester in Israel for 5 and a half months to really get a proper Israeli experience
Attending Birthright was the most impactful experience.
Walking the streets of Jerusalem where I saw Jews of all shapes, sizes, colors, and observances.
Living in Israel amongst Israelis and Israeli culture
I currently live in Israel
Being in Israel and having Israelis in my home...shared experiences
Traveling on missions and meeting real people who live in Israel.
Spending time with ordinary Israelis in their home environment, seeing the challenges and benefits of living in the State on a day-to-day basis.
Living in Israel, and studying in Israel (junior year abroad)
Leading a birthright trip and seeing Israel through the eyes of those Jews who are less affiliated than me. Also the appreciation from Poland to Israel with the feeling of success/survival.
I have too many to pick one. The theme among all of them is person to person connections. I am fortunate to have them often through my work with JAFI.
Visiting Israel, walking the land, seeing the diversity.
Being in Israel and meeting with Israelis
Curated, purposeful missions to Israel, as UJA-Federation does
I was married to an Israeli, traveled there frequently, and was on boards of some Israeli NGO's. So, I met and worked with many different Israeli.
Staying on a religious kibbutz and understanding different Israeli views
Being in the country. being on UJA committee. being in Jewish day school.

Working at Hillel and having a Shaliach on staff.
Making lifelong friends through the shlichut program from my camp when I was on staff
Leading Birthright trips, living with an Israeli family for 6 months, being part of AJC
I think to focus on opportunities to explore/share our common backgrounds, our shared religion/our shared rituals
UJA committee work introduced me to Israelis and gave me the opportunity to actually work them
Traveling as a professional to Israel and meeting with heads of civil society
Moriah process
Jewish Planning Missions.
In different contexts - through media/news, meeting different people, hearing new experiences, being in Israel and experiencing it and the issues there firsthand
Experience on UJA Fed committee on Peoplehood
Structured visits - as a teen and later as an adult.
Spending three weeks in Israel when I was in high school participating in the International Bible Contest. I spent time with Israelis my age, was roommates with an Israeli, our "counselors" were Israeli soldiers. This was in 2010, all over Israel
Where they came from before.
In 2008 in Jerusalem I met a group of Israelis and we worked together trying to find way to bring peace.
I can't tease apart my Hebrew elementary school and summer camp experiences, but from both for me it was connecting to Israeli culture through music and actually speaking to Israelis who still lived there and chose to stay (vs those who left)
Missions to Israel
When I moved to a community with a small Jewish community, I befriended Israeli young adults to feel connected to Judaism. Every time I meet Israelis I feel an instant connection.
Visiting Israel
Trips to Israel hands on experience.
There are. Any Jewish vultures in the world. Israeli culture is distinct. As is American, Canadian, Sephardic etc.
Summer camp, kibbutz experience, aliyah program work experience

The most impactful experience I had in connecting with Israelis was when I actually went to Israel in 2019. I got to spend time with my Israeli family and learn from them their values and beliefs. I also believe that joining Hillel in 2019 was a great way to learn about Israel being in the Diaspora.
Time spent in Israel
I'm an Israeli who volunteers as a Hebrew and religious studies teacher in Atlantic Canada.
Yom Ha'azmaut celebration
The visit to Israel has had a long lasting impact on my love and respect for the country. Travelling there has shown the vulnerability (and strength) of Israel.
Being in Israel and learning about the history, land, and its people in 2016/2017.
As a volunteer in the Six Day War. Six of us were sent from Winnipeg. My first time in Israel.
"Gesher Chai" immersive programs where I spent extensive amount of time with regular Israeli kids/families - just hanging out and learning informally from one another
When you are in Israel it's so wonderful to see that the whole country is celebrating your holidays, speaking Hebrew, preparing for Shabbat. I love that the whole country prepares for, and celebrates, Shabbat.
At Hillel as a university student
Learning about Israel through various educational events and speaking with those who are from is real
Developing relationships with Israelis in experiential educational settings in either North America or Israel.
Living in Israel
I connected with many Israelis during a study/travel program right after high school, a junior year abroad at Hebrew University and volunteering twice teaching English in Beit Shaan about 12 and 4 years ago.
My Jewish education; reading Jewish and world history, which demonstrates that Israel, like the nations of eastern Europe in the 1940's and under Communist domination were dispensable to the West when it was expedient.
1973. I was a high school exchange student living on a moshav in Netanya, living with the backdrop of the Yom Kippur war. The Israelis were sanguine (it seemed to me) and carried on with what needed to be done.
Walking the markets in Israel. Visiting non-Jewish sites in Israel. Hearing the stories of non-Jewish Israeli's.
Adler community mission. The Cleve federation took no Jewish and Jewish leaders. I saw Israel from a different perspective
Working on cross-border cooperation programs with Israelis and Jordanians. Spending 3 days with the Commander of Havat HaShomer.

My 11 trips to Israel, hosting a shin shin, a shaliach, supporting soldiers through FIDF, and working professionally for UJA. Being involved in federations overseas connection committee, especially the ISF committee.
Working in the Jewish community in the diaspora and getting a better understanding of life in the diaspora
Visiting Israel and talking to non-government officials about the reality of how folks of different Jewish observance levels interact and how the various religions in Israel co-exist.
Trips to Syria and Israel (1994,97,99); leading tours (many times); first visit to Kotel (1987)
For me education combined with meeting people who illustrated or illuminated the topic. Like learning about the kibbutz movement, and going to a kibbutz. Learning about Arabs history in Israel, and then meeting Arabs who experienced issues.
Welcoming an Israeli young adult into our home (in the US) for the summer who came to us to teach at a summer camp and who left us as family.
One through a program (Wexner Heritage 2005) where we opted in for a Israeli Arab content filled 2 days - both "sides" presenting their views; two, we had a shin-shin living with us in CLE two years ago - and had many of them spending time with us; asking them questions about Israel etc. Completely different experiences as the first didn't involve my kids, where the second one impacted me and my whole family
Missions to Israel. Programs that provide opportunities for direct interaction (vs. show and tell) among participants, particularly those which also highlight what insights the Israeli participants can provide on what we can learn from them.
Visiting Israel with organized programs like Camp Ramah, junior year abroad, Wexner Heritage
Participate in weekly dialogue with an Israeli woman through federation program
Jewish Agency's new program 248 was the most impactful. However we avoided the most pressing issue in Israel-Diaspora relations: the ongoing occupation of Palestine
In Moriah process in the 1980s — intense dialogue with Israelis about important issues. Learned primary divide is not Israel- diaspora but hawk-dove, religious-secular
It was when I was in Israel meeting with Israelis and talking about their lives vs ours here in the states. Even though life was different there were many similarities, and we were able to find a lot of common ground.
Federation mission to Israel and connecting with shlichim
Spending time in our partnership region Beit Shaan
Visiting Israel and making friends there.