

The International Study of Habonim Dror Alumni, 2013

Frequency Distributions

1. Did you ever participate in any activities of Habonim Dror?

Yes	98%
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2. Did you participate in

Ken activities in your city	86%
Summer programs in Israel sponsored by Habonim Dror, such as KM Bet in Israel, SHK (Seminar Hadracha B'Kibbutz) or MBI	47%
Madatz, MB or KM Bet	68%
Habonim Workshop or Machon, the gap year program in Israel	48%

3. Did you ever attend or work in a Habonim Dror camp?

Yes	97%
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4. For how many years/seasons did you attend a summer camp sponsored by Habonim Dror as a camper (but not as a counselor or staff member)?

None	9%
One	6%
Two	8%
Three-four	26%
Five	52%
Total	100%

5. [IF ONE OR MORE YEARS] In what year did you last attend a Habonim Dror camp as a camper?

1950 or earlier	8%
1960-1969	14%
1970-1979	20%
1980-1989	16%
1990-1999	20%
2000-present	22%
Total	100%

6. For how many years/seasons did you work at a summer camp sponsored by Habonim Dror as a counselor or other staff member?

None	31%
One	15%
Two	16%
Three-four	24%
Five or more	14%
Total	100%

7. IF ONE OR MORE YEARS] In what year did you last work at a summer camp sponsored by Habonim Dror as a counselor or other staff member? [Drop down 1939 to 2012]

1950 or earlier	6%
1960-1969	11%
1970-1979	19%
1980-1989	16%
1990-1999	14%
2000-present	34%
Total	100%

8. Which of the following Habonim Dror camps did you attend or work in? [If more than one, pick the one you attended or worked in most recently]

Ein Harod	1%
Galil	17%
Gesher	9%
Gilboa	8%
Kvutza	2%
Miriam	9%
Moshava	19%
Na'aleh	9%
Tavor/Midwest Camp Habonim	19%
Other	7%
Total	100%

9. To what extent do you stay in touch with former Habonim Dror campers or members?

To a great extent	38%
To some extent	31%
A little	24%
Not at all	7%
Total	100%

10. How many of your current friends ever attended a Habonim Dror camp or otherwise participated in Habonim Dror?

Many	31%
Some	27%
A few	28%
One	5%
None	9%
Total	100%

11. Have you ever recommended that your friends or family members send their children to a Habonim Dror Camp?

Yes, many times	43%
Yes, once or a few times	39%
No, never	18%
Total	100%

12. Looking back upon your experience with Habonim, to what extent would you say that it?

	To a great extent	To some extent	A little or not at all	Not sure
Influenced your views on society and politics	68%	26%	5%	1%
Provided you with life-long friends	54%	25%	20%	1%
Contributed to your attachment to Israel	63%	26%	10%	1%
Contributed to your engagement in Jewish life	53%	34%	12%	1%

Israel and You

13. How many times have you been to Israel, if at all?

Three or more	71%
Twice	14%
Once	12%
Never	3%
Total	100%

14. Have you ever lived in Israel 5 months or more?

Yes	70%
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15. Have you ever made aliyah

Yes	23%
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16. Have you ever lived on a kibbutz, either urban or rural?

Yes	64%
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17. Where do you now live?

United States	73%
Canada	13%
Israel	12%
Other	4%

If Israel, when did you first move to Israel

1967 or earlier	19%
1968-1975	35%
1976-1985	21%
1986-1995	10%
1996-present	16%
Total	100%

18. How emotionally attached are you to Israel?

Very attached	59%
Somewhat attached	29%
Not very attached	9%
Not at all attached	3%
Total	100%

19. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

	Agree to a great extent	Agree Somewhat	Not at all	Not sure
The Palestinian Authority truly wants peace.	7%	43%	29%	21%
The current Israeli government truly wants peace.	12%	43%	30%	14%
The Israeli government wants to prevent the emergence of a Palestinian state.	21%	42%	22%	16%
The Palestinians seek Israel's destruction.	21%	42%	22%	16%
Israel should freeze the expansion of settlements on the West Bank.	66%	17%	7%	10%

20. Who is more to blame for the failure of both sides to reach a peace agreement?

Palestinians are more to blame	29%
Both equally	45%
Israelis are more to blame	12%
Not sure	14%
Total	100%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Benjamin Netanyahu is handling his job as Prime Minister?

Approve	8%
Disapprove	62%
Not sure	30%
Total	100%

22. In Israeli politics, with which political party do you most closely identify, if any?

An Arab Party	0%
Hadash	2%
Meretz	17%
Labor	20%
Yesh Atid (Lapid)	6%
HaTenuah (Livni)	1%
Kadima	2%
Likud	2%
Yisrael Beiteinu	0%
Bayit Hayehudi	1%
Shas	0%
United Torah Judaism	0%
Another party	0%
No party	13%
Not sure	35%
Total	100%

Views on US Issues and Politics

Next we have a few questions on your views of US issues and politics.

23. When you hear of a strike by a union against a large company, and before you know any of the details, what is your first reaction?

To side with the union	91%
To side with the company	9%
Total	100%

24. Thinking about economic concerns for the country, what kind of threat do you feel the power of financial institutions and banks pose on the economic well being of the U.S?

Major threat	65%
Minor threat	30%
No threat	5%
Total	100%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Approve	75%
Disapprove	11%
Not sure	14%
Total	100%

26. In the 2012 election, for whom did you vote for or favor for President?

Obama	89%
Romney	6%
Other/didn't vote	6%
Total	100%

27. Do you belong to or contribute to a progressive organization that focuses on issues such as economic justice, social justice, human rights, peace, and the environment?

Yes, two or more organizations	49%
Yes, one such organization	21%
No	27%
Not sure	4%
Total	100%

28. Overall, how would you describe your views on political issues?

Extremely Liberal	27%
Liberal	50%
Slightly liberal	8%
Moderate	7%
Slightly Conservative	0%
Conservative	2%
Extremely Conservative	0%
Other or Not sure	5%
Total	100%

29. Overall, how would you describe your political partisanship?

Strong Democrat	43%
Democrat	33%
Leaning Democrat	9%
Pure Independent	6%
Leaning Republican	2%
Republican	1%
Strong Republican	0%
Other or Not sure	7%
Total	100%

Jewish Life and Engagement

30. How important is being Jewish in your life, if at all?

Very important	67%
Somewhat important	26%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	1%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

31. How important is religion in your life, if at all?

Very important	19%
Somewhat important	38%
Not very important	27%
Not at all important	16%
Not sure	1%
Total	100%

32. How important is it to you to be part of a Jewish community, if at all?

Very important	51%
Somewhat important	34%
Not very important	11%
Not at all important	4%
Not sure, or doesn't apply to me	1%
Total	100%

33. Among your closest friends, about how many are Jewish, if any?

All or almost all	24%
Most	38%
About half	21%
Some	14%
Few or none	4%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

34. About how often do you talk about Jewish-related topics with friends who are Jewish, if at all?

Regularly	43%
Sometimes	43%
Rarely	13%
Never	1%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

35. To what extent do you feel like you are a part of a Jewish community, if at all?

A lot	46%
Some	31%
Only a little	17%
Not at all	6%
Not sure	1%
Total	100%

36. About how often do you access Jewish websites or look for Jewish information on the Internet, if at all?

Regularly	31%
Sometimes	33%
Never	28%
Not sure	8%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

37. How often, if at all, do you or someone in your household light Sabbath candles on Friday night?

Always	21%
Usually	18%
Sometimes	32%
Never	29%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

38. About how often do you participate in a Friday night Shabbat meal, if at all?

Regularly	37%
Sometimes	26%
Rarely	23%
Never	13%
Not sure	0%
Total	100%

39. Do you belong to a synagogue, temple, shul, minyan or havurah, or not?

Yes	48%
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40. Other than a synagogue or JCC, do you or does any other member of your household belong to, or regularly participate in, the activities of any other Jewish or Israel-related organization, or not?

Yes	51%

41. [IF YES] Do you belong to or participate in any of the following Israel-related organizations? Check all that apply

AIPAC	4%
AJC	1%
Ameinu	10%
Friends of the IDF	4%
Americans for Peace Now	3%
Friends of any other Israel-related cause	5%
Hadassah	6%
J Street	9%
JVP	1%
NIF	6%
Partners for Progressive Israel	1%
ZOA	1%

42. About how often do you personally attend any type of synagogue, temple, or organized Jewish religious service, if at all?

Several (2-3) times a month or more	18%
About once a month	10%
A few (3-9) times a year	27%
Only on High Holidays	13%
Only on special occasions, such as a Bar Mitzvah or wedding	12%
Once or twice a year	8%
Not at all	12%
Total	100%

43. Referring to Jewish religious denominations, what do you consider yourself, if any?

Orthodox	3%
Conservative	25%
Reform	11%
Reconstructionist	10%
Other movement such as Renewal, Secular Humanist, etc.	4%
Just Jewish	12%
Other	7%
Secular Zionist	8%
Culturally Jewish	21%
Total	100%

Jewish Background

44. While growing up, in which Jewish denomination, if any, were you raised?

Orthodox	8%
Conservative	49%
Reform	15%
Reconstructionist	5%
Renewal, Secular Humanist, or other movement	1%
Just Jewish	4%
Not raised Jewish	0%
Other	4%
Secular Jewish	6%
Culturally Jewish	8%
Total	100%

45. As a child, what was the main type of Jewish schooling you received, if any?

Jewish day school or yeshiva	25%
A part-time school that met twice a week or more often	50%
A part-time school that met once a week	16%
Tutor, but no schooling	2%
None	7%
Total	100%

46. Aside from a camp sponsored by Habonim Dror, did you ever attend or work in another overnight summer camp with Jewish content?

Yes	33%
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47. When you went to college, did you ever participate in Hillel or another Jewish organization, or not?

Yes, and was a leader at some point(s)	20%
Yes, and was sometimes active	21%
Yes, but never active	23%
No, never	37%
Total	100%

Volunteer Engagement

48. During the past year, have you volunteered your time for any type of charitable organization, or NGO, be it related to Israel, Jewish affairs, or otherwise, or not?

Yes	56%
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49. IF YES, VOLUNTEERED] Did you volunteer for Jewish or Israel-related groups, or for groups that are not specifically Jewish or Israel-related, or have you volunteered for both?

Only Jewish or Israel-related groups	22%
Only groups that are not specifically Jewish or Israel-related	20%
Both Jewish and non-Jewish groups	53%
Not sure	6%
Total	100%

50. Do you serve on the board, as an officer, or as a leader of any Jewish or Israel-related organization?

Yes	19%
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51. Do you serve on the board, as an officer, or as a leader of any organization that is NOT Jewish or Israel-related?

Yes	14%
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52. [IF YES, LEADER IN 42 OR 43] Please list the organizations in which you're involved as a leader, be they Jewish or Israel-related or not:

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53. In 2012, did you (or any member of your household) contribute to:

	% Yes	% No	% Not Sure
A social change oriented charity or cause, not under Jewish sponsorship?	64%	29%	7%
Any other charity or cause that is NOT specifically Jewish – like a museum, a cancer charity, or a university?	77%	19%	5%
A local UJA-Federation?	31%	61%	8%
A social change oriented charity or cause under Jewish sponsorship or is related to Israel?	49%	43%	8%
Any other Jewish charity, cause, organization, or to a congregation	61%	33%	6%

Family & Background

54. Do you have any children?

Yes	61%
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55. How old is your oldest child?

0-9	21%
10-19	20%
20-29	24%
30-39	16%
40+	18%
Total	100%

56. [IF CHILD AGE 9+] What is the main form of Jewish schooling before the age of 13 you're your oldest child received or is receiving, if any?

Jewish day school or yeshiva	38%
A congregation or other part-time school that meets twice a week or more often	31%
A congregation or other part time school that meets once a week	14%
Tutor, but no school	3%
None	14%
Total	100%

57. IF CHILD AGE 25 OR OLDER ASK]: Is your oldest child married?

Yes	45%
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58. [IF YES, CHILD MARRIED] Does the spouse of your oldest child consider himself or herself Jewish?

Yes, Jewish	77%
Yes, Partially Jewish	7%
No, not Jewish	16%
Total	100%

59. What is your gender?

Male	43%
Female	57%
Total	100%

60. In what year were you born? (Age)

18-29	19%
30-39	20%
40-49	15%
50-64	30%
65-74	10%
75-83	6%
Total	100%

61. IF BORN 1972 OR LATERDid you ever go to Israel on a Birthright Israel trip?

Yes	11%
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62. Are you?

Married	59%
Living with a partner	8%
Single – never married	24%
Divorced	6%
Separated	1%
Widowed	2%
Total	100%

63. [IF MARRIED/PARTNERED] Does your (spouse/partner) consider himself or herself Jewish?

Yes	78%
Yes, partially Jewish	4%
No	19%
Total	100%

64. Did the following people ever attend a Habonim Dror camp, or were otherwise involved with Habonim Dror, or not?

	Attended Camp	Otherwise involved	Never involved
Your mother	14%	14%	72%
Your father	13%	11%	76%
Your spouse/partner	20%	6%	74%

65. In what country were you born?

United States	76%
Canada	16%
Israel	5%
Former Soviet Union	0%
Other	3%
Total	100%

66. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

High School	2%
Some college	10%
BA or BS or other undergraduate degree	30%
MSW	4%
MBA	3%
Law degree	6%
Other professional post-graduate degree	8%
Other MA or equivalent	22%
Doctor or Doctorate	14%
Total	100%

67. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	55%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	12%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	5%
Retired	12%
Permanently disabled	0%
Homemaker	2%
Total	100%

68. [IF EMPLOYED (1,2, or 3) and NOT LIVING IN ISRAEL] Would you characterize the organization or company for which you work as ...

Israel-related	2%
A Jewish organization, but not specifically related to Israel	10%
A non-profit agency or cause, but not a "Jewish organization"	19%
A for-profit company	36%
Other (explain briefly): _____	32%
Total	100%

69. [IF EMPLOYED (1,2, or 3)] Which of the following best describes your major occupation?

Artist, cultural figure	4%
Business person	8%
Educator, teacher, administrator	16%
Engineer	3%
Finance industry	3%
Health professional	10%
High-tech	6%
Jewish communal professional	3%
Jewish communal volunteer	0%
Jewish educator	2%
Journalist, writer, etc.	3%
Lawyer in the private sector	4%
Lawyer in the public sector	2%
Manager	4%
Professor	3%
Rabbi	2%
Social worker, therapist	5%
Social activist	2%
Other	21%
Not Sure	1%
Total	100%

70. [Thinking back over the last year, about what was your household's annual income before taxes?

\$350,000 or more	6%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	6%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	10%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	8%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	12%
\$70,000 - \$99,999	15%
\$50,000 - \$69,999	11%
Less than \$50,000	25%

Total	100%
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