

# WHOSE PASSOVER IS IT ANYWAY?

Things have changed since the Jewish people exited Egypt...We live in different countries, speak different languages and express our Jewishness in different ways from one another. It is a tradition to ask questions during the Passover seder, but why stop at just four? Test your family's knowledge about Jews around the world while reading the Haggada and don't forget to check the answer page for more information.

## 01. LIGHTING CANDLES

What proportion of Jews across Europe typically light candles on a standard Friday night?

- a) About 75%
- b) About 50%
- c) About 25%
- d) About 10%

## 02. "LET ALL WHO ARE IN NEED COME AND SHARE OUR MEAL"

Many Jewish charities have focused recently on helping Ukrainian refugees. But how many self-identifying Jews currently live in Ukraine?

- a) About 40,000
- b) About 120,000
- c) About 200,000
- d) About 400,000

## 03. "WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?"

Which of the following is most commonly practised by Jews across Europe?

- a) Eating only kosher meat at home
- b) Attending synagogue weekly
- c) Attending a Passover seder
- d) Fasting on Yom Kippur

## 04. "WE WERE SLAVES TO PHARAOH IN EGYPT"

In which of these European countries today are Jews most likely to say that they have felt personally discriminated against on the basis of their religion or belief?

- a) France
- b) Hungary
- c) UK
- d) Germany

## 05. OF FOUR CHILDREN

In America, which Jewish denomination's members are most likely to say that 'being intellectually curious' is an essential part of their Jewishness?

- a) Reform Jews
- b) Orthodox Jews
- c) Conservative Jews
- d) Jews of no particular denomination

## 06. "IN EVERY GENERATION, THEY RISE TO DESTROY US"

In which of the following European countries are Jews most likely to say that antisemitism is a 'very big' problem in their country today?

- a) Hungary
- b) France
- c) Austria
- d) Germany

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

What proportion of the world's population today is Jewish?

- a) 0.2%
- b) 2%
- c) 0.1%
- d) 1%

## 08. "POUR OUT YOUR WRATH"

In which of the following countries are people in the general population most likely to say that they should do everything they can to preserve Jewish religion and culture in Europe?

- a) UK
- b) Germany
- c) Poland
- d) France

## 09. "WHO KNOWS ONE?"

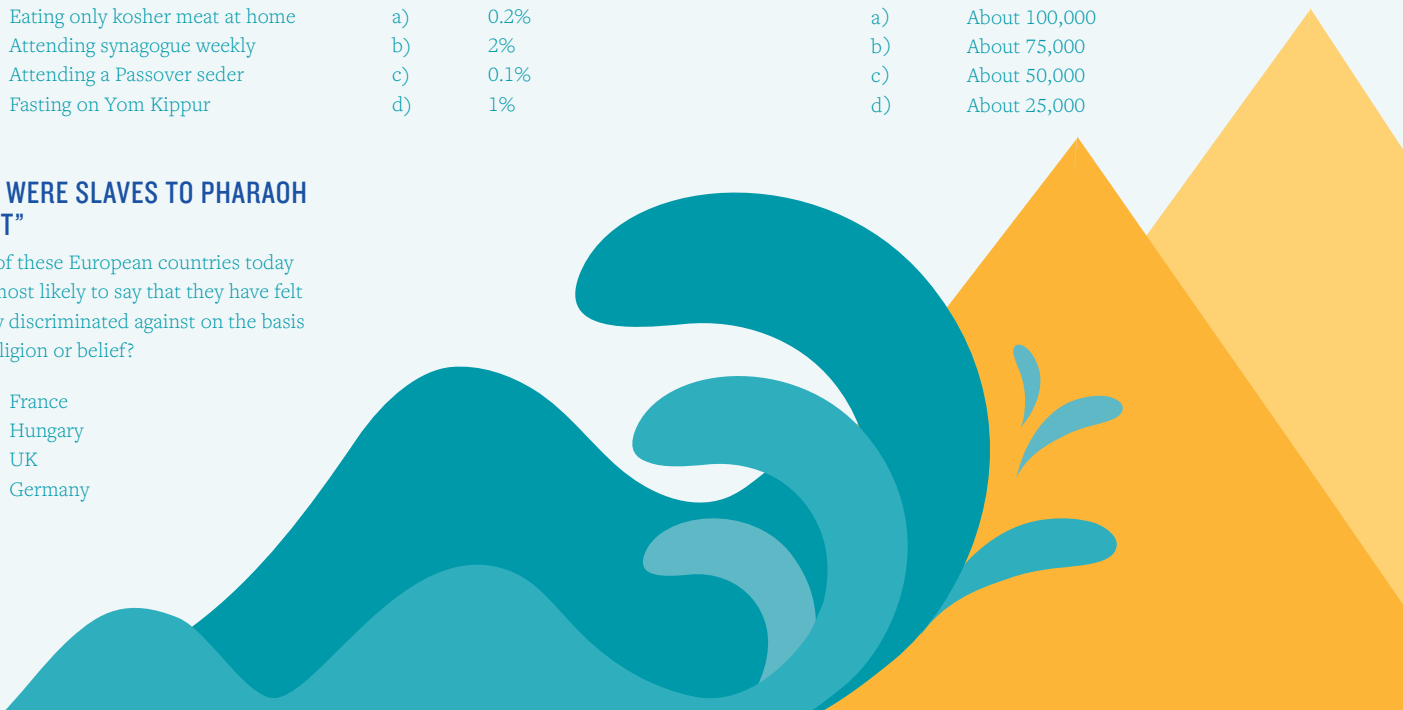
What proportion of the global Jewish population today is haredi (strictly Orthodox)?

- a) 1 in 16
- b) 1 in 12
- c) 1 in 8
- d) 1 in 4

## 10. "NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM"

Approximately how many Jews from around the world made aliyah (emigrated to Israel) in 2022?

- a) About 100,000
- b) About 75,000
- c) About 50,000
- d) About 25,000



# DID YOU KNOW?

## FACT 01.

Under half (47%) of all Jews in Europe typically light candles on Friday night. Of the countries we have investigated, Jews in Belgium (64%) and the UK (54%) are most likely to do this, and Jews in Poland (29%) and Hungary (21%) are least likely.

## FACT 02.

The number of people who self-identified as Jewish in Ukraine on the eve of the current war was 40,000, but it has certainly fallen since then. But the figures are complicated. There were 90,000 people with at least one Jewish parent, 140,000 people living in a household which contained at least one Jewish person, and 190,000 people who were entitled to Israeli citizenship under the terms of the Israeli Law of Return.

## FACT 03.

Attending a seder is the most common Jewish practice among Jews across Europe (and indeed the world). 74% of Europe's Jews typically attend one, if not every year, then most years. Fasting on Yom Kippur comes second (62%), followed by lighting Shabbat candles (47%), eating only kosher meat at home (34%) and attending synagogue at least weekly (23%).

## FACT 04.

According to the latest data gathered by JPR for the European Union (2018), 37% of the Jewish population in Germany reported feeling discriminated against in the previous twelve months, followed by France (20%) and the UK (17%). Hungary came last at 8%.

## FACT 05.

Based on research conducted by the Pew Research Center in the US in 2020, Conservative Jews are most likely to prize intellectual curiosity (63%), followed closely by Reform Jews (59%) and those of no particular denomination (51%). Orthodox Jews score lowest (36%).

## FACT 06.

According to the most recent study undertaken by JPR in 2018 for the European Union, Jews in France are most likely to say this (65%), followed by Jews in Germany (43%), Hungary (26%) and Austria (24%).

## FACT 07.

There are 15.3 million Jews living in the world today, making up about 0.2% of the global population. Most Jews live in Israel (46% of the total) or the US (39%), followed by France (2.9%), Canada (2.6%) and the UK (1.9%).

## FACT 08.

47% of the population of the UK agrees with the statement "Here in Europe, we should do everything we can to preserve Jewish religion and culture", compared to 10% who disagree (the remainder neither agree nor disagree or don't know). Germany (46% agree/16% disagree) and France (45% agree/17% disagree) follow closely, while Greece has the lowest score among the countries examined – 15% agree, 50% disagree.

## FACT 09.

There are just over 2 million haredi Jews around the world. 58% of them live in Israel, 34% live in the US and 5% in Europe. The rest live mainly in Canada, South Africa, Argentina, Mexico and Australia.

## FACT 10.

According to the latest figures, about 75,000 Jews made aliya in 2022, almost 90% of them from countries that were formerly part of the Soviet Union, particularly Russia and Ukraine. The number of Jews coming from Russia and Ukraine increased by more than 400% between 2021 and 2022.

## BONUS FACT!

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## ANSWERS

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| 1 (b) | 6 (b)  |
| 2 (a) | 7 (a)  |
| 3 (c) | 8 (a)  |
| 4 (d) | 9 (c)  |
| 5 (c) | 10 (b) |