

## **Some Major Findings from the 2016 Houston Jewish Community Study on Just Jewish Households**

### **Demography of Just Jewish**

1. 8,700 Just Jewish households live in Houston.
2. 20,000 persons live in Just Jewish households.
3. Of the 20,000 persons, 14,400 are Jewish and 5,700 are not Jewish.
4. 27% of Just Jewish households live in the Core Area, 18% in the the Central City, 16% in the North, 12% in the West, 10% in the Southeast, 7% in the Suburban Southwest, 6% in Memorial, and 3% in the East.
5. 26% of new households (less than 5 years in Houston) are Just Jewish.
6. 20% of Just Jewish households are households with children, 20% are non-elderly single households, 17% are non-elderly couple households, 13% are households with only adult children, 12% are elderly couple households, 9% are elderly single households, and 9% are other household structures.
7. 37% of Israeli households are Just Jewish.
8. 54% of Hispanic households are Just Jewish.
9. 50% of Just Jewish households earn an annual income of **\$100,000 and over**.
10. 16% of Just Jewish households are **low income households** (earned under \$25,000 in 2015).

### **Religiosity**

11. 43% of households have a **mezuzah** on the front door.
12. 76% of households always/usually participate in a **Passover Seder**.
13. 52% of households always/usually light **Chanukah candles**.
14. 13% of households always/usually light **Sabbath candles**.
15. 10% of households keep a **kosher home**.
16. 5% of respondents keep **kosher in and out of the home**.
17. 53% of households always/usually/sometimes have a **Christmas tree** in the home.
18. 10% of Jewish respondents attend synagogue services **once per month or more**.
19. 51% of Jewish respondents **never** attend synagogue services (or attend only for special occasions).
20. 62% of *married couples* in Jewish households are **intermarried**.
21. 13% of households *reported* **synagogue membership**.
22. 38% **participated in synagogue** activities in the past year.
23. 11% of households participated in activities organized by **Chabad** in the past year.
24. 13% of households are current **members of the Jewish Community Center**.
25. 23% of households **participated in or attended a program at, or sponsored by, a JCC** in the past year.
26. 10% of households are current **members of a Jewish organization** other than a synagogue or JCC.

27. 26% of households are **associated** with the Jewish community in that someone in the household is a member of a synagogue, a JCC, or a Jewish organization.
28. 48% of households contain a member who visited Israel.
29. 16% of households contain a member who visited Israel on a **Jewish trip** and 32%, on a **general trip**.
30. 40% are extremely or very emotionally attached to Israel; 23% are not attached.
31. *According to the Telephone Survey*, 22% of households **donated to JFGH** in the past year.
32. 40% of households **donated to Any Jewish Charity** (Any Jewish Federation and Other Jewish Charities) in the past year.

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