
CHAPTER 6

STATEN ISLAND

Mid–Staten Island

Southern Staten Island

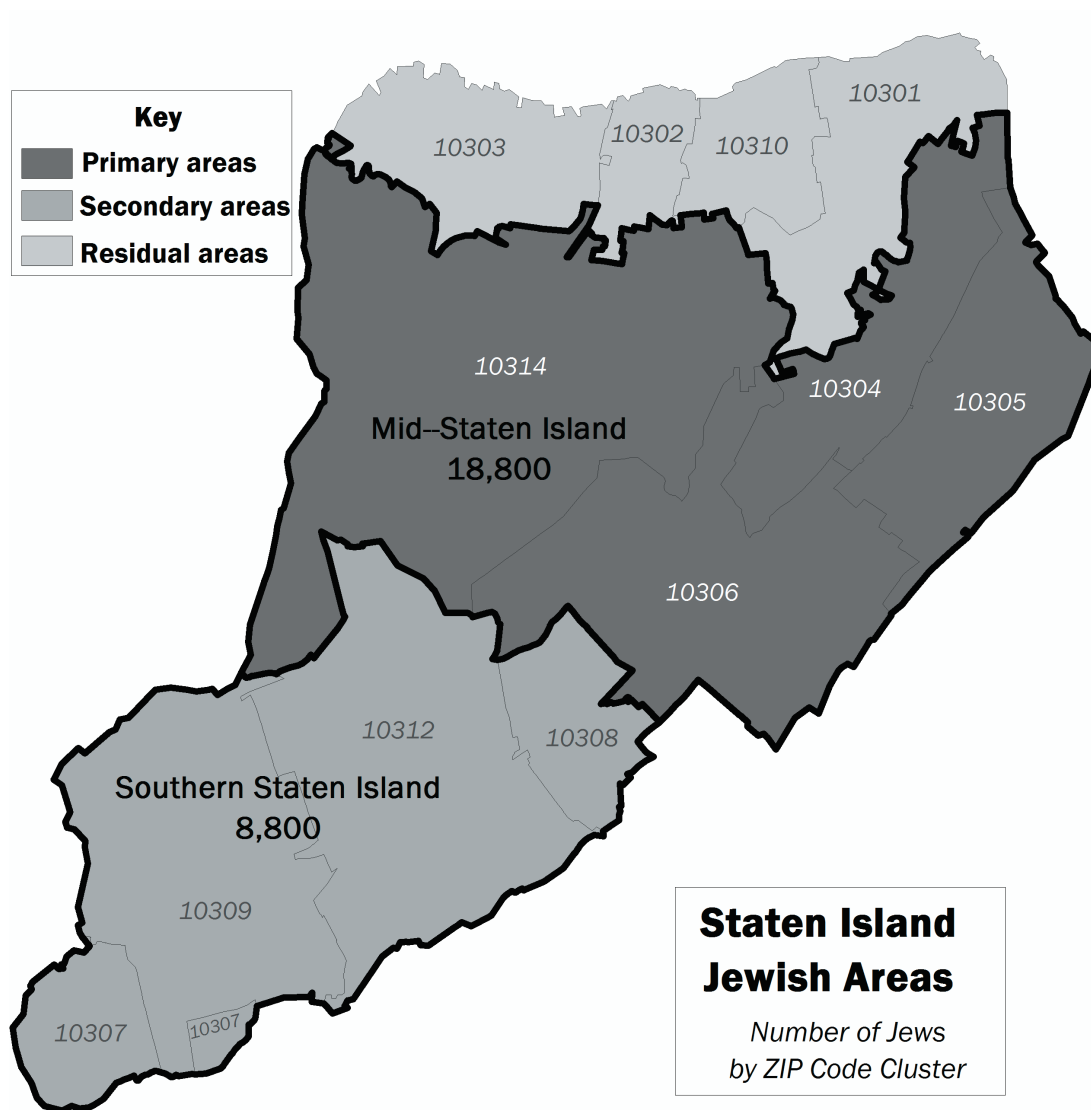


Exhibit 26: **Staten Island: Population and Household Estimates by Area, 2011**

	All Households (Census)	Jewish Households	Jewish Households as a Percent of All Households	Jews	Jews in Area as a Percent of Jews in County	All People (Census)	People in Jewish Households	People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area
Primary Area*								
Mid-Staten Island	81,100	9,000	11%	18,800	55%	225,400	21,900	10%
Secondary Area*								
Southern Staten Island	47,000	4,300	9%	8,800	26%	133,300	12,300	9%
Staten Island Residual Areas*	37,300	3,200	9%	6,300	19%	110,100	7,600	7%
TOTAL, STATEN ISLAND	165,400	16,500	10%	33,900	100%	468,800	41,800	9%

Sources: Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 and 2010 U.S. Census data.

Note: All data is rounded to the nearest hundred for presentation.

* Primary areas are clusters of ZIP codes with at least 90 interviews corresponding to a population of at least 25,000 Jewish residents (and a margin of error below 14); this chapter includes complete profiles of the Jewish population in these areas. Secondary areas have smaller concentrations of Jewish residents with approximately 50 interviews (and margins of error above 14); their descriptions are limited to the population estimates in the table above. Residual areas consist of the population residing outside the areas described above.

STATEN ISLAND: COUNTY OVERVIEW

Demography and Jewish Characteristics

During the past nine years, Staten Island has experienced the greatest Jewish population loss of any of the eight counties. This loss has resulted in an 11% decrease in Jewish households, a 19% decrease in the people in Jewish households, and a 19% decrease in the number of Jews. Over the past 20 years, Staten Island's Jewish density first increased from 1991 to 2002 and then dropped from 12% in 2002 to 10% in 2011. Similar to the Bronx, a substantial proportion (45%) of Staten Island's Jewish population resides in secondary and residual areas.

As in many other areas, these Jewish population decreases go hand in hand with a graying of the population. The population of seniors ages 65 and over has increased from 8% in 2002 to 16% in 2011, yet Staten Island's proportion of seniors remains below the eight-county rate (20%). Children ages 17 and under composed 24% of the residents of the Jewish households in 2002 and in 2011 they compose 16%. Given that Staten Island is below the overall averages in the proportions of children and seniors in its Jewish households, it should not be surprising to learn that it has a higher-than-average proportion of households containing no children and no seniors (49% in Staten Island and 40% overall). During the past nine years, the proportion of married or partnered individuals has decreased slightly in Staten Island from 65% in 2002 to 61% in 2011, and the proportion of those who have never married has risen from 14% in 2002 to 20% in 2011. The proportion of Russian speakers in Staten Island's Jewish households has decreased from 22% in 2002 to 18% in 2011.

People in Need

Staten Island presents a bifurcated economic picture. Thirty-six percent of Staten Island's Jewish households report annual incomes of less than \$50,000, somewhat below the eight-county rate (42%). From 2002 to 2011, the percentage in this borough that is poor has remained about the same — 9% in 2002 and 10% in 2011 — and the proportion indicating that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing has increased slightly from 40% in 2002 to 43% in 2011 (compared with 42% overall in 2011). However, there also appears to be a segment of the Staten Island Jewish population that has achieved a modicum of economic stability, as evidenced by the 33% of Jewish households whose annual incomes are in excess of \$100,000, compared with 30% overall. The proportion of people ages 75 and over who live alone is much higher in Staten Island (60%) than overall in the eight-county area (53%). Similarly, the proportion of those reporting needing help with activities of daily living is also higher than the overall rate: 31% in Staten Island and 24% overall.

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

From 2002 to 2011, Staten Island experienced a slight increase in the proportion of people who identify as Orthodox (from 10% to 12%) and a much larger increase in the proportion identifying as secular or having no religion (from 14% to 25%). Since 2002, the percentage of Conservative Jews has declined from 26% to 22%. Also over the past nine years, Staten Island has exhibited upticks on several measures of Jewish identity and engagement; for example, the proportion of households that belong to a synagogue has increased from 33% to 41%, the percentage that has traveled to Israel has increased from 32% to 41%, and the level of Jewish ritual behavior observance has also increased since 2002. Some countervailing trends have also occurred: a smaller percentage in 2011 than in 2002 states that being Jewish is very important (59% in 2002 and 47% in 2011) and smaller proportions report attending a Passover seder and fasting on Yom Kippur (56% and 60%, respectively, in 2011 compared with 71% and 70% in 2002). The presence in Staten Island of a core of unconnected Jews is also evidenced by its high intermarriage rate (33%), which increased from 29% in 2002 and is currently the second highest among the eight counties, whose overall intermarriage rate is 22%.

Philanthropy

Staten Island presents a mixed picture in terms of its philanthropic giving. Most dramatically, reported donations to UJA-Federation of New York have increased from 20% in 2002 to 28% in 2011, which is higher than the overall eight-county rate (24%). Over the past nine years, there has also been an increase in the proportions that give to both Jewish and non-Jewish causes (from 32% in 2002 to 47% in 2011); however, the proportion donating exclusively to Jewish causes has decreased during this time, from 13% to 8%, and the proportion that does not make any charitable gifts has increased from 13% in 2002 to 20% in 2011.

Exhibit 27: **Staten Island: Jewish Population Estimates, 1991, 2002, and 2011**

Population Estimates	1991	2002	2011
Jewish Households	11,000	18,400	16,500
Jews	33,000	41,600	33,900
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	37,000	52,000	41,800
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in County	10%	12%	10%

Exhibit 27a: **Staten Island: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	16%
18–39	26%
40–64	42%
65–74	9%
75+	7%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	60%
Partnered	1%
Never Married	20%
Separated or Divorced	7%
Widowed	12%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	18%
Households With a Holocaust Survivor	3%

Exhibit 27a (continued): **Staten Island: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011****Household Composition (Percent of Households)**

Households With Children 17 and Younger	21%
Households With Only Adults 18–64	49%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)	29%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	36%
\$50,000–\$99,999	31%
\$100,000–\$149,000	17%
\$150,000+	16%

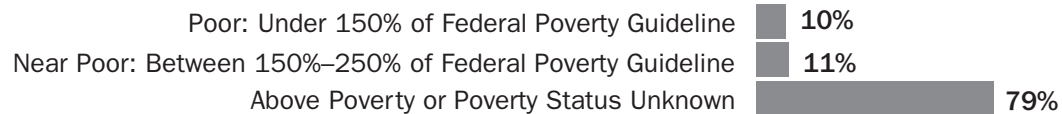
Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	77%
Rent	25%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	79%
Employed Females*	67%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 27b: **Staten Island: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	43%
Have Enough	35%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	22%

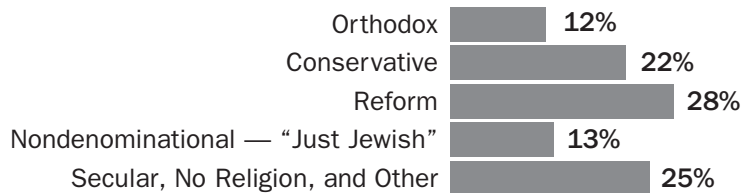
Exhibit 27b: (continued) **Staten Island: People In Need, 2011****Poverty (Percent of Households)**

Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	31%

Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	30%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	60%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	4,100
Help With Food or Housing	1,000
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	2,200
Services for an Adult With a Disability	3,900
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	400
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	700

* We are reporting absolute numbers rather than percentages for this variable because, due to filtering, the information is based on a small amount of data and we believe that local areas are most interested in actual numbers.

Exhibit 27c: **Staten Island: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011****Denomination (Percent of Respondents)**

Jewish Affiliations and Participation	Percent
Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	41%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	50%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	15%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	45%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	41%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	40%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	39%

Feeling Connected	Percent of Respondents
Being Jewish Is Very Important	47%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	37%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	27%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	26%

Jewish-Engagement Level³⁹

High	33%
Moderate	27%
Low	39%

39 These percentages are based on the Index of Jewish Engagement as defined on page 118 of the *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 Comprehensive Report*. This summary classification consists of 12 items: attending a program or event at a Jewish community center or YM-YWHA; belonging to a synagogue; belonging to a Jewish organization; usually or always attending a Passover seder; usually or always lighting Sabbath candles; usually or always lighting Chanukah candles; feeling it’s very important to be part of a Jewish community; regularly talking about Jewish-related topics with Jewish friends; feeling a lot a part of a Jewish community; volunteering for Jewish organizations or causes; having closest friends who are mostly Jewish; and contributing to any Jewish charity, including UJA-Federation of New York. Households with high scores affirmed seven or more items, with moderate scores affirmed four to six items, and with low scores affirmed three or fewer items.

Exhibit 27c (continued): **Staten Island: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

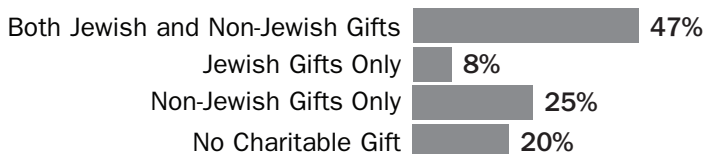
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	56%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	66%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	60%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	30%
Kosher Household	27%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	40%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	40%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	34%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	41%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	13%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	18%
None Ever	28%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4*
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	300

In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	67%
Intermarried	33%

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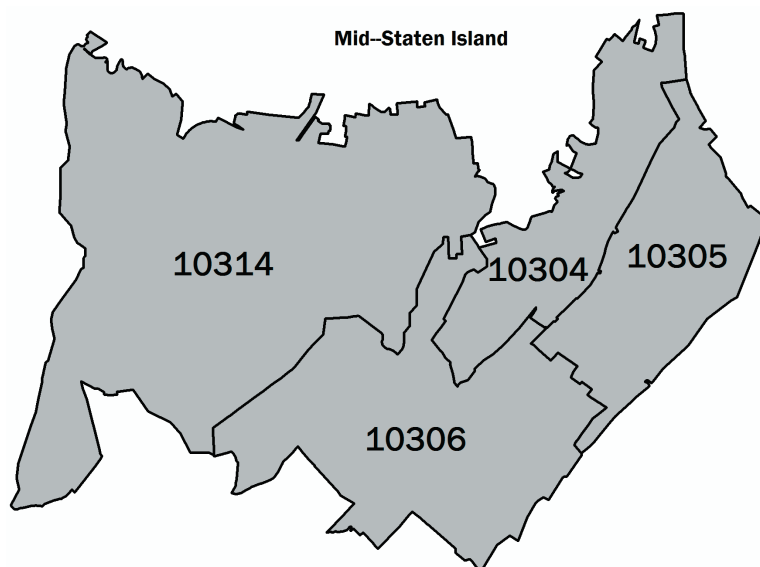
Exhibit 27d: **Staten Island: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

Contributed to UJA-Federation	28%
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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
Who Volunteer***

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	46%
Jewish Organizations Only	20%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	34%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization.

MID-STATEN ISLAND⁴⁰**Demography and Social Characteristics**

In Mid-Statens Island, there are 9,000 Jewish households containing 21,900 people, of whom 18,800 are Jews. Since 2002, this area has experienced a 9% decrease in both the number of Jews and the number of people in Jewish households.⁴¹ This neighborhood seems to be characterized by considerable demographic balance in terms of its age structure and, as will be apparent in subsequent sections, a considerable degree of equilibrium from an economic as well as a Jewish perspective. Nearly a fifth (18%) of the individuals residing in Jewish households in this area are ages 65 and over and 14% are under age 18. In terms of household composition, 53% of the households contain no seniors and no children, which is among the highest in the eight-county area, and another 31% comprise senior households. Nineteen percent of Jewish households in this area include a Russian speaker.

40 For the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011, the “Mid-Statens Island” area comprises ZIP codes 10304, 10305, 10306, and 10314. In 2002, “Mid-Statens Island” included a different group of ZIP codes — 10308, 10309, 10312, and 10314 — which means that “Mid-Statens Island” here is not comparable to the area of the same name in *The Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002 Geographic Profile*.

41 Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

People in Need

Exactly a third of the area's households report annual incomes of under \$50,000, which is a lower proportion than in Staten Island (36%) and also lower than across the eight-county area (42%). On the other end of the economic spectrum, 39% of Mid-Statens Island households report annual incomes of \$100,000 or more, which is a higher proportion than in Staten Island (33%) and also higher than the overall region (30%). Other measures of economic health include the relatively high proportion that owns their own homes in the area (71%), which is above the eight-county rate (54%). In addition, 11% of households are poor, which is comparable to the Staten Island rate (10%) yet below the overall rate (19%). Yet despite these markers of economic health, 47% in this area report that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing, which is somewhat higher than the eight-county rate (42%). In this area, men and women are employed at rates (76% for men and 73% for women) that are comparable to the overall rates (80% for men and 71% for women). In Mid-Statens Island, 57% of people ages 75 and over live alone, which is slightly above the eight-county rate (53%).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

Mid-Statens Island is one of the few areas where there are near equivalent proportions of people who identify as Orthodox (18%), Conservative (23%), Reform (17%), no denomination or "just Jewish" (16%), and secular or no religion (26%). Several aspects of the area's Jewish profile are possibly attributable to the finding that 18% of mid-Statens Island's population identifies as Orthodox and 19% are Russian speakers. In Mid-Statens Island, 45% of Jewish households belong to a synagogue, compared with 41% in Staten Island and 44% overall, and 39% have traveled to Israel, compared with 41% in Staten Island and 49% overall. In this area, 51% of Jews state that being Jewish is very important to them, compared with 47% in Staten Island and 57% overall. Jews in Mid-Statens Island engage in several Jewish ritual behaviors at comparable rates to overall Staten Island and the eight-county area, including lighting Chanukah candles (67% in this area, 66% in Staten Island, and 68% overall) and fasting on Yom Kippur (62% in this area, 60% in Staten Island, and 61% overall the eight-county area). Mid-Statens Island's level of attendance at Jewish community centers (54%) is higher than in both Staten Island (50%) and overall in the eight-county area (32%). Nearly half of Mid-Statens Island's Jewish children ages 5 to 17 attend or have attended Jewish day school, which probably reflects the sizeable Orthodox population. The intermarriage rate in Mid-Statens Island is 26%, which is lower than in Staten Island (33%) yet higher than the eight-county rate (22%).

Philanthropy

Eighty-two percent of households make charitable contributions. Fifty-five percent of households in Mid-Statens Island contribute to both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations; only 9% contribute exclusively to Jewish organizations and 18% donate exclusively to non-Jewish organizations. A third (33%) of the area's households say they contribute to UJA-Federation of New York, which is higher than both the Staten Island rate (28%) and the eight-county rate (24%).

Exhibit 28: **Mid-Statén Island: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	8,400	9,000
Jews	20,600	18,800
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	24,000	21,900
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	11%	10%

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Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	14%
18–39	24%
40–64	44%
65–74	11%
75+	7%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	60%
Partnered	1%
Never Married	21%
Separated or Divorced	7%
Widowed	11%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	19%

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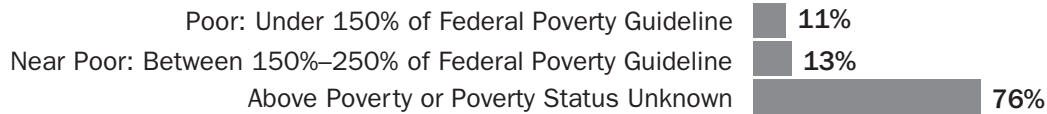
Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	71%
Rent	29%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	76%
Employed Females*	73%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 28b: **Mid-Statens Island: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
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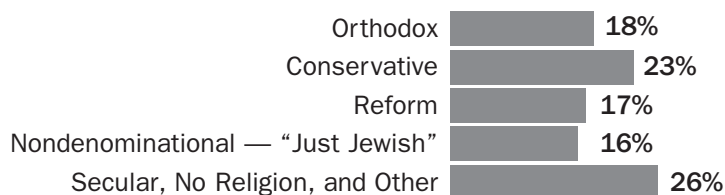
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Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	30%

Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	39%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	57%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	1,700
Help With Food or Housing	700
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	1,200
Services for an Adult With a Disability	2,200
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	200
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	300

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Exhibit 28c: **Mid-Statén Island: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011****Denomination (Percent of Respondents)****Jewish Affiliations and Participation****Percent**

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JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	54%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	16%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	45%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	39%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	47%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	48%

Feeling Connected**Percent of Respondents**

Being Jewish Is Very Important	51%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	39%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	29%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	17%

Jewish-Engagement Level***Percent**

High	36%
Moderate	35%
Low	30%

* See page 233 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 28c (continued): **Mid-Statens Island: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

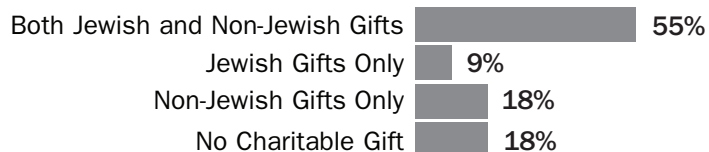
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	62%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	67%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	62%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	36%
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None Ever	19%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	200

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	74%
Intermarried	26%

Exhibit 28d: **Mid-Statén Island: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
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Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	49%
Jewish Organizations Only	26%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	25%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

