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On the Occasion of Holocaust Heroes and Remembrance Day¹

Jews in Israel and throughout the world²

- At the end of 2019, the world Jewish population was 14.8 million.
- The current world Jewish population is similar to that of 1925 (14.8 million).
- In 1939, on the eve of World War II, the world Jewish population was 16.6 million, of whom 449,000 (3%) lived in Israel.
- In 1948, on the eve of the establishment of the State of Israel, the world Jewish population was 11.5 million, of whom 650,000 (6%) lived in Israel.
- At the end of 2020, the number of persons living in Israel recognized by the Holocaust Survivors' Rights Authority was about 180,000 persons.

¹ For more information, see the Media Release published on the occasion of [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#), which was on January 27.

² The definitions of the population in all countries, except for Israel, refer to a “core” Jewish population that includes people who define themselves as Jewish, or people who were born to Jewish parents who do not have a religious or ethnic self-definition. Source: The Division of Jewish Demography and Statistics, the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Of the world Jewish population of 14.8 million:

- 6.8 million Jews live in Israel
- 5.7 million Jews live in the United States
- 448,000 live in France
- 393,000 live in Canada
- 292,000 live in the United Kingdom
- 180,000 live in Argentina
- 155,000 live in Russia
- 118,000 live in Germany
- 118,000 live in Australia

Jews in Israel by Continent of Origin

The number of Jews living in Israel: 6.8 million (46% of the world Jewish population)

Of them: 5.3 million were born in Israel

1.5 million were born abroad

Of them: 1.0 million were born in Europe or in America

289,000 were born in Africa

159,000 were born in Asia