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On the Occasion of Holocaust Heroes and Remembrance Day

Jews in Israel and throughout the world¹

- At the end of 2020, the world Jewish population was 15.2 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 2021, the number of persons living in Israel recognized by the Holocaust Survivors' Rights Authority was about 165,000 persons.

¹ 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 15.2 million:

- 6.9 million Jews live in Israel
- 6.0 million Jews live in the United States
- 445,000 live in France
- 393,000 live in Canada
- 292,000 live in the United Kingdom
- 175,000 live in Argentina
- 150,000 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: 6.9 million (45% of the world Jewish population)

Of them: 5.4 million were born in Israel

1.5 million were born abroad

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

284,400 were born in Africa

153,700 were born in Asia