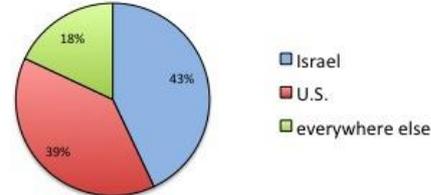




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## Bein Kesh Le'Asor 5780

### Israel in Numbers 5780: Choice Data from the annual calendar of 2019

 <p>ישראל במספרים ראש השנה התש"ף ספטמבר 2019</p>	<p>Population of Israel, at the eve of Rosh Hashana, 5780, is estimated to be 9.902 million people. The population is expected to reach ten million inhabitants, at the end of 2024, fifteen million at the end of 2048 and twenty million by 2065.</p> <p>The Jewish population numbers 6.744 million inhabitants [74.2% of total population]. The Arab population is 1.907 million people [21%]. Other populations number 441,000 people [4.8%].</p> <p>Since last year, the population in Israel has grown by 162,000 people.</p> <p>During the year, 175,000 babies were born.</p> <p>Immigration accounts for an increase of 29,000 people, of which 25,000 were new olim.</p>								
<p><b>Jewish Population: twenty years old and above, according to religious, self-identification</b></p> <p>43.2% non-religious, secular. 22.1% traditional, religious-lite. 12.8% traditional-religious. 11.3% religious. 10.1% chareidi.</p>									
<p><b>Education and Academia</b></p> <p><u>Projections:</u> In 2024, the number of students in the educational system, is expected to be approximately 1,968 million, an increase of 178,000 since 2019 [increase of 9.4%].</p> <p><u>Educational System:</u> The current number of students in schools is 1.763 million. Elementary- 1.029 million. Upper School: 734.2 thousand. Educational staff: 158.1 thousand. Nurseries and pre-school: children aged 0-7 total, 856.3 thousand, kindergarten teachers-18,000. Matriculation examinees: 76.1% of the examinees were eligible for matriculation certificates. Higher Education and Vocational Training: There are 266.8 thousand University students, in academic colleges and teachers' colleges.</p>									
<p>88.9% of Israelis are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their lives.</p>	<p>Life Expectancy: Women: 84.8 years, Men: 80.9 years.</p>								
<p><b>Number of Jews in the world:</b> 14.8million, as compared to 14.7 million in 5779.</p> <p>In Israel, there are 6.7 million Jews. In the U.S. 5.7 million. In France: 450,00. In Canada: 392,000. In Britain: 292,000. In Russia: 165,000. In Argentina: 180,000. In Germany 118,000. In Australia 118,000.</p> <p>Torah education is flourishing and growing, in the large Diaspora communities.</p> <p>Global Jewish population distribution: Israel-43%, United States- 39%, Everywhere else 18%.</p>	<p><b>Global Jewish population distribution</b></p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Israel</td> <td>43%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.S.</td> <td>39%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>everywhere else</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Region	Percentage	Israel	43%	U.S.	39%	everywhere else	18%
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 <p><b>French olim participate in program at "Heichal Meir", in Tel Aviv, led by Rabbi Sarur</b></p>	<p><b>ALIYA</b></p> <p>In 2018, 28,000 olim came to Israel. 67.7% came from the former Soviet Union, mainly Russia and Ukraine. 9.0% came from United States. 8.7% came from France. 3.3 million olim came to Israel, on aliya, since the establishment of the State.</p> <p>Within the framework of our activities, tens of olim Rabbis from France, gathered together, in the "Nir Etzion" guest house, to brainstorm about strengthening French Jewry and improving the "absorption" process for French Jews in Israel.</p>								
<p>Information and statistics based on facts provided by the Central Bureau of Statistics.</p>									



**Synagogues and Community Centers**

There are more than 20,000 synagogues in Israel, today. 1.5 million men, women and children, pray daily in these synagogues, in accordance with their liturgical traditions. In addition, community study centers, have been and are being, established, in synagogues, wherein set times are set aside for learning, by congregants, parents and their children. At the initiative of "Bet Hillel" rabbis, in conjunction with the "Joint" and with the World Union of Synagogues, a pamphlet was published, in time for the month of Tishrei and the High Holy Days, to strengthen and to project the importance of community awareness, to invest in making the synagogue, handicapped accessible. Attached is a [link](#).

**"Torah will come forth from Zion": Torah of the land of Israel**

More than 20,000 Yeshiva students and students of women's seminaries, annually, spend a year of study in Yeshivot, Seminaries, Colleges and Ulpanot in Israel.

**The world of Torah**

According to expert researchers, the number and quality of Torah teachers and students, has never been greater than today, in Israel. About 130,000 Yeshiva students study in advanced Yeshivot, Hesder Yeshivot, pre army Mechinot and Kollels.



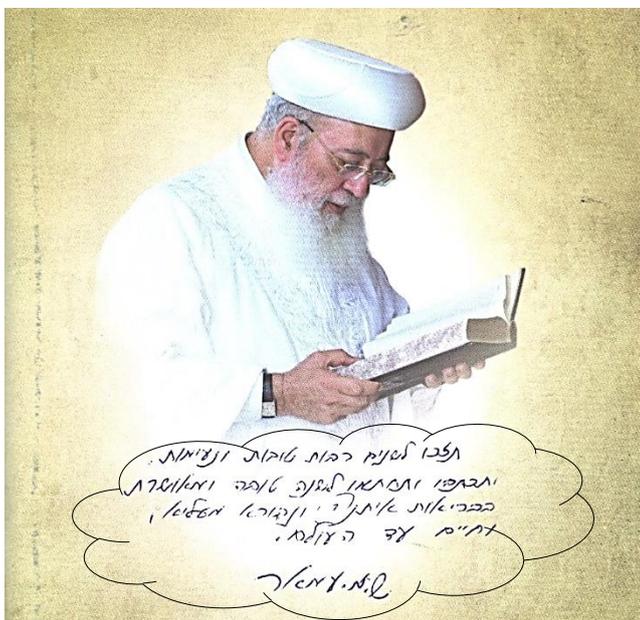
**Tradition, Jewish Culture and Torah Literature**

There is an ongoing, increasing interest, on the part of segments of Israel society, in Jewish culture and traditions. Thousands of men, women and children, are taking part in assemblies, events and prayer, on Jewish Holidays, over the last few years. Thousands of books were published on topics that include: Halacha, Jewish thought, Torah Literature- much of which has been virtually scanned, including Responsa relating to Halacha and weltaanshang, appearing online and via social media.

A special blessing to HaRav HaGaon Rabbi Benzion Algazi, shlit"a, who has established Tzurva DeRabbanon, to encourage Torah study in many communities.  
"בחפץ השם...לטובה ולברכה"

**"and My House will be designated a House of prayer for all the nations."**

Over 11 million people from Israel and from all corners of the globe, visited and prayed at the Western Wall. At the initiative of "She'a'lim", headed by Rabbi Nissimi, supported by the World Union of Synagogues and communities, there will be a bar-mitzva ceremony, on Rosh Chodesh Heshvan, for 70 boys and girls, from families who are struggling economically.



Special blessing from HaRav HaGaon Rabbi **Shlomo Moshe Amar**, hy"v: May you merit long and pleasant years. May you be inscribed and endorsed for a good and happy year.

Our wishes for a joyous and meaningful year,  
Sincerely,

**David Ben Naeh**, Chairman

**Dr. Yaakov HaDani**, Chairman, Ma'a'lat.