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Jews	Israel (worldwide)	14.7 million (2019)

Sources: <https://joshuaproject.net/unreached/1>

Berman Jewish Databank: <https://www.jewishdatabank.org/databank/search-results?category=Global>

Facts about the Jewish People

- Nobel Prize winners (1901-2018): 900 total. 208 were Jewish (Israel has produced a disproportionate number of Nobel Prize winners) <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-nobel-prize-laureates>
- 8 US Supreme Court Justices: Louis Brandeis (1916-1939), Benjamin Cardozo (1931-1938), Felix Frankfurter (1939-1962), Arthur Goldberg (1962-1965), Abe Fortas (1965-1969), Ruth Ginsburg (1993-2020), **Stephen Breyer** (1994-), **Elena Kagan** (2010-) <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-u-s-supreme-court-justices>

Facts about the Jewish People

- Jews make up 2% of U.S. population
- 7% of the Congress is Jewish: 38 (535)
- 10% of the Senate is Jewish: 10 (Jon Ossoff)
- 6.4% of the House is Jewish: 28
- All are Democrats except for 2 in House (Republicans – Lee Zeldin (NY) & David Kustoff (TN) – only 2 non-Christians in the Republican House)
- 52% of American Jews are Democrats
- 16% of American Jews are Republican
- Jewish Americans approved of Pres Trump by 26% - least among all religious groups

Facts about the Jewish People

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/biographies>

- **Business Icons:** Michael Bloomberg, Samuel Sachs, George Soros, Levi Strauss, Steven Spielberg, Warner Brothers, Mark Zuckerberg, Samuel Goldwyn, Mark Cuban,
- **Entertainment:** Bob Dylan, Jerry Lewis, Stan Lee, Paul Newman, Leonard Nimoy, Woody Allen, Mel Brooks, Jerry Bruckheimer, Kirk Douglas, James Franco, Natalie Portman, Barbara Streisand, Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Paula Abdul, Irving Berlin, Art Garfunkel, George Gershwin, Billy Joel, Al Jolson, Lauren Bacall, Roseanna Barr

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- **Jewish Olympic Medalists (1986-2018):** 356 medals (145-Gold, 106-Silver, 104-Bronze): Mark Spitz (US/Swimmer-11), Dara Torres (US/Swimmer-12), Agnus Keleti (Hungary/Gymnast-11)

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10 Inventions by Jewish People that Changed the World (<https://godtv.com/jewish-inventions/>):

- The laser (Theodore Maiman)
- Pacemaker/defibrillators (Paul Zoll)
- Genetic Engineering (Paul Berg)
- Stainless steel (Hans Goldschmidt)
- Mass-energy equivalence ($E=mc^2$) (Albert Einstein)
- Cholera/bubonic plague vaccinations (Waldemar Haffkine)
- Polio vaccine (Karl Landsteiner/Jonas Salk)
- Nuclear weapons (Robert Oppenheimer/Edward Teller)
- Capitalism (David Ricardo/Karl Marx)
- Google (Larry Page/Sergey Brin)

UN Resolutions Against Israel

UN Watch - <https://unwatch.org/un-israel-key-statistics/>

1. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) dedicated 68 of its first 135 (2006-2016) resolutions to criticizing Israel.
2. UN General Assembly adopted 83 resolutions out of 97 (2012-2015) against Israel
3. UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopts 10 resolutions a year against only Israel (Exception: Syria 2013)
4. World Health Organization: Annually adopts a resolution condemning Israel for health conditions in Palestinian territory, East Jerusalem, and occupied Syrian Golan. No other country is condemned by the WHO.
5. The International Labour Organization (ILO) – improve labor conditions, regulate work hours, fight unemployment, assure adequate living wages, protect workers worldwide. Annually produces a single country-specific report condemning Israel

PURIM

“God’s Heart for Israel”

Book of Esther

Purim – “lots”

פורים

- Known as Feast of Esther or Mordecai’s Day (ancient times)
- Celebrated in late February or March (13-15 Adar)
- Described in Book of Esther: has no reference to the name of God

Historical & Biblical Setting

- 538 B.C. in Persia (city of Sushan) – Esther 1:3
- During the period between Ezra and Nehemiah
- **Majority of Persian Jews remained in Persia rather than return to Israel**
- Persian Jews were integrated into Persian society

Story of Esther

- Characters:
 - King Ahasuerus (Xerxes – reigned from 486-565 B.C.)
 - Hadassah (myrtle in Hebrew) or Esther (Persian) -- Jewish
 - Mordecai – Hadassah’s uncle – Jewish (Tribe of Benjamin)
 - Haman – Chief Prince to the King – son of Hammedatha the Agagite
 - Amalek – Generational feud
 - Grandson of Esau (Genesis 36:12)
 - Exodus 17:8-16
 - Deuteronomy 25:17-19
 - 1 Samuel 15
 - Esther 3:1 – Haman a descendant of Amalek

The Story: Chapters 1 - 4

- **Chapter 1:** King's Feasts and dethronement of Queen Vashti
- **Chapter 2:** Esther becomes Queen
 - Mordecai discovers a plot
- **Chapter 3:** Haman's Conspiracy against the Jews
 - 3:6 – “sought to destroy all Jews”
 - 3:7 – Cast lot (Pur) to determine day and month to kill the Jews
- **Chapter 4:** Esther agrees to help the Jews
 - 4:14 – “you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”
 - 4:16 – “if I perish, I perish”

The Story: Chapters 5 - 10

- **Chapter 5:** Esther's Banquet
 - Haman's plot against Mordecai
- **Chapter 6:** King Honors Mordecai
- **Chapter 7:** Haman hanged instead of Mordecai
- **Chapter 8:** Esther saves the Jews
 - 8:11-12 -- Jewish people allowed to defend themselves
- **Chapter 9:** The Jews destroy their tormentors; commanded to celebrate the event
- **Chapter 10:** Mordecai's Advancement

Jewish Celebration

- Time of celebration
- Read book of Esther in the synagogue
- Time of giving gifts, giving to the poor, sharing food, wearing costumes

Biblical Significance

- Defeat of God's enemies
 - Genesis 12:2-3; Isaiah 54:17
- Deliverance of God's People
 - Purim proclamation: "Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak the word, but it will not stand, for God is with us." (Isaiah 8:10)
 - God is with us: Immanuel
 - Matthew 1:20-23; Galatians 1:3-5; Colossians 1:13; Matthew 28:18-20
- Deliverance and Salvation of Israel
 - Jeremiah 31:31-36, 33:19-26 (Genesis 8:22); Romans 11:1-5, 11-36