

Welcome!

Thank you for clicking over to this survey about your life since your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip. The survey will take about ten minutes to complete. The information you provide will help *Taglit-Birthright Israel* and its partner organizations to better understand the impact of the trip, and how the experience fits into the rest of your life. Your answers are vital to the success of this research.

This research is being done by the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, on behalf of *Taglit-Birthright Israel* and the *Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston* (CJP). Your answers will be confidential – only results for groups of survey respondents will be reported.

Thank you for helping with this important project,

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The survey starts as soon as you click the "Next" button below.

#### FAQs

Didn't I complete this survey already?

What is the purpose of this survey?

How does this information help *Taglit-Birthright Israel*?

How do you keep my answers confidential?

How can I get the results of this research?

Will birthright ever be able to see my responses?

What is the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies?

I have an issue with the questions that you ask in your survey. Do I have to respond?

I am having technical issues with the survey.

I never gave permission for my email to be used. How did you get my contact information?

Plenty of people complete these things, why should I?

Whom do I contact if I have any other questions about this research?

## Life since Birthright

Since your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip, how often have you been in contact with...

	Never	Once	Twice	3-5 times	6 times or more
Other participants from your bus?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trip leaders?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Israelis who joined your bus?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <i>Taglit-Birthright Israel</i> alumni?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your Israeli guide?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Since your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip, have you researched opportunities for going back to Israel?

- No  
 Yes

Have you been back to Israel since your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip?

- No  
 Yes

Do you have any plans to visit Israel again in the next year?

- No  
 Yes
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Life since Birthright (continued)

What was the purpose of your visit(s) to Israel since Birthright? (check all that apply)

- Took a vacation  
 Visited family  
 Visited friends  
 Visited Israelis you met on your bus (*mifgash*)  
 Went on another *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip  
 Went on an organized travel/touring program  
 Attended an Israeli university  
 Attended a yeshiva or seminary religious study program  
 Went on a volunteer program  
 Worked for pay  
 Served in the Israeli Army  
 Made Aliyah  
 Other. What?
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Thinking About Israel

In the past three months how often did you actively seek news about Israel?

- Never  
 Once a month  
 Twice a month  
 Once a week  
 Every few days  
 At least once a day

**If someone asked you about the current situation in Israel, how confident do you feel in your ability to give a good explanation?**

- Not at all confident  
 A little confident  
 Somewhat confident  
 Very confident

**Thinking about Israel, how much do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?**

**When I think of Israel, I think about Israel as...**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
A source of pride	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A possible future home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A diverse multi-cultural society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A country riven with internal strife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A refuge for persecuted Jews	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A religious fundamentalist society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A militaristic society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A technological powerhouse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lively democratic society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An educational and cultural center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**As part of a permanent settlement with the Palestinians should Israel be willing to...**

- Dismantle all of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?  
 Dismantle some of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?  
 Dismantle none of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?  
 Don't know

## Your Views

**There are different ways of being Jewish. For you personally, how much does being Jewish involve...**

	<b>Not at All</b>	<b>A Little</b>	<b>Some-what</b>	<b>Very Much</b>
Knowing Hebrew?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Remembering the Holocaust?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Countering anti-Semitism?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leading an ethical and moral life?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having a rich spiritual life?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Observing Shabbat?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Caring about Israel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting Jewish organizations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Celebrating Jewish holidays?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reading Jewish books?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending synagogue?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making the world a better place?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How important is each of the following to you personally in your life?**

	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>A little Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
Being Jewish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dating someone Jewish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marrying someone Jewish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raising your children Jewish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**To what extent do you...**

	<b>Not at All</b>	<b>A Little</b>	<b>Some- what</b>	<b>Very Much</b>
Feel a connection to Jewish history?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel a connection to Israel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel part of a worldwide Jewish community?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel a connection to your local Jewish community?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel a connection to Jewish traditions and customs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel a connection to your Jewish peers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Jewish Studies Courses**

**Since your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip have you taken any courses in ... (check all that apply)**

	<b>For credit</b>	<b>Not for credit</b>
Jewish history?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern Israel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Holocaust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hebrew language?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arab-Israeli conflict?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hebrew/Jewish literature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bible/Talmud?

Other?

If other, please specify:

**Are you planning to take any such courses next year?**

- No
- Yes

**Since your return from Israel, were you offered a fellowship (stipend) to study with ...**

	No	Yes, offered but did not attend	Yes, offered and attended
Meor Maimonides?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mesorah?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aish HaTorah?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hillel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chabad?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Activities

**In the past three months, were you INVITED by any of the following organizations to participate in Jewish or Israel related activities? (check all that apply)**

- Hillel
- Chabad
- Your local Jewish federation
- A synagogue
- Taglit-Birthright Israel* alumni association (Birthright Next)
- Your trip organizer
- Other. Please specify:

**In the past three months, have you MET ONE-ON-ONE with ...**

	Never	Once	Twice	3-5 times	6 times or more
A Hillel staff person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Someone from Chabad?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A Jewish student leader?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**In the past three months, how often have you ENGAGED in activities sponsored by ...**

	Never	Once	Twice	3-5 times	6 times or more
Hillel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Chabad?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your local Jewish federation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A synagogue?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Taglit-Birthright Israel</i> alumni association (Birthright Next)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your trip organizer?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Jewish or Israel-related organization(s)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If other Jewish or Israel-related organization(s), please specify:	<input type="text"/>				

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### Activities (continued)

**In the past three months, how often have you engaged in the following Jewish/Israel-related activities?**

	Never	Once	Twice	3-5 times	6 times or more
Rallies/Demonstrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerts/performances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exhibits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Taglit-Birthright Israel</i> reunions or events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lectures or panel discussions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parties/celebrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**In the past three months, have you ...**  
(check all that apply)

- Run for or been interested in serving as an officer or board member of a Jewish organization? **F**
- Served as an officer or board member of a Jewish organization? **F**
- Been employed (full-time or part-time) by a Jewish organization? **F**
- Helped design or implement a program with an Israel focus? **F**
- Helped design or implement a program with a Jewish or Jewish ritual focus? **F**
- Organized a get-together with other alumni? **F**
- Helped recruit for *Taglit-Birthright Israel*? **F**
- Taken any other leadership role on campus or in your community? Please describe: **F**



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## Activities (continued)

**What has motivated you to help recruit for *Taglit-Birthright Israel*?**

- Internship offer
- Funds for returning to Israel
- Free trip to Israel as staff
- Desire to help others experience *Taglit-Birthright Israel*
- Other. Please describe:

## Activities (continued)

**If you haven't participated in Jewish related activities in the past three months, why not?  
(check all that apply)**

- I don't have time **F**
- I'm just not interested **F**
- I don't know when/where these activities take place **F**
- I don't know people I can go with **F**
- I don't feel connected to people who participate **F**
- There are no Jewish activities/events where I live **F**
- I don't need Jewish organizations to feel Jewish **F**
- I do Jewish things privately with family/friends **F**
- Other. Please explain: **F**

## Volunteering

**In the past three months, how often did you engage in any of the following volunteer or social action efforts?**

	Never <b>f</b>	Once <b>f</b>	A few <b>f</b> times <b>f</b>	Regularly <b>f</b>	...through a Jewish organization?
Mentoring, tutoring or coaching youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Helping in hospitals, nursing homes, crisis centers, shelters, or food banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Performing or assisting an arts/cultural organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Campaigning for a political candidate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>

Protecting the environment, wildlife, or animals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Serving as a volunteer EMT, fire fighter, or disaster relief worker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lobbying for social issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Raising money for charitable causes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Repairing or building homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Have you ever participated in an alternative break service program or trip?**

- No  
 Yes

## A Little About You

**Are you CURRENTLY a student on campus at %QCampusLBL%?**

- No  
 Yes

**Are you CURRENTLY....**

- Not a student  
 A freshman (1st year)  
 A sophomore (2nd year)  
 A junior (3rd year)  
 A senior (4th year)  
 Studying for a Master's degree (e.g. MA, MBA, MSW, MS)  
 Studying for a Doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, EdD)  
 Studying for a professional degree (e.g. MD, JD)  
 Other student. Please explain:

**How many of your close friends are Jewish?**

- None  
 A few  
 Half  
 Most  
 All

**In the past three months did you date...**

- Did not date  
 Only Jews  
 Mostly Jews  
 Jews and Non-Jews equally  
 Mostly Non-Jews  
 All non-Jews

**Are you a member of a Jewish sorority or fraternity?**

- No  
 Yes

**Do you consider yourself to be...?**

- Secular/Culturally Jewish  
 Just Jewish  
 Reform  
 Conservative  
 Reconstructionist  
 Orthodox  
 No religion  
 Other. Please specify:

**In the past month have you...**

	Never	Some- times	Usually	Always (every week)
Lit/participated in lighting Shabbat candles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had/attended a special meal on Shabbat?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Which of the following best describes your current practices regarding keeping kosher?**

- Don't follow kosher rules at all  
 Follow some kosher rules like avoiding pork or shellfish  
 Keep kosher only at home  
 Keep kosher all the time

**Last Hanukkah, did you participate in the lighting of Hanukkah candles, either in or out of your home?**

- No  
 Yes

**This coming Passover, will you hold or attend a Seder?**

- No  
 Yes

**In the past MONTH, how often, if at all, did you attend some type of organized Jewish religious service?**

- Never  
 Once  
 A few times  
 Weekly  
 Daily

**If you were asked to read a text in Hebrew, how much would you understand?**

- Don't know Hebrew alphabet at all  
 Can read the letters but not understand the words  
 Some of what I read

- Most of what I read  
 Everything I read

## Your Upbringing and Background

### Were you raised...?

- Secular/Culturally Jewish  
 Just Jewish  
 Reform  
 Conservative  
 Reconstructionist  
 Orthodox  
 No religion  
 Other. Please specify:

### Were your parents born Jewish?

- |        | No                    | Yes                   |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Father | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mother | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### Are your parents Jewish now?

- |        | No                    | Yes                   |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Father | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mother | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### Where were your parents born?

- |        |   | If other, please specify: |
|--------|---|---------------------------|
| Father | <input type="text" value="(Click here to choose)"/> | <input type="text"/>      |
| Mother | <input type="text" value="(Click here to choose)"/> | <input type="text"/>      |

### Are your parents members of or do they donate to a... (check all that apply)

- Synagogue?  
 Jewish Community Center?  
 Jewish federation?  
 Other Jewish organization? Please describe:

### During elementary and middle school (grades 1-8) did you attend...

- |                              | No                    | Yes                   | If yes, number of years                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Full-time Jewish day school? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="text" value="(Click here to choose)"/> |

- Part-time Hebrew school that met several times a week?   (Click here to choose) ▼
- Part-time Hebrew school that met once a week?   (Click here to choose) ▼

**During high school (grades 9-12) did you attend...**

- |  | No                    | Yes                   | If yes, number of years  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Full-time Jewish high school?                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | (Click here to choose) ▼ |
| Part-time Hebrew school that met several times a week? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | (Click here to choose) ▼ |
| Part-time Hebrew school that met once a week?          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | (Click here to choose) ▼ |

**During your high school years...**

- |   | No                    | Yes                   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Did your household keep kosher?                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Did someone in your home regularly light Shabbat candles? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Did your family celebrate Hanukkah?                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Did your family hold or attend a Seder?                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**During your high school years, how many of your close friends were Jewish?**

- None
- A few
- Half
- Most
- All

**Did you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony?**

- No
- Yes

**Have you ever attended or worked at an overnight camp that had Shabbat services and/or a Jewish educational program?**

- |          | No                    | Yes                   | If yes, number of years  |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Attended | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | (Click here to choose) ▼ |
| Worked   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | (Click here to choose) ▼ |

**During your high school years, how frequently did you participate in a Jewish youth group, if at all?**

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Often

## Other Thoughts

**Do you have any other thoughts or comments about your Jewish identity, or the impact of your *Taglit-Birthright Israel* experience?**

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Thank You!

**Thank you for participating in this important survey!**

**Would you like to receive results of this survey?**

- No
- Yes

Please enter the e-mail address you would like the results to be sent to:

If you have any questions about *Taglit-Birthright Israel*, please visit their Website <http://www.birthrightisrael.com>

Submit Survey