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**Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York
2010 Capital Region Jewish Community Survey**

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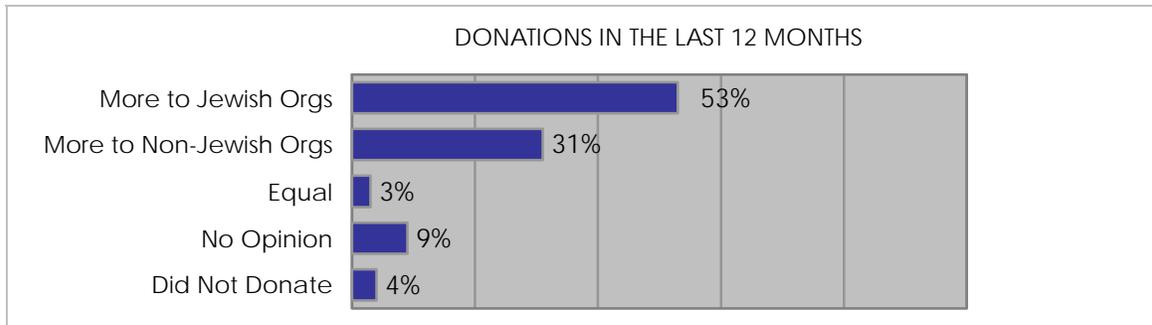
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DONATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR

DONATION BEHAVIOR. Almost all of the Jewish households (96%) are making donations to charity, and most are making donations to both Jewish and non-Jewish charities, causes and organizations.

Eight in 10 Jewish community households donated to Jewish organizations, and one-third donated \$1000 or more. Nine in 10 Jewish community households donated to organizations not specifically Jewish, and one-fifth donated \$1000 or more.

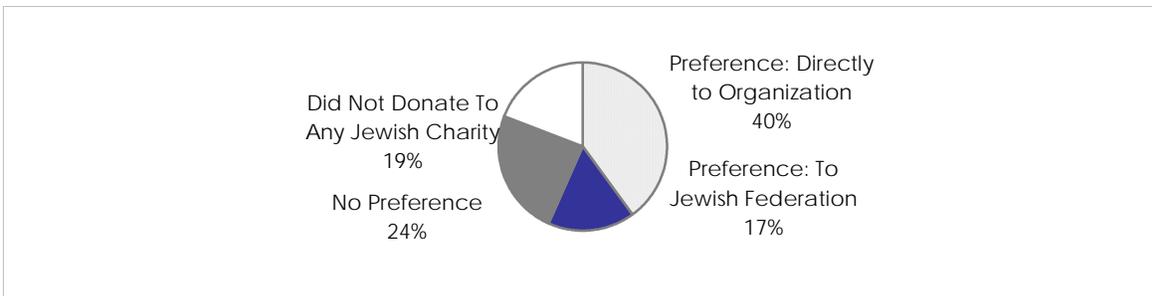
In the last 12 months, three in 10 members of the community donated more to non-Jewish organizations, such as United Way, a museum, or the Cancer society, than to Jewish organizations.



Survey Question: In the last 12 months, did your household donate to any charity, cause or organization? Did you donate more, overall, to (mix order) non-Jewish groups or Jewish groups?

FEDERATION VS. INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS. Three-quarters of the Jewish community have a favorite charity, and Federation is the favorite for almost one in five.

Twice as many donors prefer to give directly to an organization or charity rather than to Federation.

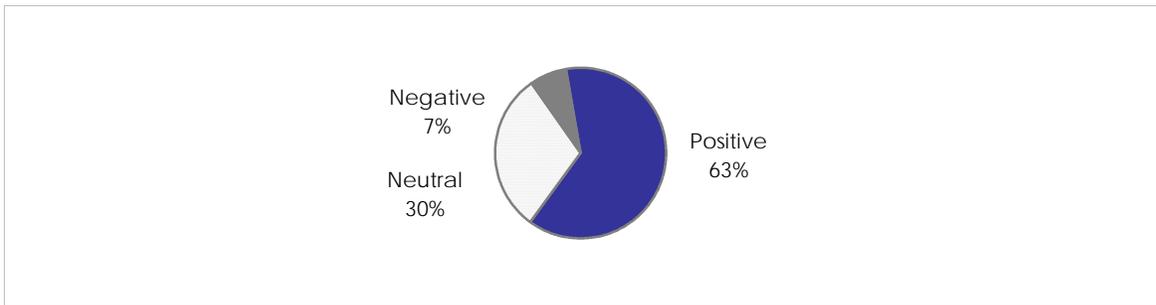


Survey Question: For charitable contributions to Jewish organizations, do you prefer to give (mix order) directly to the organization or charity, to the Jewish Federation, or do you have no preference?

FEDERATION’S BRAND, REPUTATION AND PERFORMANCE

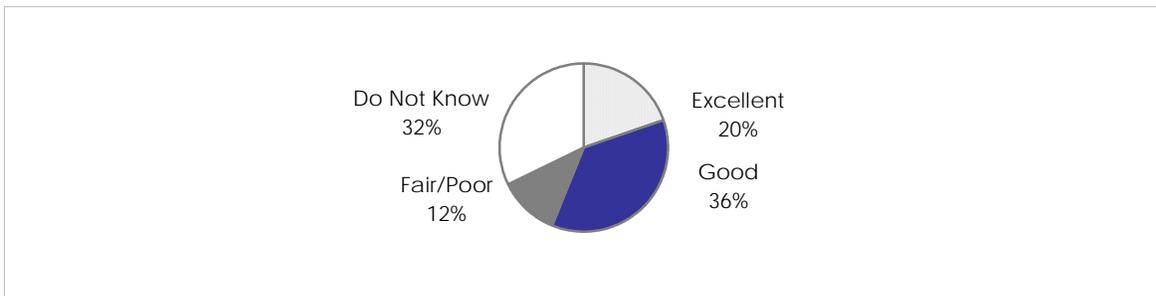
FAMILIARITY. Most of the community consider themselves familiar with the Jewish Federation, with over one-third saying they are “very” familiar.

ATTITUDE. Overall, two-thirds of the community feel “positive” toward the Jewish Federation.



Survey Question: Overall, do you feel positive, negative or neutral towards the Jewish Federation?

RATINGS. Most of those able to rate the Federation’s job performance think it is doing an “excellent” or “good” job; one-third of the community said they “do not know”.



Survey Question: The Jewish Federation strives to be the community’s central agency for meeting Jewish needs in the Capital Region, in Israel, nationally, and around the world. Overall, do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job, or do you not know?

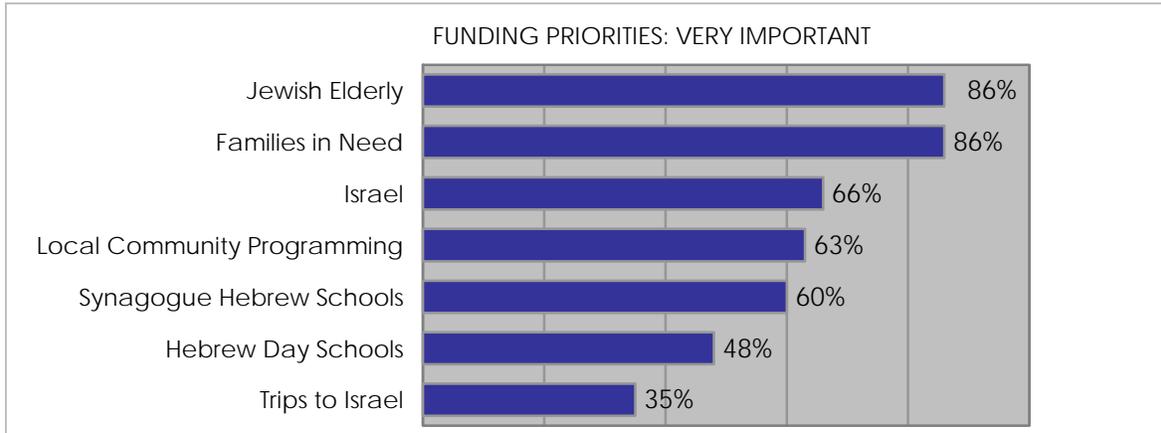
Federation’s performance ratings become more positive as interactions with Federation increase, such as attendance at Federation events, visits to the website, and reading mailings.

Sizeable proportions of the community “do not know” how the Federation is doing on the following specific functions: setting priorities for funding (58%), raising money (48%), and programming and services (43%).

CONTACT WITH THE FEDERATION. Almost two-thirds of the Jewish community have attended a Federation-sponsored event, one-quarter has visited the Federation website, and one-quarter has called or emailed the Federation for information.

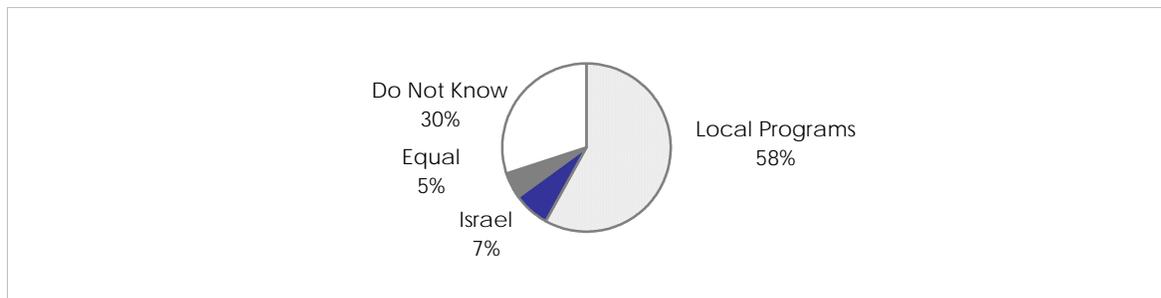
FUNDING PRIORITIES

KEY FUNDING AREAS. Looking at the relative priority of seven key funding areas, the highest priorities are ‘Services to the Jewish Elderly’ and ‘Services for Families in Need’, with almost nine in 10 thinking it “very important” that the Federation fund these areas.



Survey Question: The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support (read list, mix order)?

ISRAEL VS. LOCAL COMMUNITY. Looking at the relative importance of Israel and the local Jewish community, almost six in 10 said it is more important to support Local Programs, and fewer than one in 10 think it more important to support Israel.



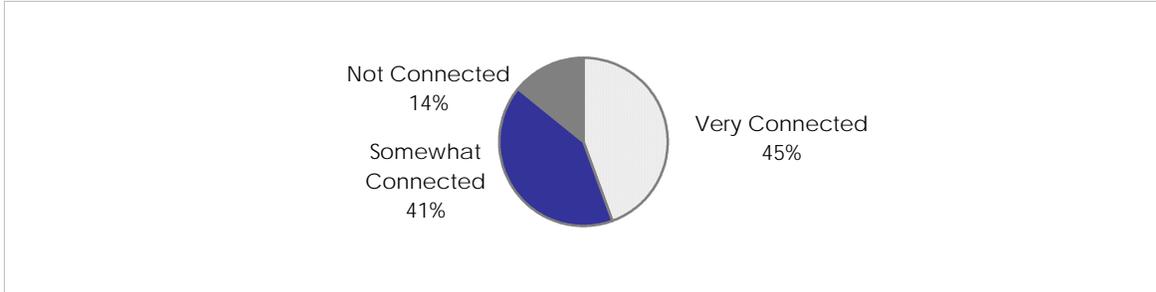
Survey Question: Do you think it is more important for the Federation to support (read list, mix order) Israel or local programs in the Capital Region?

When asked to allocate Federation funds between Israel and Local Programs, the mean response was 65% to Local Programs and 35% to Israel.

Almost half of the community feel “very connected” to Israel, six in 10 have visited Israel, and six in 10 say it is “very” or “somewhat” likely they will visit Israel in the next five years.

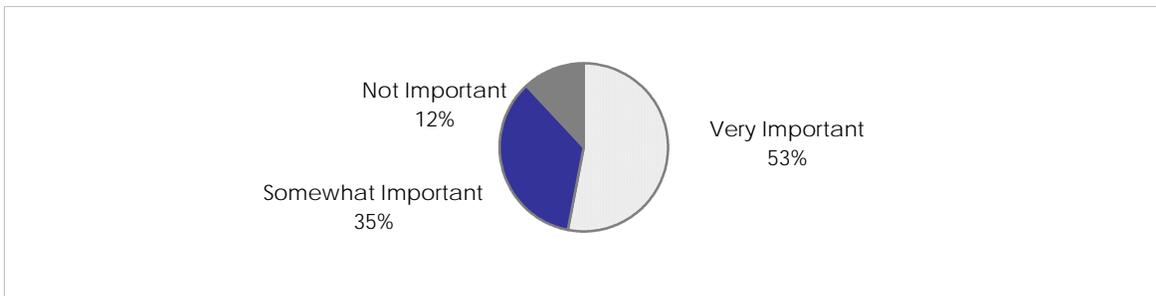
CONNECTIONS TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

FEELING CONNECTED. Almost all of the survey respondents feel connected to the area Jewish community.



Survey Question: Thinking about the Jewish community in this area, how connected do you feel to the Jewish community? Very connected, somewhat, or not connected?

IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION. Being part of the Jewish community is “very” important to a majority.



Survey Question: Thinking about the Jewish community in this area, how connected do you feel to the Jewish community? Very connected, somewhat, or not connected?

ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY. Seven in 10 consider themselves active in the Jewish community, with one-quarter saying they are “very” active.

EMERGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

SENIOR HOUSING. One in 10 community members said they or a family member are currently living in senior housing or an assisted living facility.

One-quarter of community members said that they expect to consider senior communities in the Capital Region, for themselves or a family member, in the next five years.

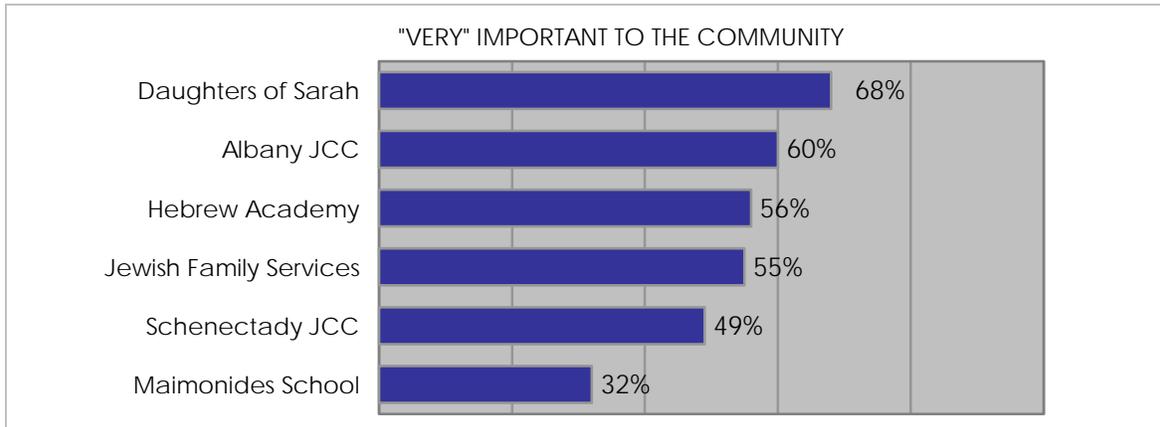
Only three in 10 of those age 65 and older said it would be “very” important to live in a Jewish senior community if they were choosing a senior community.

CARE FOR SENIORS. One in five community members report they have an elderly (age 65 or older) family member who is dependent on them in some way for care.

SPECIAL NEEDS. One in six community members said they or a family member have a special educational, social or physical need that requires special services.

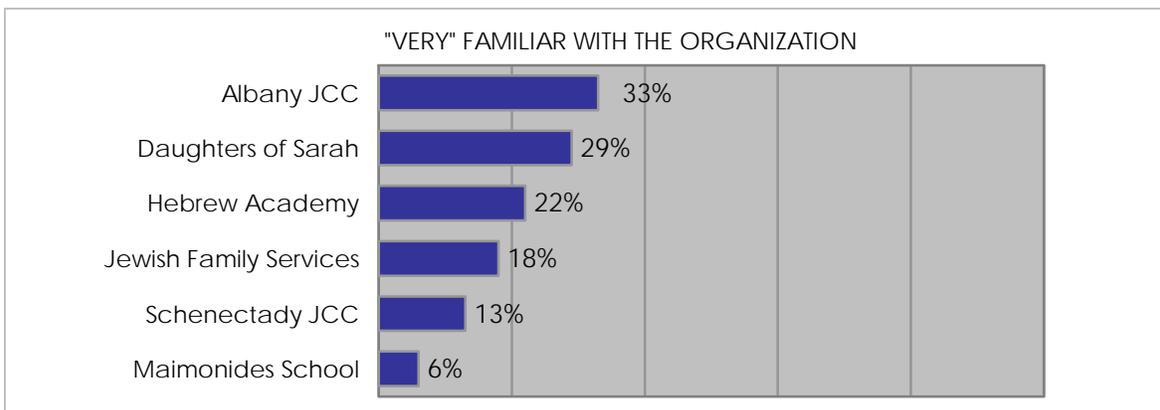
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

IMPORTANCE. Half or more of the Jewish community consider five of the six recipient organizations “very” important to this area’s Jewish community.



Survey Question: Do you think (read organization) is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area’s Jewish Community?

FAMILIARITY. For each of the six recipient organizations, small proportions of the Jewish community consider themselves “very” familiar.



Survey Question: Are you very familiar, somewhat or not familiar with (organization name)?

While almost half of the Jewish community said they or a family member had at some point used the Albany JCC, one-quarter or fewer has used the other organizations. Fewer than one in 10 families is currently using the organizations, with the exception of the Albany JCC (18% of families currently use).

The majorities of those familiar with the organizations rated the quality of services and programs as “excellent” or “good”; sizeable segments (between one-quarter and one-half) had “no opinion”.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Relative to the total Capital Region population, the community is skewed older (average age = 61 years), and three-quarters have lived in the Capital Region for over 20 years (median length of residence=34 years). It is presumed that there are younger (ages 18-39) Jewish residents of the Capital Region who are either unaffiliated and/or not currently included in the Federation's database.

The community comprises highly educated individuals (two-thirds with graduate degrees or study) and half have household incomes above \$100,000. Four in 10 community members are retired, and most of the others are currently employed full or part-time. Seven in 10 households comprise a married couple. Over one in four households have children under age 18, and only 5% of the community have a child under age 5.



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RESEARCH METHODS

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The 2010 Capital Region Jewish Community Survey has been designed and conducted to provide measurement of the Jewish community's attitudes, behavior, needs, and preferences. This is the first representative study of the Jewish community as defined by those households that the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York (JFNENY) maintains in its database.

DATABASE

The Jewish Federation forwarded to Fact Finders the database from which the survey sample was drawn. This database was cleaned to include only one record per household. Only those records with a telephone number or email address were used and all households in which somebody was employed by the Jewish Federation were removed. The final database from which the random sample was drawn contained 5806 unduplicated households.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The survey questionnaire was designed to accurately, comprehensively, and efficiently measure the research objectives. The development of the questionnaire involved interaction between Fact Finders, Inc. and the Jewish Federation. The survey questionnaire comprised of 125 measurements and averaged 19 minutes to complete for both telephone and online participants.

DATA COLLECTION

In total, 486 Capital Region Jewish households participated in this survey; 306 participated in a telephone interview and 180 participated by completing an online survey.

Telephone Survey. This survey was conducted by Fact Finders' skilled staff interviewers by telephone using our CATI system. Up to 5 callbacks were made to each of the potential respondents to increase the probability of interviewing the originally sampled. Interviews were conducted between 9 AM and 9 PM local time Monday through Thursday, and 9 AM to 3 PM on Fridays. All telephone data collection was conducted between July 26, 2010 and August 12, 2010.

Online Survey. All those with an email address who were not included in the telephone survey were sent an invitation and a link to the online survey. The online survey was available between August 11, 2010 and September 13, 2010.

DATA PROCESSING AND REPORTING

All data processing, analysis and reporting was conducted in-house by Fact Finders.



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RESEARCH FINDINGS

CONNECTION TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Level of Connection	Total JFNENY Community
Very Connected	44.3%
Somewhat Connected	41.2%
Not Connected	14.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

Survey Question:

Thinking about the Jewish community in this area, how connected do you feel to the Jewish community? Very connected, somewhat, or not really connected?

ACTIVITY IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Level of Activity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Active	26.1%
Somewhat Active	43.4%
Not Active	30.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Question:

Do you consider yourself very active, somewhat, or not active in the Jewish community?

IMPORTANCE OF BEING PART OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	53.4%
Somewhat Important	34.6%
Not Important	12.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

Survey Question:

How important is it to you to be part of the Jewish community in the Capital Region? Very important, somewhat, or not important?

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
FAMILIARITY WITH THE JEWISH FEDERATION**

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	36.9%
Somewhat Familiar	48.7%
Not Familiar	14.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

*Survey Question:
The next questions are about the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York. How familiar are you with the Jewish Federation? Very familiar, somewhat or not familiar?*

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
ATTENDANCE AT A JEWISH FEDERATION EVENT**

Family Attendance	Total JFNEY Community
Have Attended an Event	64.0%
Have Not Attended	36.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

*Survey Question:
Have you or a family member attended any event sponsored by the Jewish Federation?*

JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY: OVERALL RATING

Overall Rating	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	19.7%
Good	36.4%
Fair	8.3%
Poor	3.3%
Do Not Know	32.3%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

Survey Question:

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
OVERALL RATING
BY TOTAL HOUSEHOLD PLEDGE 2008 - 2009

Overall Rating	Total JFNENY Community	Total 2008 - 2009 Pledge					
		Over \$2000	\$1001 - \$2000	\$501 - \$1000	\$101 - \$500	\$100 or Less	Did Not Donate
Excellent	19.7%	38.7%	32.7%	22.2%	18.8%	17.1%	9.9%
Good	36.4%	48.4%	42.3%	50.0%	40.0%	36.6%	25.7%
Fair	8.3%	6.5%	7.7%	5.6%	12.5%	9.8%	7.0%
Poor	3.3%	.0%	3.8%	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	5.3%
Do Not Know	32.3%	6.5%	13.5%	19.4%	26.3%	34.1%	52.0%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	483	62	52	36	80	82	171

Survey Question:

Overall, do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job, or do you not know?

Note: 2008 - 2009 Pledge data is from the Federation's database.

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
OVERALL RATING
BY ATTENDANCE AT A JEWISH FEDERATION EVENT**

Overall Rating	Total JFNENY Community	Attendance at a JFNENY Event	
		Have Attended an Event	Have Not Attended
Excellent	19.7%	25.9%	8.6%
Good	36.4%	43.7%	23.6%
Fair	8.3%	10.0%	5.2%
Poor	3.3%	3.9%	2.3%
Do Not Know	32.3%	16.5%	60.3%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	483	309	174

Survey Questions:

Overall, do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job, or do you not know?

Have you or a family member attended any event sponsored by the Jewish Federation?

**RATING JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING**

Rating JFNENY: Setting Priorities for Funding	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	12.6%
Good	18.4%
Fair	8.5%
Poor	2.9%
Do Not Know	57.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

*Survey Question:
Do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job in setting priorities for funding, or do you not know?*

**RATING JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
RAISING MONEY**

Rating JFNENY: Raising Money	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	21.9%
Good	25.8%
Fair	3.7%
Poor	.4%
Do Not Know	48.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

*Survey Question:
Do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job in raising money, or do you not know?*

**RATING JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
TO THE COMMUNITY**

Rating JFNENY: Providing Community Services	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	14.7%
Good	31.3%
Fair	9.1%
Poor	1.9%
Do Not Know	43.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

*Survey Question:
Do you feel the Jewish Federation does an excellent, good, fair or poor job in providing programs and services to the community, or do you not know?*

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY:
OVERALL ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE FEDERATION**

Overall Attitude	Total JFNENY Community
Positive	63.0%
Neutral	30.3%
Negative	6.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	468

*Survey Question:
Overall, do you feel positive, negative or neutral towards the Jewish Federation?*

REASONS FOR ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY

Subsample: Responded “**POSITIVE**” to the question “Overall, do you feel positive, negative or neutral towards the Federation?”

Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel (previous response) toward the Federation?

A few years ago I needed a knee replacement, so I did not know what to do about not being able to drive. The Federation took me where I needed to go and to everything I needed to go to. Then afterwards, I drive for them and help a lot in their cause.

A strong Federation is important to our community. Unfortunately, I do not believe that our Federation is fiscally strong enough to make things happen in our community. We are primarily a government-based community and the Federation is constantly trying its best to raise money and provide money to certain agencies. I am not sure how connected our younger members of our community feel about Federation. This will make fundraising more difficult in the future. Additionally, we give a large proportion of money to Israel. Our agencies need more funding locally for people to be connected. I do, however, recognize the value of the Federation. One last thought -- agencies need to combine resources to succeed in the future. It would be helpful if the Federation can help facilitate this.

Active volunteer with Federation.

All the work they do for the Jewish community. They sponsor a lot of organizations, sponsor programs like preschool, the senior department at the JCC, and at the shul.

Appears to be well organized.

I am Jewish myself. It is for a good cause and they help people.

I know that they try to do their best with the help they have and the money they raise.

Because it exists.

It is a central center for giving.

It provides visible support for all elements of the Jewish community.

It strives to meet the needs of our community and overseas.

The diversity of the programming and their outreach.

The help given locally.

The programs. They give to the community.

The way they allocate money to the people who need it. They keep their costs down and give away as much as possible.

The work they do in raising money for the State of Israel.

Because of what I hear from my stepdaughter.

They're doing something.

We are Jewish.

Benefits offered to the Jewish community and to Israel.

Capable professional leadership, strong communication.

Community clearing house for community needs and programs.

Community-friendly staff, quality of programming.

Coordinates, fills needs/gaps.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

Critical foundation of Jewish community support, important source of Jewish engagement and connection to Israel.

Dedicated individuals give of their time and effort to maintain its viability.

Direct experience over many years.

Does a good job raising money, not as good a job in helping community set priorities.

Excellent leadership in recent years.

Excellent outreach programs, such as visitation to Jewish nursing home residents. Also, sponsors events for the local Jewish community.

Excellent professional and lay leadership, community-wide participation.

Expressive communications, and Dan Flax is always readily available to explain functions.

Federation does excellent job of communicating with Jewish population.

Federation helps to create a Jewish community and to support individuals and families. The organizations funded provide a good quality of care. The staff of Federation are committed, competent and I like them. Also, I think the partnership with the Eshkol region is very important.

For the reasons I stated before. *(It is the umbrella for the other organizations. It is the United Way for the Jewish population. They are very responsible. They donate very responsively and oversee the contributions to different groups very well.)*

Friendly people who staff the organization. They have helped my daughters directly and indirectly with scholarship assistance for Jewish summer camps.

From direct experience or from hearing from other people, it does good things. Provides needed services for those in need.

From my contact with people who work there I have found them to be dedicated and sincere.

From what I hear, they do good work for people.

They bring together all parts of the community.

Good intentions, committed work, good execution.

Good public relations, good programs, good distribution of funds.

Great community accomplishments.

Great community building organization. Very wise and diligent about who they allocate the money to, fiscally responsible.

Helping Jewish people, and people outside also. Helped get aids for kids for camp.

I am an insider so to speak.

I am aware of how the money does good things for people.

I assume they do a good job. I've never investigated.

I attend many of the women's division's programs and am always informed on the latest activities and programs of the Federation.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

I attended some programs in the past and they were great. We had an Israeli government representative and he spoke about Israel and it was a wonderful presentation. Mayor Jennings was also there. I have read about some of their programs and I like what they are doing. Local programs.

I believe that any organization that supports Jewish activities, education and culture is vital to our community.

I believe that in an overall sense, it provides an opportunity for people in the community to donate money to benefit a wide variety of area Jewish programs.

I believe that the Federation plays an important role in the community.

I come from a very charitable family, and most certainly to Jewish charities. They do good things for the Jewish people.

I don't see it making a major impact here, as in other places.

I feel it is well-run and keeps its administrative costs within reason so most of the donations go to those in need.

I get the mailings and the information in there, like the speakers that are coming to the area.

I have a contact there and I know one of the people who is a leader there. I feel a connection. They help many of the organizations to continue to do good work.

I have a relative that works for a Jewish Federation not in this area, and they do a good job in that part of the state, so I think that programs would be similar.

I have been involved for a long time. I know people who have been involved and I know the organizations they support.

I have been involved in it for many years and know what a great job it does raising money and allocating it where it does good.

I have been to some of the women's events and I have enjoyed the involvement. I feel they reached out to me.

I have had good experiences with what they contribute to and have dealt with certain issues.

I have had good relations with them as both a professional and lay person.

I have had many positive interactions with the Federation.

I have had positive experiences both as a lay leader and professional.

I have read of how they distribute money to the schools, the nursing homes, and other places.

I have tremendous respect for their professional staff. I think they have proven success and there is a transparency to the process and values, and what they are doing.

I hear good things about it. They help people in need and have special services, physically and mentally.

I hear that they do good work. Just people talking.

I just think they put on programs and keep Jewishness on a positive note in the public eye.

I know active people in it.

I know some people that are involved in it.

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- I know some people who are involved in it and they do a good job in helping people.
- I know the programs and services that I've interacted with are well run and useful. I am very grateful of the work that they do worldwide.
- I know they are always helping when they can, whoever or wherever. Keeping families together.
- I know they try hard.
- I know what they try to do, and I know the quality of what they try to do. I know their intentions are good.
- I like the idea of one voice for the Jewish community.
- I like the way the Federation distributes funds to local Jewish needs in our community.
- I like their involvement in the community; the speakers they bring in; the work Shelly Shapiro does in combating anti-Semitism in the community. They put on wonderful events
- I met many of the people and I'm very proud of them.
- I see some of the activities they do.
- I see them as an organization that tries to meet the needs of the Jewish folks in the community.
- I think 50% of what the Federation raises goes to Israel, and that's important to me.
- I think it does an excellent job of unifying and supporting all of the services it supports. It does a very equitable job of providing funds and doing ethical fund raising for organizations in the community that might not survive without their help.
- I think it's a good thing.
- I think that they do find out what the needs are in our community and the nation. They allocate the funds well. They usually involve people in the community. The building is very accessible. I think they do a great job.
- I think that they help out families in need and try to keep the Jewish community united and informed.
- I think that they probably do good work locally.
- I think they are absolutely necessary to keep Judaism in the public eye, through articles written in the papers about what they do. There are a lot of needy Jewish families who benefit from them.
- I think they contribute to the community. I think without them organizations would have a difficult time.
- I think they do a lot of good work here and in Israel, and they give back to the community.
- I think they do a lot of good.
- I think they do good work for others, regardless of whether they are Jewish or not.
- I think they meet the needs of the community and its people.
- I think they offer some worthy programs.
- I think they try to serve all the needs of the Jewish community here and at large. They are equitable and fair in requests for funds.
- I think they're a good organization. I think they do good work in the community.

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I think they offer some worthy programs.

I think they place too much emphasis on monetary giving and not just volunteering time. This impacts who can be a leader in the Federation.

I think they try to serve all the needs of the Jewish community here and at large. They are equitable and fair in requests for funds.

I think they're a good organization. I think they do good work in the community.

I understand that they do good work.

I'm an educator at Congregation Gates of Heaven and have taken my classes to different events, conferences, and programs. My experience going there makes me feel positive.

I'm happy with the way they distribute their funds.

Interfaith work, attempts to bridge Jewish community, although provincial attitudes and 'turf' by constituents, even those who also wear a Federation hat, trumps all, unfortunately.

Involvement.

It appears they do good works.

It does good works, in general.

It has a lot of outreach programs, determines organizations and areas of need. It has a better pulse of where the money should be going than myself.

It has been around forever and I have family members who are very active. It is family values and Jewish values. It is a very convenient way for me to feel connected to people in need everywhere.

It has high interest locally and abroad in satisfying different needs.

It has provided funding for programs that benefit Temple Beth El and its members; and I feel it is important to have an organization that serves all Jewish organizations in a geographic region.

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REASONS FOR ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

It helps everyone in the community regardless of level of observance.

It helps Jewish activities and the community and Israel.

It helps people and entities in need.

It is a central organization for local Jewish sub-organizations. It is the focal point for all activity in the area and the most organized.

It is a charity. They are do-gooders.

It is a consensus building organization for the community of Jewish leadership activities and actions.

It is a concerted effort to help the Jewish community in the greater Capital District.

It is a good cause. They do things for people in need.

It is essential for the community and it brings all different agencies together to help.

It is important to contribute to Jewish causes in need, and the Federation is equipped to make decisions better than me. They are doing the best to help people.

It is perceived as non-denominational. It is a central resource for the Jewish community.

It is the backbone of Jewish communal life but needs to do better outreach to younger adults.

It is the central organization in our region.

It is the central organization that keeps programs going and also bridges the gaps in the community.

It is the organization that controls the rest of the organizations.

It provides support to the entire Jewish community.

It provides the umbrella to the local community, as well as Israel and overseas. Programs that it runs afford people an opportunity that they might not have, like lectures and speakers brought in by the Federation.

It seems they have a lot of programs they contribute to.

It seems to be an excellent organization for maintaining the cohesiveness of our Jewish community.

It serves a useful service and helps a lot of people.

It serves our community greatly.

It takes care of needs in the region.

It unites different charitable organizations.

It's a good thing to have.

It's Jewish and it has a wide audience.

It's nice that these programs are offered to the Jewish population. They may not get anything, if it was not for them.

Its strong support of Hebrew Academy.

I've heard people talk about it and it has been in a positive way.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

I've only read and heard positive feedback about the Federation.

I've read about some of the things they do and they seem worthwhile. We need their presence in the Albany area.

I've seen the results of all the good they have done. I have volunteered regularly for them.

Just a gut feeling.

Just from the marketing, media, and other advertisements; it sounds like a very worthwhile organization. My opinion has been formulated based on what I read or heard, or family members that have made positive comments or recommendations.

Just what I mentioned. I have a lot of confidence in the senior leader. *(I like what they are trying to accomplish. They support local Jewish organizations and attempt to coordinate local Jewish groups, and I like their leadership. I am very impressed by the fellow who runs it. Israel support.)*

Just what I said before in the previous question regarding this. *(They disperse money to a lot of organizations. We know people there. I was in an accident and they were very charitable to my family and helped with my family needs during this time. Their activities regarding Israel are very important.)*

Leaders' priorities correct.

Maimonides Society.

My friend was president and I have friends that are involved.

My history through the years. I'm most familiar with Federations around the country. They are non-specific in donating, not just religious based.

My wife was able to get services for my in-laws. They have a wide range of services.

No specific reasons, I volunteer for them.

Offers support to many local organizations as well as world wide.

Over time I have served on several Federation committees and believed in what the Federation was/is trying to accomplish.

Professional staff is top notch.

Provides good services.

Seen their process in action.

Some of the programs I've attended. They're well organized and informative.

Somewhat positive, they service people I know.

Support for Israel, inclusiveness, educational programming for the community.

Support of Israel and general connection with Jewish causes.

That I have heard about it and it seems to be available for those who need help.

That it is available, and whatever work it is doing to serve the Jewish Community.

The Federation does a wonderful job. The Federation supports many causes in our area and in Israel.

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The extent of the programs they try to start in communities that don't have a large Jewish population, such as Plattsburgh, so they have an extensive number of programs. I'd like to see them spread out a bit. I am in Ballston Spa. Make the community aware of their Jewish presence in areas that are a bit out, not in the Albany area.

The Federation helps fund many useful Jewish organizations, but then wastes my contributions with an overabundance of unnecessary mailings.

The Federation does have to help many organizations at one time and it has helped us personally with camp scholarships and the Fiedler Fund. That was a very big help! We would appreciate it if more money was given to Maimonides HDS since it is such need and is the only Torah Day School in the area. We know how hard it is to accommodate everyone, however. The Federation also helps Friendship Circle, which we take advantage of, both with children with special needs, as well as teen kids who volunteer. I would like to see more programming geared to the observant community. All in all, the Federation is doing a fine job.

The Federation helps the needs of the Jewish community financially, and with educating the community on Jewish issues here and in Israel.

The Federation is doing a great outreach job in the Jewish community.

The Federation knows where the need is most in our area and in Israel.

The Federation provides a conduit for funding worthy Jewish organizations and causes.

The Federation strives to be fair and meet the needs of many.

The Federation support for smaller organizations that might not otherwise get noticed.

The Federation supports and gives money to the local and national causes and supports Israel.

The Federation's principals are good and they stand for the rights of Jewish people.

The good it does for the community and Israel.

The Jewish community, though diverse, requires a shared voice and address and Federation does a good job of providing it.

The professional leaders are wonderful- caring, committed, helpful, friendly, talented, and full of *menchlichkeit*.

The support they provide to the Hebrew schools, for special education programs for kids, and Jewish organizations in the community.

The various things that it does, the people it helps, and the services it provides.

The wide breadth of activities.

The work I did before in my working days.

The work it does.

Their allocations. I agree that it's an appropriate amount of money. They don't spend an excess amount of money on administrative costs.

Their goal statement, how they help people in the community.

They accomplish great paths for the Jewish community.

They also strive to keep the Jewish religion alive and they try to help out wherever they can.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

They are a unifying agency, they even gave away the name United. I think they are a unifying force. The Holocaust Remembrance Center, I am familiar with. I participate in the Kristalnacht. It is significant and they are educational as a resource to raise awareness, and to remind people of what we would like to forget.

They are doling out money the way they probably should.

They are funding transportation for seniors in the Jewish community that are not able to drive or don't have a way to get around. That is an excellent and invaluable service.

They are Jewish and so am I.

They are very active in supporting Jewish causes.

They cover many areas and take part in many activities.

They dispense money to local Jewish organizations.

They do a great job. The community needs an organization such as this to meet community needs.

They do a lot of good work towards helping people, for those in need in the Capital Region.

They do a lot of good work, but I don't support parochial education (Jewish). I am a history teacher and taught in the public school and some of the other causes the Federation supports.

They do a lot of work within our community as it is needed, as well as Israel.

They do good work, and money for Israel too.

They do good work. Their support is considerable.

They do good works.

They do some good for the Jewish community.

They have a lot to do with the programs and services offered in the Capital Region.

They have done an excellent job of uniting the community and supporting Jewish organizations.

They have motivated people.

They have supported several programs I'm involved with or interested in: Camp Givah, the Israel Experience, programming and cultural events at synagogues.

They help Jews in need, such as housing and food, especially at the times when people are out of work and the economy.

They help other people.

They help people and they help me personally.

They help so many Jewish organizations with their grants. They support events of Jewish concern in the community.

They help the community overall. Much is needed.

They meet a need to fund the Jewish Community.

They offer a great breadth of services to the community and they have been around a long time.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

They offer health and social services. The diversity of the programs they offer to the community.

They prioritize their work and do their work well.

They provide a channel for funds to organizations we need.

They provide services to the community. I have attended excellent programs and I feel strongly in the mission.

They represent the Jewish community well. They show us in a good light. They do the right things. They support the right causes and as a result, we're seen in a good light. They don't embarrass us.

They serve a positive purpose.

They try to do a good job with limited funding. They take care of needy people, especially the poor and elderly, and they help Israel.

They try to help support us in Glens Falls and our school.

They try very hard to collect money to help Jewish causes, and if they did not do it, who would?

They unite the Jewish community, and acting as a conduit of Jewish contributions, to Jewish causes.

They wield a lot of power. I'm very familiar with the work that they do.

They work incredibly hard and they take care of things that no one in the community can take care of. The cemetery project and Shelly Shapiro, who is the person to go to for Anti-defamation issues and things of that nature. No one else is around to do that. They fund Jewish education in the Capital District, and that is huge. I have been here 13 years and I watched them come from a tenuous organization. I am very proud that they have come so far in getting their own house in order, and how far they have come.

To promote the good for the Jewish community, supportive.

We got help and support from them.

We have been to Israel with Federation and seen the good they have done, and have a direct input how Saratoga monies are distributed.

We received some support for anti-Semitism in the school district as well as enlightening the district about Jewish issues.

Were of assistance to me in past when faced with an anti-Semitic issue.

While I can't comment on how well the Federation does.

You have to support Israel and the Jewish community.

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REASONS FOR ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWISH FEDERATION OF NENY

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

Bias against the Orthodox.

Does little in return for enormous effort expended by the community on it. Very insular, focused almost exclusively on Albany to the detriment of other parts of the Capital District.

Given the state of the Israeli government, I don't want any of my money sent there. I don't want to fund the blockade at Gaza, plus there are poor Jews here, too. They have never convinced me that they control how many dollars go to the Israeli government to piss off the Palestinians. I don't think that Israel walks on water, like the Federation feels.

I am not too familiar.

I do not know enough.

I do not wish to donate to Hebrew Academy. A good portion of the money donated goes there. This school unfortunately is not good and our kids do not use it. Fund raising efforts are too aggressive.

I don't really know about them.

I don't think it is anything but a fundraising organization, and it does not speak to the community's needs. The leader of the organization is not visible and they don't provide anything visible in the community, except for fundraising.

I feel like they are only interested in raising money. There is so much potential for our Federation (as Federations in other cities do) to be a central area to provide programming for the entire Capital District in ways that individual synagogues are unable to do. Seems like if they are not making money off of something (e.g. - Women's Seder), the program is dropped. We are a substantial and strong Jewish community in the Capital District and all I see the Federation as doing is funneling money to different institutions. I'm just as happy to do that myself. Also find their way of fundraising to border of being abusive - non-stop calling; confusing bills that assume a level of commitment that we never made. Separating husband and wife's commitments (not sure you do that anymore).

I have a lack of knowledge at this time about them.

I have asked them on about 30 occasions to stop sending me junk mail, but they don't listen. I will never give them another nickel because they don't listen to my thoughts and don't care. No one in the administration there gives a flying leap.

I have given them thousands of dollars, I don't care to say.

I think it is one sided. It doesn't give equal importance to all organizations.

I think they place too much emphasis on monetary giving and not just volunteering time. This impacts who can be a leader in the Federation.

I told you that they only want to make money. They hire someone like Dr. Burke, who is the top of the top, but he charges you to speak and listen to him. That's a shame. They only care about contributions.

I would prefer NOT to go into detail here.

Poor efforts to unite the various synagogues of the Region. Constantly the same people running the organization with little or no responsiveness to new people and ideas. Arrogance and complacency.

Poorly managed.

Some of their policies and payroll. I belong to Beth Israel, and they invested some funds with the Federation, and it is difficult to get them back, so I am not in favor of them.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

Their support of AIPAC.

Their view on supporting Israel without questioning the predominant hawkish nature of Israel. I think it's very important to promote peace and I don't see it coming from them.

They are elitist and they are more concerned with people who donate money than with people who are needy in the community.

They are right wing and that is bad enough.

They have never helped me when I needed help. I had cancer and they could not help me. I think they need to realize that there are poor Jewish families and they have no programs to help them. A lot of people are turned off by Judaism because it is not connected to various groups. I would hope they read this and think about what I say because I am very active here in Saratoga Springs and I probably would not do anything for the Federation.

They only support certain kinds of 'Jewish' organizations at the expense of others that would be much more beneficial to the greater Jewish community.

They spend too much time raising money to support their own salaries.

Too many politics.

Too much money is spent on administration and too much money leaves the area.

We have a lot of organizations we support, and I don't need to set a priority one over another.

What do you do?

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

Although Federation does some things well, I find it lacks vision for the Community and both volunteer and professional leadership are 'running in place.' The organization seems to shy away from playing its, what I believe, justified leadership role in the Jewish Community. It is fearful of asserting itself.

I am not an organization person.

I am not in the financial position to belong to it or take part in their social programs, but for those who do, I think they do a lot of charity work.

I believe that Federation should be, but is not, the go-to agency to represent the Jewish community to the public at large. Jewish Organizations do not coordinate their calendars through the Federation even though that service is available--too many conflicts between good programs.

I don't interact with the Federation that much on a regular basis.

I don't know about it. (3)

I don't know enough about it. (4)

I don't know enough about them.

I don't know what the Federation actually does.

I don't pay attention to it.

I don't feel all that connected to what they do. I must say a lot of their speakers and events are outside my economic realm, and I want that to be noted for them to see.

I don't feel neutral, I have no opinion.

I don't have any contact with them. I am not aware of them.

I don't have contact on a regular basis, don't really know much about the programs.

I don't have much to do with them.

I do not know how it determines what programs to fund nor do I know whether the Federation has any particular vision for or of the community. I don't know its relationship to the community or how its officers are elected or by whom.

I don't know about them enough.

I don't know anything about it. (2)

I don't know anything about it. I don't know what they do.

I don't know anything about the Federation.

I don't know enough about them. (2)

I don't know it very well.

I don't know much about them.

I don't know that much about it.

I don't know them.

I don't know what they do.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

I don't pay attention to it.

I don't think their priorities would be my priorities. I think some of their priorities are frivolous.

I don't think they really know the community here. More of their attention goes outside the community. They don't have a presence for me, but they do call for contributions. I'm more familiar with them fundraising with me than what they offer for the funds they raise. I don't know that they listen or try to find out what people in the community want.

I feel no need for Jewish charities.

I feel some ambivalence. I have some positive and negative feelings. It's complicated.

I feel that there are some politics involved.

I feel they are doing a fair job and think they could do better. I am upset because of the temples. They are doing a poor job. There is no outreach. I have no transportation and am not in good health, and no one is friendly and no one helps me get to services. I tried to talk to the rabbi and I was rebuffed and they did not want to talk to me. I am disgusted and I would like to be part of a synagogue.

I feel that they take volunteers away from other organizations/institutions, which is good for the Federation but not for the other organizations. I would like to see more working together and joint efforts.

I have mixed feelings. Pro: The community needs a central address, which Federation fills. They provide an overall umbrella. I have enjoyed their events, and rely on them being there. Con: It seems to me that even general allocations are biased, perhaps even donor-recommended and not actual needs based as an overall umbrella would be.

I have other interests outside of my religion.

I haven't been involved with it at all, so that is the biggest reason.

I haven't really. My father was basically an agnostic, and although I am familiar with Judaism and other religions, I would classify myself as agnostic also. I identify with Judaism on a sentimental level, but my studies are in history, and I used to teach history. My acquaintance with religion generally, is that I grew up in traditional reform Judaism and that doesn't seem to exist anymore, so I don't feel a real connection.

I haven't used it personally.

I just don't have any strong convictions about it and although I'm Jewish I feel more strongly that I am an American and prefer to help organizations that help all people regardless of nationality or religion.

I just don't know how much money goes directly to the causes I believe in.

I just don't know very much about them.

I know little.

I know they have to provide these services to people, but I think that needs of people here could be taken care of by other agencies or groups. I am not a big fan of their fundraising tactics.

I live north of the Federation activities, but I appreciate the funds given to our religious school.

I prefer giving to direct charities.

I probably haven't needed to use any of the organizations, so I really don't know what's going on. I'm glad it's there, though.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

I really don't see a lot of impact in my environment.

I tend to donate directly to area organizations, and I don't know if Federation prioritizes as I do.

I think it is very cliquey and not inclusive, and targeted in terms of donors (wealthy, married professionals) and that is very exclusive and not inclusive of those who are single or different. That is why I have not gotten involved. They are elitist.

I think the funds are not going toward my area, Glens Falls.

I think they have become politicized and too liberal.

I think they're probably more religious than I am.

I was billed for several years for pledges I didn't make, but I know they are a very worthwhile organization.

I worked there once, and I didn't like how they treated me, a fellow Jew. I was singing in the chorus. I don't think they gave enough money to the chorus, and I think it is part political where the money goes. They have good programs for raising money for people less fortunate, though. I don't like that I can't go to a lot of things because it is \$60 or more to go to any of these functions. It is not making it accessible to the middle population.

I would need to discuss this more fully.

I'm not familiar with the work they do, and I'm more of a local focus to my synagogue.

I'm not interested in specifics based on someone's religious affiliation.

I'm not that familiar with all their operations, so I don't know.

In the past, I have not really liked what I have seen or done there. My experience is unsatisfactory. They are disorganized and they don't keep track of names or phone numbers. No one knows what they are doing there.

It is an elitist organization. For example, if they have an event where important personalities are expected to be there, they expect you to lay out a lot of money.

It is much too political, a handful of people run almost everything.

Lack of information.

Lack of knowledge.

My lack of knowledge about the Federation.

Need to position themselves in a more regional way.

No experience with them.

No idea where the money goes.

No reason to feel positive or negative. I am not impressed, I am not disappointed.

Not much information/communication about UJF aside from when they are fund raising.

Other than getting the various Jewish houses of worship and Jewish organizations to be more likely to cooperate with each other I am not sure what benefit the Federation is. I think the Federation benefits from people thinking they do what the JFS does.

Positives and negatives counter each other.

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Survey Question: What are the main reasons you feel previous (response) toward the Federation?

Run by the same clique of people. Small givers, but active in Federation are generally shunted aside for the big givers. Competence is less important than the size of the pledge.

Support for Israel needs to be more nuanced. Fund raising is not tracked carefully enough for the individual. Needs better record-keeping. Not really clear on where the money is going.

The Jewish Federation has for as long as I can remember been directly connected to the Democratic Party. I am not a democrat and today many Jews are not democrats. Those of use who have political feelings that are different from mainstream Democrat Party views are often left feeling like minorities within a minority. The Federation should be more politically balanced and neutral - and I certainly do not want my money being used in ANY way to support the Democratic Party.

The way they operate. I would like to see them give more money to orthodox.

Their message for collecting money.

They can broaden their appeal to the Jewish community, where they impact and how they impact. If there are Jews in the community who are marginal or less affluent, there seems to be less appeal in their programs and allocating money.

They do a lot of good for the community, but I don't know exactly what they do.

They get famous speakers, but you need to give \$5,000 to attend, and a lot of the Jewish community cannot afford that. It should be more accessible to the average person in the community.

They have a campaign to raise money and I prefer that instead of them suggesting what I should donate. I think they should let me decide and not list an amount.

They have some positive qualities and negative, so I'm in the middle. Some positive ones are that they focus on raising money to fulfill the needs of the community, but sometimes they fall short. The responsibility to raise funds and assist the agencies, and the agencies should be delivering the services, but sometimes they mix the roles.

They supported the wrong presidential candidate in the last election.

They've never contacted me to see if I need any help.

We have some difficulties with their spending priorities and there is a sense of elitism to the organization. There is a status based on how much money people give. The majority of people can't get into the elite circle and some events could be open events in some way. They foster a sense of elitism.

We just moved and are not active in this area anymore.

We will leave that alone.

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**JFNENY NEWSLETTER:
METHOD OF RECEIPT**

Method of Receipt	Total JFNENY Community
Both Mail and Email	29.5%
Mail Only	31.1%
Email Only	11.2%
Do Not Recall Receiving	28.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Question:

In the past year, have you received a Federation newsletter in the mail or email?

**JFNENY NEWSLETTER:
READING BEHAVIOR**

Read or Looked Through	Total JFNENY Community
All	23.6%
Some	44.5%
None	3.2%
Do Not Recall Receiving	28.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	474

Survey Question:

Did you read or look through all, some, or none of the newsletter?

**JFNENY NEWSLETTER:
PREFERENCE FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERY
(Subsample: Respondents with a Preference)**

Delivery Preference	Total JFNENY Community
Email	47.8%
Mail	52.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	385

*Survey Question:
In the future, would you prefer to get the Federation newsletter in the mail or in email?*

**JFNENY WEBSITE:
VISITS TO WEBSITE**

JFNENY Website	Total JFNENY Community
Have Visited the Website	27.8%
Have Not Visited	72.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	478

*Survey Question:
In the past year, have you visited the Federation's website?*

**JFNENY WEBSITE:
INFORMATION AVAILABILITY
(Subsample: Visited the Website)**

JFNENY Website	Total JFNENY Community
Found Needed Information	82.3%
Did Not Find All Needed Information	17.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	130

*Survey Question:
Did you find all of the information you needed?*

**JFNENY CUSTOMER SERVICE:
CONTACTED FEDERATION IN LAST YEAR**

Contacted Federation	Total JFNENY Community
Contacted Federation for Information	23.8%
Did Not Contact Federation for Information	76.2%
<p style="text-align: right;">Total %: (N)</p>	<p>100.0% 478</p>

*Survey Question:
In the past year, have you called or emailed the Federation for information?*

**JFNENY CUSTOMER SERVICE:
 RATING RESPONSIVENESS
 TO INFORMATION NEEDS**
 (Subsample: Contacted JFNENY
 for Information)

Rating Responsiveness	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	56.5%
Good	34.8%
Fair	5.2%
Poor	3.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	115

*Survey Question:
 How would you rate the Federation on responding to your needs or requests?*

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
HEBREW SCHOOLS AT SYNAGOGUES**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	59.6%
Somewhat Important	32.8%
Not Important	7.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	448

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support Hebrew schools at synagogues?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	47.9%
Somewhat Important	39.4%
Not Important	12.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	447

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support Hebrew Day Schools?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
SERVICES FOR THE JEWISH ELDERLY**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	86.0%
Somewhat Important	12.9%
Not Important	1.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	472

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support services for the Jewish elderly?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
ISRAEL**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	65.8%
Somewhat Important	27.8%
Not Important	6.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	471

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support Israel?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	86.4%
Somewhat Important	12.8%
Not Important	.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	470

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support services for families in need?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
FOR THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	63.1%
Somewhat Important	34.1%
Not Important	2.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	464

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support social and educational programs for the local Jewish community?

JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	35.4%
Somewhat Important	46.6%
Not Important	18.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	461

Survey Question:

The Jewish Federation is interested in knowing what you see as priorities for the community. Do you feel it is very important, somewhat or not important for the Federation to support educational trips to Israel?

JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Activities and educational programs for children and young adults.

Anti-defamation.

Any programs that enhance a sense of Jewish life in the Capital Region.

Anything that educates children about real Jewish values and geared toward long term prevention of assimilation and intermarriage in our community.

Anything to get peace.

Areas of need, seniors and non-seniors, that synagogues do not address.

As a person who works in a comparable organization, fund the office, so the programs can keep going. Core funding.

Assisting local agencies with families unable to avail themselves of services due to financial weakness.

Assisting the elderly.

Basically, they need to balance the needs of the community and the resources available to them. The funds they have and the similar services that are also being offered by community organizations or other Jewish organizations.

Between local and worldwide.

Building the Jewish future- youth and Jewish education. HACD and Israel. The Jewish future will be in Israel with the current youth as the leadership so that should be the highest priority.

Care for the elderly. (2)

Care of the elderly, support of Israel.

Communication relations in the community. It is important to keep the community informed about what the Jewish people are doing in the area.

Community and children in the community, and support of Israel, and those in need, but the highest priority would be the community.

Community based organizations that fills the gaps in services in the community, like Friendship Circle or domestic violence, the smaller causes.

Community needs. Care for the elderly and Jewish refugees.

Community service for the elderly, and activities that keep Jewish connection to the community.

Community Service.

Continue to do what they do for different purposes.

Creating a dialogue with the Palestinians.

Daughters of Sarah. (2)

Day schools and elder care services.

Day schools. (3)

Educating children, taking care of the elderly, and helping Jewish families in need.

Educating the Capital District about Judaism.

Education for Israel.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Education for young people to make them know what it is to be a Jew in America. The history and legacy of Judaism, so they don't forget the past. The elderly, for housing and assisted living.

Education for young people, educational programs in synagogues. Sunday schools and Hebrew schools.

Education of Jewish children.

Education programs and Israel. They are equally important.

Education, food for the needy, information regarding the Jewish Community, politics.

Education, Jewish and not Jewish people, about our culture and history, bringing all communities together and embrace each others' differences and sameness.

Education, Jewish education.

Education, Jewish, for all ages.

Education. (6)

Education. The Hebrew schools and for school-age kids.

Educational aspects for the kids, in terms of religious and Hebrew schools, so they know who they are. Programs for the elderly.

Educational events in our community, and bringing outside speakers from other parts of the country and the United States.

Educational programming for the community.

Educational programming. (3)

Educational programs for the Jewish community. In addition to the Jewish community, possibly some activities directed at the entire community, not just the Jewish community, so those who are not Jewish or those who may have an interest (those with Jewish family members, those who are considering conversion, etc.) can acquire an understanding of what we're all about. Certainly not an outreach program to try to convert others, just something that will allow the entire community to know what we're about. (Hope that makes sense.)

Educational programs, the Hebrew schools and day schools.

Educational programs. Jewish-focused educational programs about current events and affairs and the Jewish community.

Efforts to get Jews from this region--whether affiliated with a Temple or not--to know each other.

Elder care. (2)

Elderly and families in need.

Elderly and youth.

Elderly programs and services.

Elderly services.

Elderly.

Families and individuals in need of services who cannot afford to pay for them.

Families in need, locally.

Families in need. (3)

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Families in need. I think sometimes we are too focused on ourselves. It is history. I was born in Germany, and members of my family died in the Holocaust. My two maiden aunts that I knew very well as a child, we lived together as a large family. I saw them every day, then they sent long letters and that was how we communicated, until they were in the concentration camp. They basically disappeared from me as a child. That history results in a focus on the people who are the objects of hate, so they focus very largely on the Jewish community, but in the long run, that is not effective in doing anything positive.

Families with children in need, scholarships for children who can't afford school and camps.

Federation should fund activities that will instill an interest in Israel by the generally disinterested younger generation. The Federation should also use their collective financial clout to put pressure on Israel to reduce the overbearing dominance of the Orthodox and ultra-orthodox parties.

Financial and educational needs of the local communities in which they serve.

Family services. (2)

For the children and the elderly who are needy. Education, and make sure that is taken care of, and health care. For the children, to give them a sense of community and belonging.

For the elderly Jewish people who need help and can't have what they need, or if they are financially deprived or sickly.

For those in need, elderly and Jewish families in the community. Israel would be a close second.

Giving children an education.

Hard to say, allocating funds is not an easy task. Elderly, families in need, etc. are all important. I do think that full-time Jewish education needs to be supported as a very high priority. The Chicago Federation understands this. It's a costly endeavor, it is for a limited pool of children, but it is our best bet for a Jewish future.

Hebrew Academy.

Hebrew day schools and not the JCCs. They are a waste of money.

Hebrew day schools. (4)

Hebrew schools and camps for kids.

Hebrew schools and for Jews in need.

Hebrew schools and synagogues.

Hebrew schools. (2)

Help for seniors.

Help for the aged in need.

Help for the Jewish elderly.

Helping Jewish families in need, only in the area.

Helping people in need, like the elderly. Israel.

Helping people who need help.

Helping the elderly.

Helping the least well off people, such as the elderly and families in need.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Helping the State of Israel.

Helping those who are in need. There are a lot of homeless youth that need guidance. Anything that breaks the family apart, and caring for the elderly.

Helping with the needs of families regardless of economics.

I don't know. I hope those active there research what the money does and how well it does it.

I don't feel that I know enough to offer an opinion.

I don't know if this is the highest priority, but I think it is crucial and very important that the Federation educate non-Jews about the state of Israel to counteract the bad and negative media that Israel gets and what the Palestinians are doing there to the Jews. I wonder if the Federation is in charge of taking legal actions when Israel or Jews are treated with bias. There should be legal actions taken against the people who do this against us.

I support Jewish causes.

I think it's very important to build continuity with the youth, but taking care of the elderly is important too. It's very hard to prioritize which one is most important. All programs to fund Jewish continuity.

I think that the Federation should fund the schools and synagogues because bringing the children in brings the parents, and it encourages the family and Jewish community to get together. It teaches the importance of what going into that building means, and when they come home excited, they will tell the parents and the parents will start attending services on a regular basis.

I think the Federation should strengthen their goals regarding giving back to the Jewish community and making sure that the groups that are funded, need help.

I think they are all worthy goals.

I think they need to support children. The kids need to support pre-teens, teens, and college kids, and get a grip on the poverty of Jews in the Capital District. I want you to have my phone number, so I can talk to them.

I would go with Hebrew education and services to the seniors.

I would say people in need. People who have come to the area and need help, ones who can't financially make it.

Identify with Israel.

If the Jewish community does not help to make the highest level of Jewish education for children available, then we are at risk for losing those children to the Jewish community in the future. This includes a high level of funding for children to attend Jewish camps, which has been proven to have a long term, lasting effect on Jewish affiliation. Many Jewish families CANNOT afford Jewish schools and camps.

Infrastructure to support a 'Single Point of Entry System.'

Involvement in the community. I live in Albany and I would like some outreach. I am elderly and need help.

Israel and high quality educational programs/speakers.

Israel and Jewish education.

Israel and needed local programs.

Israel and Saratoga equally.

Israel. (9)

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

It is hard to choose one thing, so I can't say.

It is very important to ensure that the young people become part of the Jewish community, rather than disappear into the woodwork, but the survival, if it is real, is also vital.

It's doing an admirable job; social services, education, support of the elderly. In the Jewish community, you can't do one without doing the other.

Jewish continuity.

Jewish day schools. (3)

Jewish education and help for the elderly.

Jewish education and Israel.

Jewish education and services to families and elderly in need.

Jewish education for all groups.

Jewish education, all settings, all ages.

Jewish education, Hebrew schools, and day schools.

Jewish education. (4)

Jewish education. Hebrew Day Schools should be the priority.

Jewish elderly. (3)

Jewish family needs and helping them stay together.

Jewish family services.

Jewish schools.

Jewish services, all of them.

Jewish youth - they are our future. They are not connected.

Jews in need.

Jews.

Just donate to Israel. Helping people to move back to Israel. Helping them pay for Aliyah.

Keep the families interested in going to the synagogue, so they need to get the families engaged in some way that is not too demanding, and keep the fees down for the family, so they don't feel guilty for not being able to afford the dues. It is too expensive. Times are tough and that is why people don't join.

Keeping the money in our area for Jewish people in the Capital District.

Local agencies and less monies to Israel.

Local and national needs to increase the base to support, the needs overseas.

Local community.

Local educational and social services.

Local educational programs.

Local elderly and local services for the needy.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Local human services.

Local Jewish activities.

Local Jewish communities. (4)

Local Jewish community, especially given recent New York State budget cuts to non-profits, etc.

Local Jewish education, children's. The most important are the children and elderly and the needy.

Local Jewish organizations.

Local need and services to all, including non-Jewish.

Local needs, education.

Local needs. (2)

Local needs. Services for elderly, daycare services for single mothers.

Local needy families.

Local organizations. Day care for Jewish children.

Local programs, nothing specific, just local.

Local programs. (2)

Local programs. Adirondack community from Albany north.

Local projects within the Capital District.

Local qualified agencies, plus Israel emergencies.

Local resources for individuals and families in need.

Local schools and community centers, Daughters of Sarah.

Local services, the senior citizens.

Locally and in Israel.

Maintaining opportunities for families to remain connected to being Jewish.

Money for education, schools. The Hebrew school, especially at the younger ages where identification and identity is being established. Camp Givah, I support that.

Money should stay locally. Reaching out to the community should be the number one priority.

Needs of local Jewish people.

Needs of the local Jewish community.

Needy Jewish people in the area.

Old people and poor people.

Old people. Those who need support in any way.

People in need of all races and religions.

People in need. (7)

People who are in need in the local community.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Poor families in the community.

People in need, poverty, and situations of duress. Life changes that make people need guidance to a social agency for people to go to, like Catholic Services. Also educational and community events for various ages. I don't feel they should have the view that Israel is right or wrong. I think they have to be open to more than one opinion. Daughters of Sarah needs to be better. They put too much emphasis on programs just for fun. Programs like music, bingo, and recreational programs, only certain people are well enough to go to those. They are at the expense of those who really need physical care, nursing, and assisted care. For example, they need more people to feed people.

Portions of the population locally and in Israel with the greatest needs. Synagogues need assistance in reaching all of their members with needs, and Federation could help in this area.

Preference to different educational activities, supporting Israel.

Preserving the Jewish community.

Probably Israel.

Programming for Jewish children, including support for Jewish camps. We are losing the battle to keep the next generation of Jews Jewish. If that happens, who will be left to answer surveys like this in 25 years?

Programs and services to help needy families/struggling families and families with aging adults.

Programs for the community in order to increase participation in the Federation and thereby be able to fund all the pressing Jewish community needs.

Programs for the elderly and people in need.

Programs for the elderly or very young.

Programs targeting individuals and families in need, including single parents. Children with special needs, such as sensory integration disorders, asp Berger's disorder and similar hidden disabilities. Everybody can see someone in a wheelchair, the obvious disabilities, but there are many that are not obvious.

Programs that could enhance the lives of senior citizens. They should do things for Jewish youth, like activities that bring the Jewish children together, so they relate to each other and the possibility of staying Jewish for their lives.

Programs within the synagogue and the Hebrew schools to strengthen the Hebrew involvement in local institutions. Important to keep local institutions viable, rather than send money overseas.

Promoting good Jewish relations within the community and the world.

Promoting Judaism in the community. All else follows from that.

Providing services for the elderly.

Really poor, really hungry Jewish seniors.

Religious organizations.

Removing redundancy in management and non-programming overhead among the Jewish not-for-profit organizations locally.

Representing the community relationship to Israel. Redistribution of communal resources for educational scholarships and programming promoting Jewish continuity, heritage and culture within a local and global context with Israel as a central dynamic force.

Research into what the community most needs.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

School programs and the elderly.

Schools - services to families in need.

Schools and the aging.

Schools in Israel.

Schools.

Senior citizens.

Senior help and education.

Senior services, just in general. Outreach services for seniors.

Senior services.

Seniors needs. Jewish children identity. Support of synagogues, especially educating them and keeping them up with their Jewish identity.

Seniors that need help.

Service to the Jewish seniors, bringing entertainment, medical and social functions into their lives, and most importantly, helping them get to the synagogue.

Services for elderly and families in need.

Services for families in need (which includes services for the Jewish elderly in need.)

Services for families in need, including scholarships for youth educational programming.

Services for families in need. (12)

Services for families including the elderly.

Services for needy and at-risk people, educational programming for entire community.

Services for needy people.

Services for the elderly and Jewish family life.

Services for the elderly. (6)

Services for the Jewish elderly and the very young.

Services for the Jewish elderly. (2)

Services for the local Jewish community.

Services for the needy, the elderly and Israel.

Services for those who cannot pay in the local community.

Services that support all ages in the Jewish community, not just the elderly.

Services to needy and disabled.

Services to the elderly and needy; support of Jewish education to youth.

Services to the elderly since the 65+ population is the fastest growing age cohort, and services for families in need since I believe it is our responsibility to respond to their needs.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Services to the local community for individuals who need help.

Servicing the elderly. There are so many people living longer who need help.

Serving the synagogues and the people in their district. I'm glad they're doing this research and I hope they pay attention to the results.

Social and education.

Social and educational programs for the local Jewish Community. The rest will fall into place if you have supporters.

Social and educational programs for the local Jewish community.

Social and medical services for the community and contribute in this way to Israel.

Social needs of the local Jewish community.

Social programming for the elderly and people in need.

Social services programs in the Capital Region, and education in the region.

Social services.

Special programs, like a lecture or teaching class. They need to broaden their horizons. Many of their speakers are intellectual. Most of the programs are good, if you pay attention to what is going on in Israel. Not too many programs are geared to the young people.

Summer programs for Jewish teenagers and programs for college students.

Support for Israel. (7)

Support for seniors.

Support for synagogues and Hebrew schools.

Support for the elderly and families in need.

Support local families in need.

Support of temples.

Support people in need.

Support the community problems.

Supporting immigrants.

Supporting local needs and in Israel.

Supporting programs and services in the Capital Region.

Supporting synagogues, JCCs with resources (not just money) for programs that engage Jews of all ages into the Jewish community. Supporting Jews in need, of all ages.

Supporting the elderly, children with disabilities, the needy in the community. Supporting the needy with the same needs in Israel.

Synagogues and day schools are under tremendous demographic and financial pressure. Costs need to be brought down for their 'users,' in order to encourage more 'users' to join. This is the single most important thing an organization such as the Federation can do to support Jewish engagement.

Take care of the needy in our community.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

Taking care of basic needs. That people can be assisted with the activities of daily living.

Taking care of the local community, the local Jewish community, with whatever the need is.

The educational and financial needs of the Capital District.

The elderly and families in need.

The elderly and people in need.

The elderly, programs.

The elderly. (2)

The Federations should fund the needs of the community to clothe, feed, and educate all children, Jewish or non-Jewish.

The highest would be helping families in need.

The Jewish Defense Fund, of course.

The Jewish education, not guns.

The Jews that are in great need, whether they need a place to live or whatever their need is. That would be local. They need to support local people.

The least funding should be synagogues. They should do this on their own.

The local communities in need.

The needs of Israel. Anything in the local community. Needs of people here could be handled by local agencies. The Federation should be taking care of the needs of the people in Israel first and the local needs should be addressed through local groups.

The needs of others in the community, generally, and not to Israel. Keep the money in the Capital District.

The needy.

The number one priority should be educational services.

The State of Israel.

The support of synagogues and children's education.

The synagogues in any way that they need help.

The temples and the synagogues that serve as the manpower for the Federation's downstream activities. Leveraging joint cooperation among synagogues during the current economic downturn. Trips to Israel and the Hebrew and Jewish content camps, not the JCC camps. The content camps make a difference in the Jewish future.

The times we live in dictate the priority, but the people who are in need should receive care to get themselves back into the mainstream. The elderly.

The welfare of the Jewish community who are in need, and the elderly.

The welfare of the people in our community.

There is so much, I cannot choose. I do think outreach to people who are not members of the Federation is important. Events open to the public is important.

They are all important.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: HIGHEST PRIORITY

Survey Question: Overall, what do you think should be the highest priority for the Federation to fund?

They should fund the Jewish community.

They should raise money, so they can dissolve themselves, and go out of business.

They should support needy Jewish people in the area, old and young. To support caregivers of elderly parents, with a respite program or to have at-home services for them.

Tie among three; Hebrew schools at synagogues, services for Jewish elderly, services for families in need. LOWEST priority is Hebrew day schools, especially Maimonides which involves only a few families who happen to have a lot of children.

To fund Jewish events and organizations.

To help as many as you can to be fed. Feeding as many as you can is the most important thing.

To support the elderly population because it's growing so rapidly. People are living so much longer these days.

Trips to Israel.

Trips to Israel, for sure.

Varies by the year. They are the people who should make the decision within that year.

We need to be rebuilding the Jewish community and our reach by targeting young families, especially those that are not members of a synagogue.

We need to get involved in the community as a whole, not just the Jewish community. We need to be involved in the community we live in, not just who we are. We need to reach out to those in our community who cannot afford to send their children to Hebrew school, so they can find out who they are and where they come from.

Whatever will perpetuate Judaism in the area. The children's education and support of the synagogues.

When my wife died, I was all alone, and not one Jewish organization, including the synagogue I belonged to, ever contacted me to see if I needed any help. They'll ask me for help to help others. It would be nice if someone made a telephone call, so I assumed they were not interested. For their own people in the Capital District, they couldn't care less.

Whichever program has the greatest need.

Youth trips. Get to know more of their heritage.

Youth.

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JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES: ISRAEL VS. LOCAL PROGRAMS

More Important to Support	Total JFNENY Community
Local Programs	58.2%
Israel	7.3%
Equal Importance (Volunteered)	5.0%
No Opinion	29.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	481

Survey Question:

Do you think it is more important for the Federation to support (mix order) Israel or local programs in the Capital Region?

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
PROPORTION FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS**

Proportion to Local Programs	Total JFNENY Community
Under 50%	9.1%
50% - 59%	12.4%
60% - 69%	14.9%
70% - 79%	21.1%
80% and Over	23.8%
No Opinion	18.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483
Mean:	65%
Median:	70%

*Survey Question:
What proportion of funds do you think should be used to support Israel, and what proportion should be used for local programs?*

**JFNENY FUNDING PRIORITIES:
PROPORTION TO ISRAEL**

Proportion to Israel	Total JFNENY Community
Under 25%	28.4%
25% - 49%	35.8%
50% - 59%	12.2%
60% - 69%	2.5%
70% - 79%	2.1%
80% and Over	1.0%
No Opinion	18.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483
Mean:	35%
Median:	25%

*Survey Question:
What proportion of funds do you think should be used to support Israel, and what proportion should be used for local programs?*

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL
OR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

Family Special Needs	Total JFNENY Community
Family Member Has Special Needs (Under Age 18)	5.4%
Family Member Has Special Needs (Adult)	10.5%
No Special Needs	84.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

Survey Questions:

*Do you or any family member have any special educational, social or physical needs that require special services?
(if needs, ask...) Is this person a child under age 18 or an adult?*

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
USE OF SERVICES IN LAST YEAR
SUMMARY**

Use of Services	Total JFNENY Community
Home Health Care Services	8.2%
Nursing Home Care	5.3%
Transportation Services	1.4%
Home Delivered Meals	1.4%
Adult Daycare	1.2%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

In the last year, did you or any family member use (read type of help)?

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Use of Home Health Care Services	Total JFNENY Community
Used Service / Age 65 or Older	6.2%
Used Service / Younger than 65	2.1%
Needed Service / Did Not Use	1.2%
No Need for Service	90.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

At any time in the past year, did you or any family member need home health care services?

(If need, ask...) Did you or any family member use home health care services?

(If yes, ask...) Was this service used by a person age 65 or older?

Note: This presentation is a composite of 3 survey questions.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: NURSING HOME CARE

Use of Nursing Home Care	Total JFNENY Community
Used Service / Age 65 or Older	4.9%
Used Service / Younger than 65	.4%
Needed Service / Did Not Use	.4%
No Need for Service	94.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

At any time in the past year, did you or any family member need nursing home care?

(If need, ask...) Did you or any family member use nursing home care?

(If yes, ask...) Was this service used by a person age 65 or older?

Note: This presentation is a composite of 3 survey questions.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES

Use of Adult Daycare Services	Total JFNENY Community
Used Service / Age 65 or Older	1.0%
Used Service / Younger than 65	.2%
Needed Service / Did Not Use	1.0%
No Need for Service	97.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

At any time in the past year, did you or any family member need adult daycare services?

(If need, ask...) Did you or any family member use adult daycare services?

(If yes, ask...) Was this service used by a person age 65 or older?

Note: This presentation is a composite of 3 survey questions.

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

Use of Home Delivered Meals	Total JFNENY Community
Used Service / Age 65 or Older	1.0%
Used Service / Younger than 65	.4%
Needed Service / Did Not Use	.4%
No Need for Service	98.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

At any time in the past year, did you or any family member need home delivered meals?

(If need, ask...) Did you or any family member use home delivered meals?

(If yes, ask...) Was this service used by a person age 65 or older?

Note: This presentation is a composite of 3 survey questions.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Use of Transportation Services	Total JFNENY Community
Used Service / Age 65 or Older	1.0%
Used Service / Younger than 65	.4%
Needed Service / Did Not Use	.4%
No Need for Service	98.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

At any time in the past year, did you or any family member need transportation services?

(If need, ask...) Did you or any family member use transportation services?

(If yes, ask...) Was this service used by a person age 65 or older?

Note: This presentation is a composite of 3 survey questions.

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER
AGE 65 OR OLDER**

Dependence for Care	Total JFNENY Community
Family Member is Dependent	18.6%
No Dependent Family Member	81.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

*Survey Question:
Does any family member age 65 or older depend on you in any way for their care?*

RESPITE PROGRAM: PERCEIVED USEFULNESS

Level of Usefulness	Total JFNENY Community
Very Useful	83.3%
Somewhat Useful	12.1%
Not Useful	1.3%
No Opinion	3.3%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	480

Survey Question:

We are interested in your opinion about a program called 'Respite Care'. This is an overnight program that cares for dependent seniors at a location such as the Daughters of Sarah campus. The purpose of this type of program is to give family members a break from daily caregiving.

Do you think it would be very useful, somewhat, or not useful to have this type of program in the Jewish community?

**RESPITE PROGRAM:
LIKELIHOOD TO USE**

Likelihood to Use	JFNENY Community Families
Very Likely	3.4%
Somewhat Likely	7.6%
Not Likely	6.3%
No Dependent Family Member Age 65 or Older	82.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	476

*Survey Question:
How likely is it that you would use a program like this for a family member? Very likely, somewhat, or not likely at all?*

**SENIOR HOUSING:
CURRENT USE**

Senior Housing	Total JFNENY Community
Family Member Lives in Senior Housing	9.9%
No Use of Senior Housing	90.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

*Survey Question:
Do you or a family member currently live in any area senior housing or assisted living community?*

SENIOR HOUSING CURRENTLY USED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Survey Question: Do you or a family member currently live in any area senior housing or assisted living community? Which one?

Avila and Beverwyck.

Beltrone. (3)

Beverwyck. (7)

B'nai B'rith Apartments.

Embury Apartments in Saratoga. (2)

Family member at Ohav Shalom Apartments.

Glen Eddy in Schenectady, the Terrace. They're awesome.

In Saratoga, I don't know the name.

Loudonville Home for Adults on Albany Shaker Road.

Massry Residence, and my mother is in the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home.

Massry Residence. (8)

Millview.

Mother-in-law resides in Coburg Village.

My aunt is going to the Massry next week.

Ohav Shalom Apartments. (7)

One in Troy and one in Albany. Troy Towers and I don't know the name of the other - Hudson 400 address.

Senior Housing behind Sons of Abraham.

Terrace at Beverwyck.

The Eddy. (4)

The Terrace at Beverwyck, but as of tomorrow, it will be at Memory Care for my mother.

The Villa.

Westmere Home.

Whitehall Court Apartments.

**SENIOR HOUSING:
IMPORTANCE OF LIVING IN
JEWISH SENIOR COMMUNITY**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	37.7%
Somewhat Important	47.8%
Not Important	14.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	477

Survey Question:

If you or a family member were choosing a senior community, would it be very important, somewhat, or not important to live in a Jewish senior community?

**SENIOR HOUSING:
IMPORTANCE OF LIVING IN
JEWISH SENIOR COMMUNITY
BY AGE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	Age			
		18 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Very Important	37.4%	47.0%	40.1%	27.8%	33.0%
Somewhat Important	47.8%	44.6%	45.8%	56.7%	45.5%
Not Important	14.8%	8.4%	14.1%	15.5%	21.6%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	460	83	192	97	88

Survey Question:

If you or a family member were choosing a senior community, would it be very important, somewhat, or not important to live in a Jewish senior community?

**SENIOR HOUSING:
EXPECTATION TO CONSIDER
IN NEXT 5 YEARS**

Expectation to Consider	Total JFNENY Community
Expect to Consider	23.9%
Do Not Expect to Consider	76.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	461

*Survey Question:
For yourself or family, in the next 5 years, do you expect to be considering any senior communities in the Capital Region?*

DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER: FAMILIARITY

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	28.8%
Somewhat Familiar	49.8%
Not Familiar	21.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	452

*Survey Question:
Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center?*

DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER: PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	67.9%
Somewhat Important	19.8%
Not Important	2.9%
No Opinion	9.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	480

Survey Question:

Do you think Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY AGE

Level of Importance	Total JFNEY Community	Age			
		18 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Very Important	68.0%	55.8%	69.4%	70.1%	74.2%
Somewhat Important	19.6%	26.7%	20.2%	19.6%	11.2%
Not Important	2.8%	3.5%	1.6%	4.1%	3.4%
No Opinion	9.7%	14.0%	8.8%	6.2%	11.2%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	465	86	193	97	89

Survey Question:

Do you think Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with Daughters of Sarah)**

Services and Programs	Total Households
Excellent	24.6%
Good	30.2%
Fair	7.3%
Poor	2.3%
No Opinion	35.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	354

*Survey Question:
Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Daughters of Sarah as excellent, good, fair or poor?*

DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER: FAMILY USE

Usage	Total JFNENY Community
Currently Use	4.9%
Have Used	21.4%
Have Not Used	73.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever used Daughters of Sarah?

Are you or a family member currently using Daughters of Sarah?

**DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
BY USE**
(Subsample: Those Familiar with Daughters of Sarah)

Rating on Quality	Total JFNENY Community	Usage		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Excellent	24.0%	29.2%	23.5%	23.7%
Good	29.9%	45.8%	40.2%	24.4%
Fair	7.7%	12.5%	12.7%	5.3%
Poor	2.6%	.0%	6.9%	1.1%
No Opinion	35.8%	12.5%	16.7%	45.4%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	388	24	102	262

Survey Questions:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Daughters of Sarah as excellent, good, fair or poor?

Have you or any family member ever used Daughters of Sarah?

Are you or a family member currently using Daughters of Sarah?

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
FAMILIARITY**

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	17.7%
Somewhat Familiar	50.7%
Not Familiar	31.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	452

*Survey Question:
Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with Jewish
Family Services, or JFS?*

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	54.5%
Somewhat Important	30.8%
Not Important	5.6%
No Opinion	9.1%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	481

Survey Question:

Do you think Jewish Family Services, or JFS, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
FAMILY USE**

Usage	Total JFNENY Community
Currently Use	4.2%
Have Used	20.3%
Have Not Used	75.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	479

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever used/ever been a member of Jewish Family Services?

Are you or a family member currently using/a member of Jewish Family Services?

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with JFS)**

Services and Programs:	JFNENY Community
Excellent	22.0%
Good	39.5%
Fair	6.1%
Poor	2.6%
No Opinion	29.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	309

Survey Question:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Jewish Family Services as excellent, good, fair or poor?

Note: Only those familiar with JFS were asked this question.

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY FAMILY USE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	Usage		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Very Important	54.5%	85.0%	69.9%	48.9%
Somewhat Important	30.8%	15.0%	21.5%	34.0%
Not Important	5.6%	.0%	7.5%	5.4%
No Opinion	9.1%	.0%	1.1%	11.7%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	481	20	93	368

Survey Questions:

Do you think Jewish Family Services, or JFS, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

Have you or any family member ever used Jewish Family Services, or JFS?

Are you or a family member currently using Jewish Family Services?

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
BY FAMILY USE
(Subsample: Familiar with JFS)**

Rating on Quality	Total JFNENY Community	Use		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Excellent	22.5%	45.0%	29.0%	17.9%
Good	37.7%	50.0%	47.3%	32.8%
Fair	5.8%	.0%	7.5%	5.7%
Poor	2.3%	.0%	6.5%	.9%
No Opinion	31.6%	5.0%	9.7%	42.8%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	342	20	93	229

Survey Question:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Jewish Family Services as excellent, good, fair or poor?

**ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
FAMILIARITY**

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	33.0%
Somewhat Familiar	46.0%
Not Familiar	21.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	452

*Survey Question:
Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with the Albany
Jewish Community Center, or Albany JCC?*

**ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	59.8%
Somewhat Important	28.8%
Not Important	3.7%
No Opinion	7.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Question:

Do you think the Albany Jewish Community Center, or Albany JCC, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER: FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Membership	Total JFNENY Community
Currently a Member	18.0%
Have Been a Member	30.6%
Have Not Been a Member	51.3%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever been a member of Albany Jewish Community Center?

Are you or a family member currently a member of Albany Jewish Community Center?

**ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with AJCC)**

Services and Programs:	JFNENY Community
Excellent	26.3%
Good	43.4%
Fair	7.6%
Poor	.8%
No Opinion	21.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	357

*Survey Question:
Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by
Albany Jewish Community Center as excellent, good, fair or poor?*

**ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	Membership		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Very Important	59.8%	75.9%	64.8%	51.2%
Somewhat Important	28.8%	20.7%	28.3%	32.0%
Not Important	3.7%	3.4%	4.8%	3.2%
No Opinion	7.7%	.0%	2.1%	13.6%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	482	87	145	250

Survey Questions:

Do you think the Albany Jewish Community Center, or Albany JCC, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

Have you or any family member ever been a member of Albany Jewish Community Center?

Are you or a family member currently a member of Albany Jewish Community Center?

ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY AGE

Level of Importance	Total JFNEY Community	18 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Very Important	59.7%	55.2%	58.2%	60.4%	66.3%
Somewhat Important	28.8%	31.0%	33.0%	29.2%	16.9%
Not Important	3.6%	5.7%	3.6%	2.1%	3.4%
No Opinion	7.9%	8.0%	5.2%	8.3%	13.5%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	466	87	194	96	89

Survey Question:

Do you think the Albany Jewish Community Center, or JCC, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
FAMILIARITY**

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	13.1%
Somewhat Familiar	32.4%
Not Familiar	54.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	450

*Survey Question:
Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, or Schenectady JCC?*

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	48.9%
Somewhat Important	28.2%
Not Important	2.5%
No Opinion	20.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	476

*Survey Question:
Do you think the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, or
Schenectady JCC is very important, somewhat, or not important to this
area's Jewish community?*

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Membership	Total JFNENY Community
Currently a Member	7.2%
Have Been a Member	13.0%
Have Not Been a Member	79.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever been a member of Schenectady Jewish Community Center?

Are you or a family member currently a member of Schenectady Jewish Community Center?

**SCHENECTADY JCC:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with SJCC)**

Services and Programs:	JFNENY Community
Excellent	28.9%
Good	39.2%
Fair	7.4%
Poor	1.5%
No Opinion	23.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	204

*Survey Question:
Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by
Schenectady Jewish Community Center as excellent, good, fair or
poor?*

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	Use of Schenectady JCC		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Very Important	48.9%	81.8%	69.5%	43.0%
Somewhat Important	28.2%	18.2%	27.1%	29.2%
Not Important	2.5%	.0%	1.7%	2.9%
No Opinion	20.4%	.0%	1.7%	25.0%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	476	33	59	384

Survey Questions:

How important to the Jewish community is the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, or Schenectady JCC? Very important, somewhat important, or not important?

Have you or any family member ever been a member of Schenectady Jewish Community Center?

Are you or a family member currently a member of Schenectady Jewish Community Center?

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY AGE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	18 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Very Important	48.6%	43.7%	50.0%	47.4%	51.7%
Somewhat Important	28.2%	32.2%	28.6%	33.7%	17.2%
Not Important	2.2%	5.7%	1.0%	2.1%	1.1%
No Opinion	21.0%	18.4%	20.3%	16.8%	29.9%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	461	87	192	95	87

Survey Question:

Do you think the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, or JCC, is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:
 RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
 BY AGE
 (Subsample: Familiar with SJCC)**

Rating on Quality	Total JFNENY Community	18 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Excellent	28.6%	20.0%	24.5%	34.7%	42.9%
Good	35.7%	42.2%	35.7%	34.7%	28.6%
Fair	7.0%	11.1%	9.2%	2.0%	2.9%
Poor	.9%	2.2%	.0%	.0%	2.9%
No Opinion	27.8%	24.4%	30.6%	28.6%	22.9%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	227	45	98	49	35

Survey Question:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Schenectady Jewish Community Center as excellent, good, fair or poor?

HEBREW ACADEMY: FAMILIARITY

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	21.8%
Somewhat Familiar	39.4%
Not Familiar	38.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	449

Survey Question:

Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with Hebrew Academy?

**HEBREW ACADEMY:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	55.5%
Somewhat Important	28.2%
Not Important	5.7%
No Opinion	10.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	476

Survey Question:

Do you think Hebrew Academy is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**HEBREW ACADEMY:
FAMILY USE**

Usage	Total JFNENY Community
Currently Use	6.4%
Have Used	18.6%
Have Not Used	75.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever used Hebrew Academy?

Are you or a family member currently using Hebrew Academy?

**HEBREW ACADEMY:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with HACD)**

Services and Programs:	JFNENY Community
Excellent	26.2%
Good	32.0%
Fair	9.8%
Poor	2.2%
No Opinion	29.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	275

Survey Questions:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Hebrew Academy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

**HEBREW ACADEMY:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE
BY FAMILY USE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community	Use of Hebrew Academy		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Very Important	55.5%	90.3%	74.7%	47.8%
Somewhat Important	28.2%	9.7%	20.7%	31.6%
Not Important	5.7%	.0%	2.3%	7.0%
No Opinion	10.7%	.0%	2.3%	13.7%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	476	31	87	358

Survey Questions:

Do you think Hebrew Academy is very important, somewhat, or not important to the Jewish community?

Have you or any family member ever used Hebrew Academy?

Are you or any family member currently using Hebrew Academy?

**HEBREW ACADEMY:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
BY FAMILY USE
(Subsample: Familiar with Hebrew Academy)**

Rating on Quality	Total JFNENY Community	Use of Hebrew Academy		
		Currently Use	Have Used	Never Used
Excellent	25.9%	41.9%	35.6%	18.8%
Good	30.1%	41.9%	31.0%	27.7%
Fair	8.7%	12.9%	11.5%	6.8%
Poor	1.9%	3.2%	2.3%	1.6%
No Opinion	33.3%	.0%	19.5%	45.0%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	309	31	87	191

Survey Questions:

Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by Hebrew Academy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Have you or any family member ever used Hebrew Academy?

Are you or any family member currently using Hebrew Academy?

**MAIMONIDES SCHOOL:
FAMILIARITY**

Level of Familiarity	Total JFNENY Community
Very Familiar	5.8%
Somewhat Familiar	27.8%
Not Familiar	66.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	449

Survey Question:

Are you very familiar, somewhat, or not familiar with Maimonides School?

**MAIMONIDES SCHOOL:
PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE**

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	31.5%
Somewhat Important	31.7%
Not Important	11.0%
No Opinion	25.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	473

Survey Question:

Do you think Maimonides School is very important, somewhat, or not important to this area's Jewish community?

**MAIMONIDES SCHOOL:
FAMILY USE**

Usage	Total JFNENY Community
Currently Use	1.9%
Have Used	2.7%
Have Not Used	95.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Questions:

Have you or any family member ever used Maimonides School?

Are you or a family member currently using Maimonides School?

**MAIMONIDES SCHOOL:
RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
(Subsample: Familiar with Maimonides School)**

Services and Programs:	JFNENY Community
Excellent	13.9%
Good	28.5%
Fair	13.9%
Poor	3.3%
No Opinion	40.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	151

*Survey Question:
Would you rate the quality of services and programs offered by
Maimonides School as excellent, good, fair or poor?*

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS TO ANY CHARITY

Household Donations	Total JFNENY Community
Have Donated	96.1%
Have Not Donated	3.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

Survey Question:

In the last 12 months, did your household donate to any charity, cause or organization?

FAVORITE CHARITY

Favorite Charity	Total JFNENY Community
Donate, No One Favorite	23.3%
JFNENY	18.4%
Synagogues	14.0%
Cancer Related	6.1%
All Others	60.3%
Do Not Donate to Any Charities	3.7%
(N)	408

*Survey Question:
Which charity is your favorite?*

Note: Columns may not sum to 100% due to the multiple response format of the question.

Note: The 'All Others' category includes over 200 organizations.

Note: Question was added after data collection began.

FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

(All of the responses that include JFNENY)

Agudat Achim, Jewish Federation, NCSY, Planned Parenthood, CMOST, Yeshiva University, Cooper Union, United Way.

Annual Appeal from Jewish Federation of NENY, and the synagogue.

CHMOL, Noam Shabbos, Federation, United Synagogue, Yeshiva Torah Vodaas.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Clifton Park), Federation and Hadassah for non-synagogues.

Daughters of Sarah, Jewish Federation.

Family Services, United Jewish Appeal, Daughters of Sarah. Jewish Federation because they match the contribution.

Federation – UJA.

Federation and Hadassah.

Federation campaign, if favorite means largest donation.

Federation campaign.

Federation in Florida

Federation, JCC.

Federation of NENY, Holocaust Museum

Federation, AIPAC, LIBI, Albany Med, DAV.

Federation, Brotherhood candle project.

Federation, Schenectady JCC.

Federation, synagogue, Daughters.

Greater Albany Jewish Federation.

HACD, Federation.

Humane Society, Federation.

In Boston, the Jewish Federation.

Jewish Family Services, Jewish Federation, Jewish National Fund, Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam.

Jewish Federation and a variety of other Jewish charities.

Jewish Federation and Hebrew Academy.

Jewish Federation and JNF.

Jewish Federation and the temple.

Jewish Federation because of additional funds by GE for certain things.

Jewish Federation of NENY and Jewish National Fund.

Jewish Federation of NENY.

Jewish Federation, Maimonides Society.

Jewish Federation.

Note: These are verbatim responses presented exactly as spoken or written.

FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

(All of the responses that include JFNENY)

Jewish Federation. Temple Sinai.

Largest donation is to Federation Campaign.

Maimonides Society.

Mazon, Federation, synagogue, Reform Jewish Voice of NYS (Advocacy group), JFS.

My synagogue, Temple Israel, and the Federation.

National Wildlife Fund, World Wildlife Fund, ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Jewish Federation.

Our temple and Federation.

Outside of Federation, HACD and Israel Free Loan Association.

Synagogue, Federation.

Temple Beth El, United Jewish Federation of NENY.

Southern Poverty Law Center that fights racism and anti-Semitism. I make a monthly contribution automatically. I contribute to Daughters of Sarah, Jewish Federation, JCC. American Jewish Congress; there has been some bad publicity that I don't approve of, so I won't give to them anymore.

Temple Israel, Federation, Food Bank, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady JCC.

Temple Israel, Jewish Federation, Adirondack Mountain Club, Mifgash, Jewish Federation because they earmark for Israel.

Temple Israel. Community Fund for the Capital Region. MercyCare. Jewish Federation of NENY.

Temple, Federation, Nursing Home.

The Jewish Appeal.

The Jewish Federation and Literacy Volunteers.

The synagogue, then Jewish Federation.

TI and Federation.

UJA, the Federation I think it is now.

UJA, United Jewish Appeal.

UJA-Federation of New York.

UJC, Chabad, Federation.

UJF and Family Services.

UJF.

Union for Reform Judaism summer camp program.

United Federation of NENY.

United Jewish Appeal, Community Hospice, Food Pantry, Temple Beth Emeth, various health organizations, United Way, United Order of True United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York.

United Jewish Appeal.

United Jewish Federation of NENY, Hadassah is close second.

United Jewish Federation.

United Jewish Fund.

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FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

ALL RESPONSES OTHER THAN JEWISH FEDERATION

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| A medical relief organization, I can't remember the name. | Arts-related charities. |
| A school in Israel for women, Bet Midrash of Efrat. My daughter is the director of it. | Aside from our own synagogue, LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). |
| Abigail #3 Cancer Service Organization. | ASPCA. |
| Abigail UOTS. (2) | ASPCA, Mohawk Hudson, we rescue dogs. |
| Agudat Achim. | Audubon Society, environmental groups. |
| Agudat Achim Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. | Berith Shalom. (2) |
| AIPAC. | Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy. |
| Albany Medical Center. | Birthright organization. |
| Albany Symphony. | Blessing Beyond Bars, prison ministry. |
| Alpha Epsilon Pi, United Way, To Life! | B'nai Shalom. (2) |
| Alzheimer's and Breast Cancer. | Breast cancer. (2) |
| Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. | Breast cancer, my 3 sisters and I have breast cancer. |
| American Anti-Defamation League. | Cafe Lena in Saratoga. |
| American Cancer Society. (3) | Cancer. (2) |
| American Cancer Society. Congregation Ohav Shalom. | Cancer organizations. Health-related research charities. |
| American Diabetes Association. | Cancer Society. (3) |
| American Heart Association. | Cancer Society (breast) and Juvenile Diabetes. |
| American Red Cross. (3) | Cancer society; a lot of my family members have colon cancer and breast cancer. |
| Amnesty International, also food banks locally. I donate more to refugees committees, also peace action. | Cancer, breast and colon. |
| Animal Protective Foundation. | Cancer, UJF. |
| Animal Shelter. | Capital City Rescue Mission. |
| Any Yom Hashoah. | Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community Center. |
| Anything cancer-related. | CARE. |
| Anywhere the funds go directly to services, not administration or fundraising. | CCFA. |
| | Chabad organizations, Holocaust Museum. |

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FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

ALL RESPONSES OTHER THAN JEWISH FEDERATION

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Citizens United for Separation of Church and State, American Civil Liberties Union.

Clearview center. (2)

Community Hospice. (2)

Congregation Berith Sholom, ADL, Jewish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, ACLU, Democratic National Committee, Human Rights Campaign.

Congregation Beth Emeth. (4)

Congregation Beth Emeth, Planned Parenthood.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Clifton Park).

Congregation Ohav Shalom. (5)

Creative Growth (an organization that supports disabled individuals to express themselves artistically.) It is CA based.

Daughters of Sarah. (4)

Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home, Congregation Beth Emeth, UOTS Abigail.

Daughters of Sarah, Congregation Beth Emeth.

Defenders of Wildlife, ASPCA, Wiesenthal Center.

Diabetes Association. (2)

Doctors without Borders. (3)

Don't have a favorite, usually medical research charities.

Double H, food bank.

Environmental and non-profits working with children.

Food pantry. (3)

Food Pantry, Humane Society.

Friendship Circle. (2)

Each year in December we evaluate all tax exempt charities that have requested a donation in writing (by mail, not email) during the past 12 months. We rate each and then decide which will receive our donations. Top on our list are those entities that use the highest % of donations for providing services and the lowest % to administrative costs.

For children, children who are in our community. I am not sure of the names of the organizations, some is taken out of our paychecks.

Genetic diseases.

Gilda's club.

Glens Falls Hospital Association.

Hadassah. (5)

Hashomer Hatzair.

Health related. (2)

Hebrew Academy. (2)

Heifer International. (2)

HH Ranch, and Alex's Lemonade Stand (cancer).

Hospice. (2)

Humane Society.

Hunger Network.

Indians.

JDF. (2)

JERNY.

Jewish center at Abraham Jacob (the children's center), and senior department at Albany JCC. Shul, no favorite.

Jewish charities.

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FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

ALL RESPONSES OTHER THAN JEWISH FEDERATION

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| Jewish Defense Fund. | March of Dimes. |
| Jewish Family Services. (3) | Mazon. |
| Jewish Family Services and UJA. | Mazon, Israel Red Cross, North Star, Jewish National Relief Organization. |
| Jewish National Fund. (2) | Medical and social services aid to Israel. |
| Jewish organizations and causes. | Meir Panim. |
| Jewish Welfare Fund. | Memorial Sloan Kettering. |
| JFS, Mazon, Heifer International, my synagogues (not on your list, above) in Saratoga Springs and in Riverdale. | Money not involved. Charities benefited from items given to help others. Congregation Agudat Achim and City Mission equally favored. |
| JFS, UJF, Department of Peace, American Association of People with Disabilities. | MS Society. (3) |
| Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. | My synagogue. (3) |
| Leukemia. | My temple. |
| Lifeline for the Elderly in Jerusalem, it is a workshop for the elderly, they make things, provide jobs and a meal a day and gives them a feeling of self worth, like people all over the world are there. | National Holocaust Museum. (2) |
| Literacy Volunteers. | National Kidney Foundation. |
| Livestrong. | National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. |
| Local synagogue. | National Yiddish Book Center. |
| Magen David Adom. | Nature Conservancy. |
| Magen David Adom, JNF, various environmental, various medical. | No favorite but we do support local as well as global charities for jewish organizations and causes as well as those which support women and children, and the arts. |
| Magen David, Hadassah. | Northeastern Food Bank and Humane Society. |
| Maimonides Hebrew Day School. (2) | Nothing but Nets Campaign (at the moment). |
| Maimonides School. | NRA. |
| Maimonides School, Shabbos House, Chai Lifeline, etc. | NRA, Cato Institute. |
| Maimonides, Israel, Chabad. | Orphan Bride Fund. |
| Make-a-Wish Foundation. (2) | Oswego College. |
| | Our Jewish center. |

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FAVORITE CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION

Survey Question: Which charity, cause, or organization is your favorite?

ALL RESPONSES OTHER THAN JEWISH FEDERATION

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| Planned Parenthood Federation of America. | Temple Beth Emeth. |
| Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, Southern Poverty Law Center, ACLU Clearwater. | Temple Gates of Heaven. (2) |
| Planned Parenthood, some hospitals, places in Israel. Home for Orphans, Hebrew University. | The Giving Circle, Inc. |
| Planned Parenthood, UJF, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Schenectady JCC, Community Foundation for the Capital Region, Albany Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Ellis Hospital, Visiting Nurse Services. | The one that takes care of the children, Danny Thomas organization. |
| Proctor's. | The synagogue where my children belong. |
| Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY. (5) | The temple because of sentimental reasons. The food pantry is my favorite because I see it as accomplishing something. |
| Regional Food Bank, Community Caregivers, Altamont Public Library, American Diabetes Association, Disabled American Veterans. | There is a charity that gives to hungry people that I think is called Mazon, but not sure of the name. |
| Robert C. Parker School. | Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region. |
| Ronald McDonald House. | Unable to answer, congregation gets most. |
| SAAJCC. | UNICEF. |
| Shaare Tfilie Congregation. | Union for Reform Judaism summer camp program. |
| Shabbos House. (2) | United Methodist Church. |
| SIA, Survivors of Incest Anonymous. | United Way. (3) |
| Smile Train. | UOTS, Inc. |
| Special Olympics. | Warren County Children's Committee. |
| St Peter's Hospital. | We donate to both secular and Jewish organizations. None are a favorite. |
| St. Jude's. | Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. |
| St. Peters, St. Jude's, Diabetes Foundation. | Wildlife Conservation. |
| Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation. | Women for Women International. |
| Synagogue-based programs or world-wide programs. such as the American Jewish World Service. | Yaddo. |
| Synagogues of Conservative Judaism. | |
| Temple Beth El. | |

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HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS: JEWISH VS. NON-JEWISH GROUPS

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community
More to Jewish Groups	53.3%
More to Non-Jewish Groups	30.7%
Equally (volunteered)	3.3%
No Opinion	8.7%
Did Not Donate	3.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Questions:

In the last 12 months, did your household donate to any charity, cause or organization?

Did you donate more, overall, to (mix order) non-Jewish groups or Jewish groups?

**HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
JEWISH VS. NON-JEWISH GROUPS
BY CONNECTION TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community	Connection to the Jewish Community		
		Very Connected	Somewhat Connected	Not Connected
More to Jewish Groups	53.2%	73.8%	43.4%	17.4%
More to Non-Jewish Groups	30.8%	12.1%	39.9%	62.3%
Equally (volunteered)	3.3%	3.7%	2.0%	5.8%
No Opinion	8.7%	6.1%	11.1%	10.1%
Did Not Donate	4.0%	4.2%	3.5%	4.3%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	481	214	198	69

Survey Questions:

In the last 12 months, did your household donate to any charity, cause or organization?

Did you donate more, overall, to (mix order) non-Jewish groups or Jewish groups?

Thinking about the Jewish community in this area, how connected do you feel to the Jewish community? Very connected, somewhat, or not really connected?

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
JEWISH VS. NON-JEWISH GROUPS
BY ACTIVITY IN JEWISH COMMUNITY

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community	Level of Activity in Jewish Community		
		Very Active	Somewhat Active	Not Active
More to Jewish Groups	53.3%	84.1%	52.9%	27.4%
More to Non-Jewish Groups	30.7%	7.1%	28.1%	54.8%
Equally (volunteered)	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
No Opinion	8.7%	3.2%	10.0%	11.6%
Did Not Donate	3.9%	2.4%	5.7%	2.7%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	482	126	210	146

Survey Questions:

In the last 12 months, did your household donate to any charity, cause or organization?

Did you donate more, overall, to (mix order) non-Jewish groups or Jewish groups?

Do you consider yourself very active, somewhat, or not active in the Jewish community?

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
TO JEWISH VS. NON-JEWISH GROUPS
BY SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITY

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community	Activity in Synagogue			
		Very Active	Somewhat Active	Not Active	Not a Member
More to Jewish Groups	53.2%	80.0%	58.2%	49.6%	22.6%
More to Non-Jewish Groups	30.8%	12.7%	24.0%	32.8%	56.6%
Equally (volunteered)	3.3%	2.7%	3.4%	2.5%	4.7%
No Opinion	8.7%	3.6%	6.8%	13.4%	11.3%
Did Not Donate	4.0%	.9%	7.5%	1.7%	4.7%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	481	110	146	119	106

Survey Questions:

Did you donate more, overall, to (mix order) non-Jewish groups or Jewish groups?

Do you currently belong to a synagogue?

Are you very active, somewhat, or not active in your synagogue?

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS: ORGANIZATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY JEWISH

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community
Donated to Organizations Not Specifically Jewish	90.0%
Did Not Donate to Organizations Not Specifically Jewish	6.0%
Did Not Donate	3.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Question:

Did your household donate to any charities, causes or organizations that are not specifically Jewish, such as the United Way, a museum, or the Cancer Society?

**HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
AMOUNT DONATED TO
ORGANIZATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY JEWISH**

Amount Donated	Total JFNENY Community
Did Not Donate to Organizations Not Specifically Jewish	10.0%
Less than \$100	8.8%
\$100 - \$500	33.3%
\$500 - \$1,000	18.5%
\$1,000 - \$5,000	16.3%
\$5,000 or More	5.4%
No Opinion	7.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	480

Survey Question:

In the last 12 months, about how much did your household donate, in total, to charities that are not specifically Jewish? Less than \$100, \$100 - \$500, \$500 - \$1,000, \$1,000 - \$5,000, or more than \$5,000?

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS: JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community
Donated to Jewish Organizations	80.8%
Did Not Donate to Jewish Organizations	15.3%
Did Not Donate to Charity	3.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

*Survey Question:
Not including a synagogue, did your household donate to any
Jewish charities, causes or organizations?*

**HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
NUMBER OF SEPARATE RECIPIENTS**

Number of Jewish Organizations	Total JFNENY Community
Did Not Donate to Jewish Organizations	20.4%
1 Organization	11.8%
2	16.4%
3	17.7%
4	6.8%
5	9.8%
6	4.6%
7	1.8%
8	2.0%
9 or More Organizations	8.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	457
Mean Number of Organizations:	4
Median:	3
Maximum:	30

*Survey Question:
Approximately how many different Jewish charities, causes and organizations did you donate to?*

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS: AMOUNT DONATED TO JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Amount Donated	Total JFNENY Community
Did not Donate to Jewish Organizations	19.3%
Less than \$100	5.6%
\$100 - \$500	22.2%
\$500 - \$1,000	11.2%
\$1,000 - \$5,000	27.7%
\$5,000 or More	7.5%
No Opinion	6.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	481

Survey Question:

In the last 12 months, about how much did your household donate, in total, to Jewish charities? Less than \$100, \$100 - \$500, \$500 - \$1,000, \$1,000 - \$5,000, or more than \$5,000?

**HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS:
TO JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
THROUGH JEWISH FEDERATION VS.
DIRECTLY TO ORGANIZATION**

Donation Preference	Total JFNENY Community
Directly to the Organization	39.9%
To the Jewish Federation	16.9%
No Preference	24.0%
Did Not Donate to Any Jewish Organizations	19.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

Survey Question:

For charitable contributions to Jewish organizations, do you prefer to give (mix order) directly to the organization or charity, to the Jewish Federation, or do you have no preference?

REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Active in Federation.

Administers to the entire Capital Region.

All encompassing.

Broad range of activities.

Broad range of services, well run.

Broadest reach.

Broadest reach of donations.

Broadest mission.

By giving to them, they redistribute to other charities, and reduces the number of checks and groups to donate to.

Comprehensive. Strong support of Israel.

Connection with Israel and our community.

Covers community needs.

Covers many needs.

Delegates to recognized Jewish charities.

Does the most good. Broadest reaching.

Federation has the largest reach locally and then including Israel/world Jewry. HACD is a current local priority. Free loans for the concept of helping individuals to success and be self-sufficient and future givers.

Federation provides a broad spectrum for a large area, and in turn disperses money to a lot of different area causes.

I am benefiting from it. They sponsor certain events I attend. They are spread all over helping people.

I believe they distribute donations where most needed. I also give to Jewish organizations not supported by the Federation.

I do know that they contribute to a lot of Jewish organizations, versus just one.

I just told you. (Jewish Federation because of additional funds by GE, for certain things.)

I know the most about them.

I like the fact that they are local, international, and national.

I like the things they support, like Israel and the community.

REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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I like what they are trying to accomplish. They support local Jewish organizations and attempt to coordinate local Jewish groups, and I like their leadership. I am very impressed by the fellow who runs it. Israel support.

I think it needs to exist, so I donate to them every year.

It allocates money.

It gives to all the areas I want to see get help, like Daughters of Sarah.

It helps Israel and the North Country, Saratoga.

It helps to perpetuate Judaism in the area.

It includes many groups that need funding.

It is a one-stop fits all.

It is a worthwhile resource for the community and Israel.

It is an umbrella organization for local, national issues.

It is broad-based, and they call to ask for a donation.

It is important.

It is the most all encompassing, and deals with local as well as international. They give help to local Jewish agencies and schools, and to Israel.

It is the umbrella for the other organizations. It is the United Way for the Jewish population. They are very responsible. They donate very responsively and oversee the contributions to different groups very well.

It represents the state of Israel and a lot of local causes.

It serves such varying needs in the community.

It shares funds with a number of other worthwhile organizations.

It supports the Jewish activities locally and overseas that are important to me and my family.

It supports various elements of the Jewish community of the Capital District.

Its diversity.

It's an umbrella. One organization that puts the money where the greatest need is, the main Jewish charity.

It's the most prominent one, it's the one I know the most about.

It's totally non-denominational relative to the contributors' and recipients' religious denomination. It's the one place in the community that is all-inclusive.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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Money gets allocated by the Federation to a wide variety of groups.

My brother-in-law works there and my nieces go to Jewish day school there, and there's a special needs program that I like to support.

My friend was president for a couple of years and I have friends who are very active in the Jewish movement and Israel.

My husband makes the decision.

One source to donate to rest of local and, to an extent, international Jewish community.

Overall reach.

Personal involvement.

Support of Israel.

Supports the Jewish community here and worldwide.

The JD know best where to place our monies, and they also donate to Israel.

The monies go to a variety of needs in the Capital area.

The most representative of Jewish interests in the area.

The umbrella organization, so the donation can go where they need it.

They are an umbrella group.

They are helpful to the community and Jews overseas and Israel.

They are the umbrella organization and they help Jews across the world. They give a good portion to Israel.

They disperse money in different ways. They are an umbrella organization and they get the money to where it needs to go.

They disperse money to a lot of organizations. We know people there. I was in an accident and they were very charitable to my family and helped with my family needs during that time. Their activities regarding Israel are very important.

They dole out money as the community deems most fit.

They earmark funds for Israel.

They help support the temple school here where I live.

They make it very easy to donate money, they keep calling.

They support various organizations and allocate money to everybody.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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Very much like its administration. I like the balance of Israel concerns and local community concerns, their choices.

We live in Florida, our legal residence, or we would donate to the Federation here. They handle a lot of different problems in a lot of different countries.

We utilize JCC Services and benefit from services that Federation sponsors; Federation is a convenient way to support Eretz Israel.

When we immigrated, we got help and support from them. I feel it's important to support them.

Wide distribution.

Widest scope in areas it works on.

The programs they support are important, and my family historically has contributed.

It seems to be the one that collectively collects and distributes money. It is the most efficient way to donate money.

It is an organization that gives to a lot of programs, including Israel.

FAVOR: UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (UJA)

It does a lot for Israel, as well as this country.

It has so many diverse programs.

It helps those in both the United States and Israel.

It is an umbrella covering local and Israeli needs.

It is just all encompassing. It covers a lot of different areas, so I don't have to give to a bunch of charities. I only have to give to this.

It's the local charity.

I've been giving to it for so long.

Supports Israel.

The organizations it supports are first rate.

They do a lot of good and they give to many things. It's an umbrella organization.

They give the money to organizations and groups that I approve of.

Where they distribute the money to.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: HADASSAH

All the good it does, like education. It helps in so many ways.

I am a past president. The work which is done by Hadassah is very important to Jews and non-Jews in Israel. They support so many schools and hospitals. They have their own hospital in Israel and it is going to be enlarged. It is the biggest women's Jewish organization in the United States.

I am very active in it and we believe in their mission.

I think what they do is important. I've been a member 34-4 years and I am on the Board.

It is a bulwark against the Arabs. It is part of Israel.

It provides a lot of medical assistance and research.

It provides a most important function without regard to race or religion.

My mother was a past president and I believe in the programs they are doing for Israel.

Scope and nature of work.

They gave to what used to be my former community, Gloversville.

They keep building on and coming up with new programs. The stem cells.

They support Israel.

FAVOR: CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

Helped my mother in the past.

I believe in their work to fight intolerance of all kinds. They also provide educational resources to communities.

I participate more. I do more there.

It's local, affects people in my community.

I've belonged to the temple since I was a child.

Life long, active as volunteer, invested there.

That is where we attend high holidays, religious school, and Sunday school.

Vital services to my entire family. Three generations.

FAVOR: CONGREGATION AGUDAT ACHIM

It has been my 'home' for the past 60 years.

It is like a second home to me. I have been a member for over 40 years.

It is my synagogue.

We like him.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: TEMPLE ISRAEL

I have been a member for 50 years

I'm active there and I go to services regularly. I'm a life-long member. I want to hear the weekly portion. It's important to my life, an integral part. I consider it a necessity.

Personal involvement.

Temple Israel, in terms of Jewish religious life and the outreach it does in the community, and the Federation because of the outreach it does in the community and overseas. (Also JFNENY)

They have the best promise for continued Jewish life in the Capital Region. For the most part, they are shown to be effective in keeping younger Jews involved for leadership in the future. (Also JFNENY)

FAVOR: DAUGHTERS OF SARAH

As a senior citizen I am aware of the need.

For the good it does for people.

I had a parent who was there until they passed on, so it became my favorite. The care and keeping things kosher, and maybe you will need them in the future.

I'm the president of the Massry Center and I'm on the Board of Daughters of Sarah. I believe it is a worthwhile organization.

My dad was there for years. My mom was just there. They serve kosher there.

My grandfather was the first president and my grandmother was among the founders.

Very important to care for those who can't take care of themselves.

We are using their services for my mother-in-law and without them my life would be very terrible. It's a great place for me. I know the State has dramatically reduced their contribution to the Daughters of Sarah and they desperately need funds.

FAVOR: HEBREW ACADEMY OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

I donate the most there, and Jewishly educating future generations is important.

Both my children were educated there. I think that it's an essential part of the community.

I think Jewish education is how we can support the future.

I think the future of the Jewish presence in Albany has to do with educating the youth.

Hebrew school. We believe in Jewish education. Daughters of Sarah. We believe in taking care of the elderly. (Daughters of Sarah also)

Our children is/are obtaining the best possible combined Jewish and secular education available in the Capital Region.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Direct help to people with human needs.

I am on the Board.

I appreciate the variety of services to different age groups.

I have used them myself and my dearest friend uses them, and I know a person who heads one of the departments.

I know the retired executive director and the current executive director and one of my students works there. My student has never solicited donations. I am familiar with what they do.

I see how they help people, every need.

I think I used the services with my parents a few years ago, and they did a quality job.

I think what the JFS does is important to the whole community as well as Jews in the community.

It is a link and I have studied with the director and realize the importance of supporting our community.

Jewish Family Services - delivers a broad range of much-needed services in a personal, sincere, yet professional manner -- all on a shoe-string budget; it is a very well managed, effective organization trying to do much with limited resources.

JFS helps families and seniors and persons with financial needs.

That was the one I actually used when I needed them.

The wide array of services they provide.

They have the most services, and I get services from them.

They offer transportation.

Type of services provided.

We had some positive experiences with them. We had a Russian family here, and the JFS was very helpful in providing them with everything they needed to make their stay comfortable and to help them adapt to this country.

You get when you give.

FAVOR: HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

It documents the evils of racism and anti-Semitism.

My father was a holocaust survivor.

Had relatives in the holocaust. It was earth shattering to the Jewish race, so I feel very strongly about that.

Terrific exposure and programming.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: JCC

I am affiliated for life, a former Board member, and committed forever. I love their programming, and I feel there is a great need for this organization because it offers programming to a large number of non-temple affiliated Jewish people. The non-affiliated Jewish people make up the largest segment of the Jewish population in this area.

It is the only place that gives us service, the Schenectady JCC.

It serves the entire community. For those individuals that are not connected to a shul, the JCC provides a connection to the Jewish community. The center also connects with all age brackets -- from the very young to the old. Additionally, the summer camps and friendships are very important to our community. For our community to remain vital in the future we need to stay connected to our youth. The Maccabi program is very special and unique. The JCCs in our community (both Albany and Schenectady) serve a vital role.

Serves all ages, Jewish and non-Jewish.

We live in this community.

FAVOR: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

They help Jews stand up for themselves, so that hopefully we will never have another holocaust.

The JDF helps Jewish people in need of legal help.

The JDF helps people in our community who are in need of legal advice and representation.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Directly helping people.

Helps with urgent, life-threatening events.

It takes care of the health needs of Jewish people in Israel.

I volunteer on an ambulance myself, so I understand the need for the ambulance in Israel.

Hadassah is a hospital teaching school, and the Red Cross is the other, and they help people in need.

FAVOR: ADL

Fights anti-Semitism.

They keep the rising incidence of anti-Semitism in the public eye.

I believe in their work to fight intolerance of all kinds. They also provide educational resources to communities.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: NATIONAL YIDDISH BOOK CENTER

I want to keep Yiddish alive.

I used it as a child.

FAVOR: AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE

Does high quality work and establishes specifically Jewish presence in international aid work.

I am very active in it and we believe in their mission.

I appreciate the world-wide reach of the organization.

Their programs.

They provide services all over the world. They provide services to Jewish and non-Jewish people.

FAVOR: JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Work in Israel.

The number of causes supported by this organization is amazing.

FAVOR: AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

It addresses issues that I believe are important.

It provides support in emergency situations.

They go where help is needed and provided.

FAVOR: MAZON

As Jews, we have an obligation to see to it that no one in this country goes hungry.

Good work. Guilt.

It helps me satisfy the commandment of the Torah to enable the poor to eat.

They have a very good reputation for delivering services and aid to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, and they have low administrative costs. (*Mazon*)

Very easy to identify our family's daily life with this charity.

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

FAVOR: OUR SYNAGOGUE

At the synagogue, there is a tradition of having Chavurot. I am a member of those Chavurot and it is part of our Jewish life at Ohav Shalom. Our friendship circle centers around life at our synagogue.
(Congregation Ohav Shalom)

Best connection to my life. *(Congregation Ohav Shalom)*

Home synagogue. *(Temple Sinai)*

I want my children to benefit from my donations. *(Synagogue not named.)*

I know how much we need it financially or any current help you can give. *(Congregation Shaaray Tefille Saratoga)*

Important in our lives. *(Synagogue not named.)*

It is a second community. *(Synagogue not named.)*

It is my synagogue and immediate community. *(Congregation Beth Shalom)*

The tightest connection to my family. *(Temple Sinai)*

The work it does; its vision. *(Synagogue not named.)*

We have a long history there, that's all. *(Congregation Gates of Heaven)*

FAVOR: SHABBOS HOUSE

They assist students in continuing their Jewish involvement now that they are no longer living at home with their parents.

What they do is very important. They bring Jewish children or students together on a weekly basis and they keep the Jewish religion alive in Albany. They have been very caring to the community and to my family.

ALL OTHERS

Anyone in need of a meal or a safety net for someone, I am right there to help, in general. *(Anyone in need of help.)*

Familiar with the Chabad and some of those who are connected, therefore, we prefer to donate to them. *(Chabad)*

Giving to all of these has been a tradition with our family for a long time. *(CHMOL, Noam Shabbos, Federation, United Synagogue, Yeshiva Torah Voda'ath.)*

I am from that area and it is a family tradition to support it. My grandfather used it to start his business. *(Hebrew Free Loan in Detroit.)*

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REASONS FOR SUPPORTING A SPECIFIC JEWISH CHARITY

Survey Questions: Which Jewish charity, cause, or organization is your favorite? Why do you consider (read name of charity) your favorite?

ALL OTHERS

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Helps Jewish children become more committed. (*NCSY*)

I feel I am lead to help them. (*Blessing Beyond Bars*)

I like the fact that it brings Jewish teens together and all the denominations of Jews. It's good for kids with special needs. It is built on volunteers. (*Friendship Circle*)

I think it is the last strength we can put forward for Jewish people. (*Anything associated with American Israeli groups.*)

I think the survival of Israel is extremely important. (*UJC - United Jewish Communities*)

It is a living memorial. (*Trees for Israel*)

It is consistent with activities and goals. (*Maimonides School*)

It is worthy to provide for an orphan to be married. (*Orphan Bride Fund*)

It supports Jewish continuity. (*Camp Givah*)

Mesorah, it supports scholars who work on interlinear translations. (*World Jewish Congress, Mesorah Heritage Foundation*)

My brothers-in-law were very involved in this organization. My husband would have been if there was one around here. (*The Jewish Federation in Boston*)

My children are in their twenties and I support their College for Jewish groups. (*Youth organizations*)

My daughter lives in Israel. I have been there and, of course, my responsibility is to the state of Israel. (*Israel*)

My sister was a member. (*B'nai B'rith*)

Repository of historical memory. (*Wiesenthal Center*)

Supports interfaith marriage which, over the past 40 years, have greatly contributed to the increase in Jewish population. The majority of Beth Emeth's members are in or from interfaith marriages. 60%+ of the religious school is from an interfaith marriage. With the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling's futuristic work on interfaith marriage, Beth Emeth likely would only be a shell of its self, if it still existed at all. (*Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling, Fanwood, NJ.*)

The rabbi there has been very supportive to all of my family through difficult times. My nephews were educated there. They provide a great education. (*Yeshiva Academy of Worcester*)

They help the Florida needy with different things, such as transportation around. (*Jewish Welfare Fund*)

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**VOLUNTEER WORK:
VOLUNTEERED IN LAST YEAR**

Volunteer Work	Total JFNENY Community
Have Volunteered	68.1%
Have Not Volunteered	31.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

*Survey Question:
In the last year, do you recall doing any volunteer work?*

**VOLUNTEER WORK:
VOLUNTEERED FOR A JEWISH ORGANIZATION**

Volunteered For Jewish Organization	Total JFNENY Community
Have Volunteered	50.8%
Have Not Volunteered	49.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

*Survey Question:
In the last year, did you volunteer for any Jewish organization?*

**VOLUNTEER WORK:
VOLUNTEERED FOR NON-JEWISH ORGANIZATION**

Volunteered For Non-Jewish Organization	Total JFNEY Community
Have Volunteered	51.5%
Have Not Volunteered	48.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

*Survey Question:
In the last year, did you volunteer for any organization that is not Jewish?*

**VOLUNTEER WORK:
HOURS VOLUNTEERED IN AVERAGE MONTH**

Volunteer Hours per Month	Total JFNENY Community
Do Not Volunteer	36.3%
1 or 2 Hours	12.0%
3 - 5	14.4%
6 - 10	19.4%
Over 10 Hours	17.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	465
Mean Hours:	12
Median:	4

Survey Question:

In an average month, about how many hours do you volunteer?

LIKELIHOOD TO VOLUNTEER IN THE FUTURE

Future Likelihood	Total JFNENY Community
Very Likely to Volunteer	59.8%
Somewhat Likely	21.9%
Not Likely to Volunteer	18.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

*Survey Question:
How likely are you to volunteer in the future? Very likely,
somewhat, or not likely?*

LIKELIHOOD TO VOLUNTEER BY VOLUNTEER STATUS IN LAST YEAR

Future Likelihood	Total JFNENY Community	Volunteer Status	
		Have Volunteered	Have Not Volunteered
Very Likely to Volunteer	59.8%	80.7%	14.9%
Somewhat Likely	21.9%	15.4%	35.7%
Not Likely to Volunteer	18.4%	3.9%	49.4%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	485	331	154

Survey Questions:

How likely are you to volunteer in the future? Very likely, somewhat, or not likely?

In the last year, do you recall doing any volunteer work?

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Religious Beliefs	Total JFNENY Community
Jewish	97.1%
Not Jewish	2.9%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	481

*Survey Question:
Do you consider yourself Jewish or not Jewish?*

IMPORTANCE OF JUDAISM

Level of Importance	Total JFNENY Community
Very Important	52.7%
Somewhat Important	37.6%
Not Important	9.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

Survey Question:

How important is Judaism in your everyday life? Very important, somewhat, or not important?

RELIGIOUS PRACTICE SUMMARY

Religious Practice	Total JFNEY Community
Participate in a Passover Seder	92%
Light Hannukah Candles	91%
Light Candles on Friday Night	41%
Keep Kosher in Your Home	26%
(N)	486

Survey Questions:

Do you usually participate in a Passover seder?

Do you usually light candles on Friday night?

Do you usually light Hannukah candles?

Do you keep kosher in your home?

ATTENDANCE AT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Attend Services	Total JFNENY Community
Weekly	23.0%
Monthly	32.2%
Only on High Holidays	30.5%
Never	14.3%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	469

Survey Question:

How frequently do you attend synagogue services? Never, only on High Holidays, monthly, or weekly?

**ATTENDANCE AT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES
BY IMPORTANCE OF JUDAISM**

Attend Services	Total JFNENY Community	Importance of Judaism		
		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Weekly	23.2%	37.8%	8.0%	.0%
Monthly	32.3%	39.4%	28.6%	4.9%
Only on High Holidays	30.1%	19.3%	45.7%	29.3%
Never	14.4%	3.6%	17.7%	65.9%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	465	249	175	41

Survey Questions:

How frequently do you attend synagogue services? Never, only on High Holidays, monthly, or weekly?

How important is Judaism in your everyday life? Very important, somewhat, or not important?

ATTENDANCE AT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES BY SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Attend Services	Total JFNENY Community	Membership	
		Synagogue Member	Not a Member
Weekly	23.1%	29.1%	1.0%
Monthly	32.1%	38.3%	9.1%
Only on High Holidays	30.4%	29.9%	32.3%
Never	14.3%	2.7%	57.6%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	467	368	99

Survey Questions:

How frequently do you attend synagogue services? Never, only on High Holidays, monthly, or weekly?

How important is Judaism in your everyday life? Very important, somewhat, or not important?

SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Synagogue Membership	Total JFNEY Community
Do Not Belong to a Synagogue	22.4%
Beth Emeth	12.4%
Temple Israel	12.2%
Ohav Shalom	11.8%
Gates of Heaven	6.4%
Agudat Achim	6.2%
Berith Sholom	4.6%
Beth Abraham Jacob	4.3%
Temple Sinai	4.3%
B'Nai Sholom	3.1%
Beth Israel	2.1%
Shaara Tfilla (Saratoga)	1.9%
Shaaray Tefila (Glens Falls)	1.9%
Beth Shalom	1.9%
Temple Beth El (Glens Falls)	1.9%
Temple Beth El (Troy)	1.7%
Chabad	1.2%
Other Synagogues	1.2%
Nassau Synagogue	.6%
Beth Shalom	.4%
Beth Tephilah	.2%
Shabbos House	.2%
(N)	483

Survey Question:

Do you currently belong to a synagogue? (If belongs, ask) Which one?

Note: Column may not sum to 100% due to the multiple response format of the question.

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN SYNAGOGUE
 (Subsample: Belong to a Synagogue)

Activity Level	Total JFNENY Community
Very Active	29.6%
Somewhat Active	38.6%
Not Active	31.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	378

Survey Question:
Are you very active, somewhat, or not active in your synagogue?

ISRAEL VISITS: CONNECTION TO ISRAEL

Connection to Israel	Total JFNENY Community
Very Connected	47.4%
Somewhat Connected	37.9%
Not Connected	14.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

Survey Question:

How connected do you feel to Israel? Very connected, somewhat connected, or not connected?

NUMBER OF VISITS TO ISRAEL

Visits to Israel	Total JFNENY Community
Have Not Visited Israel	39.0%
1 Visit	23.3%
2	9.5%
3	6.0%
4	4.1%
5	2.1%
6 - 10	4.8%
Over 10 Visits	2.7%
Visited Israel, Did Not Specify Number of Times-Online Only	8.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484
Mean Number of Visits:	2
Median:	1
Maximum:	40

*Survey Questions:
Have you ever been to Israel? (If yes...) How many times?*

**ISRAEL VISITS:
LIKELIHOOD TO VISIT IN NEXT 5 YEARS**

Likelihood to Visit Israel	Total JFNENY Community
Very Likely	31.3%
Somewhat Likely	27.2%
Not Likely	41.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

*Survey Question:
How likely are you to visit Israel in the next 5 years? Very likely, somewhat, or not likely?*

ISRAEL VISITS:
LIKELIHOOD TO VISIT IN NEXT 5 YEARS
BY AGE

Likelihood to Visit Israel	Total JFNENY Community	Age				
		18 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 64	65 - 75	76 and Older
Very Likely	30.9%	57.1%	30.3%	36.9%	22.7%	20.7%
Somewhat Likely	27.3%	28.6%	25.8%	31.3%	34.0%	11.5%
Not Likely	41.8%	14.3%	43.9%	31.8%	43.3%	67.8%
Total %:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(N)	466	21	66	195	97	87

Survey Question:

How likely are you to visit Israel in the next 5 years? Very likely, somewhat, or not likely?

**JEWISH WORLD:
RECEIVE NEWSPAPER**

	Total JFNENY Community
Receive Jewish World	
Receive Jewish World	71.4%
Do Not Receive	28.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	483

Survey Question:

The next few questions are about the weekly Jewish World Newspaper that is sent in the mail. Do you currently receive the Jewish World?

JEWISH WORLD: READING BEHAVIOR

Review Jewish World	Total JFNENY Community
Most Issues	55.4%
Some Issues	11.2%
Few Issues	4.6%
Do Not Receive Jewish World	28.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

*Survey Question:
Do you read or look through most, some or few issues of the Jewish World?*

**JEWISH WORLD:
RATING ON INFORMING
ABOUT THE COMMUNITY**

Rating	Total JFNENY Community
Excellent	26.6%
Good	32.8%
Fair	8.9%
Poor	2.5%
Do Not Receive Jewish World	29.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	473

Survey Question:

How would you rate the Jewish World on informing you about the Capital Region Jewish community?

FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

- A mix of local and international news. I just look it all over.
- About Israel and about local events.
- About Israel and communities.
- About local people.
- About upcoming events and human interest articles.
- Activities going on around town. The news, people getting awards, and things like that.
- Activities in the community, notices of events and obituaries.
- Advertisements, political and local news.
- All of it. (12)
- All of it. It is instructive in what is happening to the local Jewish perspective.
- All of it. Local politics, announcements, Israel.
- All of the news is of interest to me.
- All of what is going on locally.
- All the different communities in the area. Candle lighting times, obituaries, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs, Daughters of Sarah donations, and weddings.
- All. I read it in total.
- Any of it, especially the world views that they report on, and local issues.
- Anything around the world. Keep me informed about current events.
- Anything that has to do with Israel or anything local. I like to read about interfaith things. I teach, so anything that has to do with adolescents will catch my eye. I just skim through it.
- Anything that refers to the Jews who live in the area it covers. While Israel and national is important, I prefer the first I referred to most.
- Articles relating to the Glens Falls area.
- Arts and entertainment. Local and world news.
- Bar/Bat mitzvahs, simchas, etc.
- Births, deaths, I read the whole thing a few times.
- Births, deaths, engagements, articles of local interest.
- Both Israeli and local news. Weekly Torah portion commentary. Local Jewish activities.
- Both local and national.
- Celebrations and local events.
- Classes, courses, and what is happening in the area, specifically Jewish needs and services.
- Columns, like the rabbi's column. Information about Israel, anything happening in Israel.
- Columns sent from Israel, my own community's information.

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

Columns: DC Report and Rabbi Riskin, also local rabbis' column.

Community activities, political developments.

Community businesses and featured speakers at lectures.

Community events and local events.

Community members, people who I know, and what they are doing and have accomplished.

Community news. (2)

Current affairs in the local region and in Israel.

Current events. (2)

Current events and local activities and happenings.

Current events in my town that would affect me locally, in Saratoga County.

Current events in the area, marriages, and awards for students in schools. I have a daughter who teaches Math at one of the Jewish schools.

Current events locally, nationally in the Jewish community.

Current events in the community, births, engagements and bar/bat mitzvah announcements.

Current news about the community, happenings.

Current news, both local and world.

Editorial comments and byline articles.

Education, Israel.

Events happening in my local community as well as news from Israel.

Events in the community.

Events information.

Events, articles about local Jewish people.

Everything.

Everything - local happenings, national Jewish news, Israeli news, obituaries, commentaries, comments from the rabbis (local and Israeli). Basically, I enjoy the Jewish information in the Jewish World but can do without the special sections which are not Jewish-oriented.

Everything from international to local stories. I also like the advertisements as well as the classified section, and hope that in the future the classified section can expand. If they don't have a website, then possibly create one.

Everything in it. There are very interesting things in there. The obituaries.

Everything, including Israel.

Front page and the obituaries.

Front page news and announcements.

General.

General news I see online earlier. I like the local updates and community news.

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

Happenings in the other synagogues.

Happenings in the community and also about Israel. It makes me feel more connected.

I don't have a preference.

I don't like to read negative, terrible things about Jews. I like to read good things that are happening to the Jewish people and good things that they've done.

I just look to see the latest gossip.

I like the local, regional, and national news articles. That keeps our community informed on what is going on in our community and beyond.

I like the obscure news. I like the information that I cannot get anywhere else in other news media print. I like unique local and national news that I never hear on the radio, TV, or see in print.

I like to know about the programs that are going on in the area.

I like to read it all.

I like to read the rabbis connecting the Torah reading to everyday living events. Local happenings at the synagogues that are going on, social, presentations. I also like to read about the children.

I like to read the studies and talks on the Torah. I like to see what is happening in our area and in Israel and related issues. We get more information from the Jewish World than from main stream news outlets, media or print.

I read every word, all of it, the deaths and contributions, the letters to the editor.

I read the whole schpiel. I think it's a good publication.

I scan all of the information.

I think it is fine the way it is. It's a good mix.

I used to read the Jewish World before I realized that there is no local reporting. All the articles are submitted, making the paper useless as a real news medium. It is a bulletin board, at best.

I usually just skim through and read bits and pieces.

I would like to read about more local news.

If the story holds my interest, I continue reading.

I'm not from the area, so I don't know about the people in there. I just like to get an overview of it.

Information about area events.

Information about Israel.

Information about the local community. Local events, information about what is going on in Israel and the rest of the world, and the Jewish community.

Information from other Jewish people and what is going on in their area. I like to read about health and how they are educating their children. I like to read about vacations that others take and I might take.

Information on upcoming programs in the community.

Informed opinion pieces on the Middle East.

Interested in Israel and American Jewish communities.

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

International and local issues, news, obits.

International and local stuff, and the events.

International news, Hebrew words, classified ads, "Ask Miriam", social calendar.

International stories and national columnists.

International, Middle East/Israel relations, local Capital District.

Israel and Jewish issues in America.

Israel issues, Mid-East regional interest stories, Capital District local news, social, educational, religious events.

Israeli politics, current events, local events.

Issues that pertain to local and national Jewish interests.

It is a wonderful paper. Local and world news issues are what I like, and the national issues.

It varies. I just browse through the entire newspaper.

It's a toss-up between the local information for the tri-city area and the articles we don't see in the regular newspapers. Articles on what's happening between the Jews in other countries, what happened in a specific case somewhere, and what Jews in other countries may be going through.

Jewish events and happenings, both local and international. Offerings from Price Chopper in the Kosher section.

Jewish news around the world.

Just events in the Jewish community.

Letters that people write to the editor. The obituaries, the front pages.

Letters to the Editor, local news, national news, Israeli news, and celebrations and obituaries.

Life cycle events and local Jewish news.

Life events (marriage, births and deaths).

Local. (20)

Local activities and programs offered, international news (Israel).

Local activities. The communal activities of the synagogue and local community.

Local and international.

Local and Israel.

Local and national. (2)

Local and national/international.

Local and world.

Local community coverage is often entertaining as are the letters to the editor. Some of the JTA contributions as well as editorial and religious commentary is valuable. More is needed.

Local community news.

Local events. (8)

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

Local events and awards.

Local events and international news. Local cultural events and talks by experts in international affairs, like Dr. Stephen Burke.

Local events and news of Israel.

Local events and press info.

Local events or activities in the area.

Local events. The letters written in to the editor.

Local events. World news.

Local gossip.

Local happenings and also in the world.

Local happenings and information about local events.

Local happenings and international Jewish articles.

Local happenings. Major news events that impact Jewish people.

Local happenings. What is going on, and upcoming lectures and educational events.

Local information. (2)

Local information, and articles about Israel as well. I think it is wonderful, a very important thing in the Capital District. People should support it and it is important for the Jewish community in this area.

Local Jewish activities.

Local Jewish community news; Capital region Jewish history.

Local Jewish events, national Jewish news, international Jewish news, letters to the editor, life-cycle announcements.

Local news. (23)

Local news about the Jewish community.

Local news about what's going on and so forth.

Local news and obituaries.

Local news and the news about Israel; What the rabbis have to say.

Local news events.

Local news of the Jewish community.

Local news, a variety of news in the area.

Local news, and I enjoy reading national and Israel news.

Local news, and who is getting married, bar mitzvahs.

Local news, national Jewish news, programs going on.

Local news, weddings, babies, synagogue news or events.

Local news. The successes of local Jewish youth, either academic or athletic.

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

Local people and their involvement, feature articles.

Local people, news.

Local reports.

Local stuff about the Jewish community.

Local things, but I do read a lot of the other things.

Local, Israel, world news and how it affects Judaism.

Local, national and international news about Jewish people, events and issues.

Local, national, and international.

Local, statewide information next, and national stuff is third.

Local, what the other synagogues are doing and what the people are doing.

Local, what's going on in the synagogue and the community.

Macabee sports.

Mainly the obits and donations.

More about the culture and customs.

More stories focused on Jewish culture (compare The Forward).

Mostly about Israel, but also local events and the obituaries.

My sight is going and I can read very little. Sometimes I get my great-grandchild to read to me.

National and community-wide news.

National and international news and happenings.

National and local Jewish news.

News about and from Israel; Rabbi's Corner; local Jewish events (bar/bat mitzvahs, engagements, etc.)

News about Israel, politics, etc.

News about Israel, local news about the Jewish community.

News about the local Jewish community.

News from Israel.

No favorite. I don't like to read the religious content, not the sermons and such. I like the political and local news, and the obituaries. I read them faithfully.

Nothing specific, just like to see what's there.

Obituaries. (2)

Obituaries and employment.

Obituaries, and I check the babies, the news, the letters, and things to go to.

Opinion/analysis/columns.

Parsha HaShavuah, local events.

Personal happenings or events, births.

Personal information about events.

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FAVORITE INFORMATION FROM THE JEWISH WORLD

Survey Question: Which type of news or information do you like to read in the Jewish World?

- Personal information about people. Musical activities and programs that are going to take place. Editorials about the Middle East situation, the political situation of Israel. The opinion column by D. Bloomfield is really important to me.
- Pictures.
- Politics and Israel. Information, nothing specific. Marriage between Jews. The strengths for Jewish families through marriage.
- Politics and local events in general.
- Positive stories, human interest, and the rabbi's sermons.
- Rabbi column, one from Israel, the opinions from locals, and the happenings page.
- Reports on the Jewish population in the Albany County area and Israel.
- Singles events, shul events, Yeshivah events.
- Social information. Who has gotten married or engaged, or other interesting news about people here and what is new. I am not so interested in international happenings.
- Some of the articles, and also the meaning of the Torah. Anything social; the obituaries, a marriage, an engagement. It covers things more superficially. It's also biased in a pro-Jewish vein.
- Stories, whatever is in there.
- Stories concerning Israel and the greater Jewish world-wide community.
- Synagogue news and political news.
- The Jewish World is important to our community. My subscription ran out and I will renew. The JW needs to make sure its information is accurate.
- The relationship of the US to Israel, and the relationship of the Arabs to Israel. Marriages or bar mitzvahs or deaths. There really is little 'news.' It would be better if each organization had their own weekly column in it.
- They have non-Jewish news, and also what is going to be happening in the area to decide what I want to go to. Matters of concern about Israel.
- Things about Israel and I would like more about Israel. They used to have excellent columns, but the guy who wrote them, died. He wrote about local flavor.
- Things going on in the local community and events coming up.
- Upcoming events in the Capital District, articles about Israel and greater Jewish community, Rabbi Riskin's parsha.
- Upcoming events/programs in the area.
- What area congregations are doing and life cycle announcements.
- What is going on in Albany.
- What is going on in the Capital District; milestones.
- What is going on in the community, upcoming events, marriages, births, and who has died in the Jewish community, since I don't get a newspaper. Current events.
- What is going on in the community. The local opportunities and what is going on in the community at large.
- What is going on in the local community, and the weekly message.
- What is going on in the local Jewish communities.
- What is going on, who is getting married, and unfortunately the death notices.
- What is happening in local congregations. Also, what is happening in Israel and the world.

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**CHARACTERISTICS:
MARITAL STATUS OF RESPONDENT**

Marital Status	Total JFNENY Community
Married	70.7%
Not Married	14.7%
Widowed	14.7%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	484

*Survey Question:
Are you married, not married or widowed?*

**CHARACTERISTICS:
HOUSEHOLD RELIGION
(Subsample: Married Respondents)**

Household Religion	Total JFNENY Community
Spouse is Jewish	81.8%
Spouse is Not Jewish	18.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	341

*Survey Question:
Is your spouse Jewish?*

CHARACTERISTICS: NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD

Number of Adults	Total JFNENY Community
1 Adult	25.4%
2	63.3%
3	6.7%
4	4.2%
5	.2%
6 Adults	.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	480

*Survey Question:
Including yourself, how many adults currently live in your household?*

**CHARACTERISTICS:
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD**

Number of Children	Total JFNENY Community
No Children in Household	72.7%
1 Child	8.8%
2	12.1%
3	3.8%
4	1.7%
5	.8%
6 Children	.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	480

*Survey Question:
How many children currently live in your household?*

**CHARACTERISTICS:
HOUSEHOLD CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5**

Children Under Age 5	Total JFNENY Community
Children under Age 5	5.0%
No Children Under Age 5	22.6%
No Children in Household	72.4%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	482

*Survey Question:
Are any of the children under age 5?*

**CHARACTERISTICS:
YEARS OF RESIDENCE IN CAPITAL REGION**

Years of Residence	Total JFNENY Community
5 Years or Fewer	3.9%
6 - 10	7.7%
11 - 20	14.6%
21 - 40	37.3%
Over 40 Years	36.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	466
Mean Number of Years:	36
Median:	34
Maximum:	91

*Survey Question:
How long have you lived in the Capital Region?*

CHARACTERISTICS: EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employment Status	Total JFNENY Community
Employed Full-Time	43.0%
Employed Part-Time	12.3%
Not Employed	3.5%
Retired	41.2%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	481

Survey Question:

Are you employed full-time, part-time, not employed or retired?

CHARACTERISTICS: EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

Education	Total JFNENY Community
High School	5.2%
2 Year Degree	6.6%
4 Year Degree	21.0%
Some Graduate School	8.7%
Graduate Degree	58.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	485

Survey Question:

What is the highest level of education you have completed? High school, 2 year degree, 4 year degree, some graduate school or graduate degree?

CHARACTERISTICS: AGE GROUP

Age	Total JFNENY Community
18 - 29	1.1%
30 - 39	3.4%
40 - 49	14.1%
50 - 64	41.8%
65 - 75	20.7%
76 and Older	19.0%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	469
Mean Age:	61
Median Age:	60

Survey Questions:

What is your age? Which category best describes your age? 18 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 64, 65 - 75, or over 75?

CHARACTERISTICS: TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income	Total JFNENY Community
Under \$25,000	6.3%
\$25,000 - \$50,000	12.0%
\$50,000 - \$100,000	31.0%
\$100,000 - \$200,000	37.2%
Over \$200,000	13.5%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	384

Survey Question:

Which category best describes the total household income for all persons living in this household? Under \$25,000, \$25,000 - \$50,000, \$50,000 - \$100,000, \$100,000 - \$200,000 or over \$200,000?

Note: One in five community members had 'No Opinion'.

**CHARACTERISTICS:
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
(Subsample: Phone Respondents)**

County of Residence	Total JFNENY Community
Albany	60.1%
Schenectady	14.6%
Saratoga	12.4%
Rensselaer	7.3%
Other	5.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	178

*Survey Question:
In which county do you live?*

**CHARACTERISTICS:
GENDER OF RESPONDENT**

Gender	Total JFNENY Community
Man	51.2%
Woman	48.8%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	486

WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER RESEARCH

Willingness to Participate	Total JFNENY Community
Willing to Participate	41.2%
Not Willing to Participate	55.2%
No Opinion	3.6%
Total %:	100.0%
(N)	471

Survey Question:

At some point in the future, would you be willing to participate in a research focus group for the Federation?

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND IDEAS

Survey Question: Finally, do you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas that you would like the Jewish Federation to be aware of?

Affordable housing for seniors.

Be more active. Be extra active in supporting Israel.

Better outreach that explains what the Federation does.

Continue to be aware of the needs in Israel, as well as the community.

Emphasize Jewish marriages and education about Israel.

Environmental projects and working closely with Jewish veterans.

Federation can help set the vision for the Jewish Capital Region. They need to think more strategically.

For those who are new or relatively new to the area, acceptance by long time Jewish residents is a problem unless the person is a big donor or important. Few programs for adults who do not consider themselves senior citizens. Lack of social programs a big problem.

Get some better lectures. Teach the young adults what the holidays are about, and things like keeping Kosher. Make the talks simpler. Beth Emeth does a lecture series called Passover Made Simple. They teach you what you need to know and what the holiday is about and why we do this and that.

Good luck. The Jewish community, both here and around the world, is in critical condition and the work you are doing is essential.

Have fewer standing committees and more project driven committees. Partner with one agency each year to help them with a major campaign. Get it done and then move on to the next.

Have more administrative staff.

Have them call me.

Help financially needy, struggling single parents. Help including supplementary employment for adults and summer employment programs for teens.

Help for the people who need financial help, helping shut-ins be able to get out more in the community. It would be good if offices and individuals that are there for our assistance would be less difficult, and it turned out easy to get information from the resources that are supposed to be available to us.

How can you send children to Jewish activities when they cost so much? The communities are not especially friendly.

How do I motivate my children and grandchildren to attend services and participate in Judaism?

How moronic is it that 77% of Jews, more than Latinos, voted for Obama, and now my question to them is, "How are you doing financially, sweetie?" I warned everybody, I even dropped out of my book group. I told them, "Your rights will be taken away, your money will be taken away."

I am disappointed with the Daughters of Sarah. It should be looked into.

I am glad you are conducting this survey. This is a good sign. I would hope you will seriously respond to the feedback. The personnel in the various positions at the Federation have in some cases done a good job, but have been in place way too long. New people are essential to get progress in making the Federation a positive force in this area.

I am grateful for the Federation, and almost take it for granted. I applaud its work. But I am concerned about the bias in allocations. And the seeming inability for the Federation to truly acknowledge and appreciate the 'frum' community, which is small in numbers but active and a big part of Jewish life in our region.

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I am not a fan of Chabad since I believe it detracts from and I believe hurts the synagogues. However, it does point out the need to reach the non-affiliated Jews of the area through different means. There are other ways to try do so that are probably not of Eastern European traditions which seem to dominate United States Judaism (for example, the Adventure Rabbi type of programming). This maybe an area the Federation wants to develop information on. I do understand that some of these means could end up being quite controversial. However, I do not believe that the current synagogue 'format' is necessarily attractive to the majority of Jews.

I am not truly excited about organizations that only raise money. I would much prefer to be active in a group that actually carries out personal help with Jewish needs in the community. Again, I must say that living in Glens Falls separates us from the Capital Region, and we do not feel a part of that group.

I am pleased that the Federation included the Saratoga and Glens Falls areas. Sometimes we feel left out and that so much concern is centered around the Albany area. I have attended a couple of ladies meetings regarding the area's Jewish community and enjoyed them very much. Now that I am retired, I plan to be more active.

I am quite satisfied with the Federation.

I am strongly in favor of the Federation supporting the Jewish elderly.

I commend you for this survey. I especially value the support you give to temple youth education programs and help in funding special needs children.

I don't think it is very progressive. I moved from northern New Jersey, and it is conservative for my preferences.

I find I am constantly bombarded with overlapping fundraising for Jewish organizations. It becomes annoying, from local funding to national funding. Please, the fundraising should be better coordinated. One way is not to have all the organizations call in the same month.

I hate war. It's the biggest conflict.

I have a concern for the elderly. The Jewish Federation should be more financially helpful to the older persons as well as the children. The biggest majority of Jewish children are educated through the public schools, not Jewish schools. A lot of money from the Federation goes into children's education at Jewish schools, when most Jewish children get educated through the public systems. Most Federation financial support should be in the Jewish community, not necessarily the synagogues.

I have noticed the money people. There is always a column for them in the Federation newsletter and not so much is said about average people. We do not seem to get recognition.

I hope they do senior housing somewhere.

I know the Federation does not have any volunteers. They should take advantage of people who want to give their services for no payment and not go to employment agencies and have to pay temps to do the work. That way the Federation could keep more of our money to give back to the Jewish community and Israel.

I know too many residents who did not attend Shoshana Cardin event because they could not afford it. Need to make special events open to all. (She was GREAT!)

I receive dozens of charitable solicitations. I'm on a retirement pension and can't afford to contribute to all of these charities. I believe many have overlapping missions thus making these solicitations wasteful and expensive. Recommend that all charities be coordinated through the Jewish Federation.

I resent the term 'interfaith marriage.' That implies that every person has a faith and practices it. Just because a person is not born Jewish and has not actually converted does not mean that their ideas, values and morals are not compatible with a person who is born Jewish. If a person is born Catholic but does not practice or go to church or for that matter even believe in Jesus why do they even need to 'convert?'

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- I think it is very important for the Jewish community to integrate with the greater society. It is very important for the Jewish community to accept all different categories of Jewish practice.
- I think Rodney is doing a great job.
- I think the one place I have not been able to understand is how the Federation is connected, as far as counseling or things of that nature. Where to go and not to pick some name out of the phone book. Maybe some matching service would be helpful. I am not from the area and I may need some referrals. I really enjoyed the women's program dinners.
- I think there is sometimes a lack of inclusion to people who are not religious, but kosherly are Jewish. In Schenectady JCC, more than 50% are not Jewish, it is a changing world. My children have experienced the culture through the JCC and it has re-energized my mother.
- I think there should be a greater effort to utilize the JCC for multi-generational activities and the Federation should have more programs and events to bond more with other religions. An international seder would be a great start.
- I think they do a pretty good job, although I'm only somewhat involved.
- I think they need to look into the Jewish poor of all ages in the area.
- I think they should put less accent on making money and more on helping the people. What are they doing for the normal regular person? Do they ever come to shul and even tell you how they can help you? Do they have a discretionary fund? No. The Baptist church will treat you and help you if you have no money, but no way will the Federation do this. The UJA does nothing for you. They do nothing like that at all. They are only interested in money. I know they're not helping the Jewish world or its people to thrive. They have tremendous benefactors and they are doing nothing with it.
- I think you need to reach people like me-older and unable either due to economics or health who can go to places where they can hear about the Federation and what it does and can do for them. Emails are ok but snail mail gets to everyone and it should be printed so anyone can read and understand it. To help us be connected it would be nice to receive the Jewish World for those of us who are interested but can not afford it.
- I was disappointed that the Federation did not speak out in defense of Bishop Hubbard years ago when he was being attacked. He has always been a friend and defended 'us.'
- I wish they had some book or course that could explain more about the religion part to someone who is not Jewish and doesn't plan on becoming Jewish.
- I would hate the Federation to make decisions based on my uneducated views. As you can tell, I was not aware or familiar with a lot of what the Federation or some of the other organizations do.
- I would like for them to understand that in order for the Capital Region to have a strong, growing and thriving Jewish community, it needs to do more than raise funds and do the 'same old, same old' with them. It needs to have a vision for the community and a 'road map' of getting us there. Not only will we be stronger as a Jewish community, we will ultimately raise more money because donors will be excited to participate in achieving the goals we've laid out, just as they were when we built the building.
- I would like the Federation to encourage more programming that supports Torah Judaism and discourages intermarriage. The goal of Jewish continuity is to have Jewish children who observe Torah. The synagogue that we go to, Congregation Shomray Torah, was not listed.
- I would like the Jewish Federation to acknowledge that there is a Jewish community in Glens Falls that needs their assistance, focus, and support.

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I would like the services, programs, and supports offered in our community to be an example to the general population, of Jewish values for all.

I would like them to extend themselves to interfaith families. Plan a program or something. Their regular program for Jews excludes non-Jews. I think a lot more would be more active if we could do it as a family. For instance, there are some Christian faiths that welcome you to their church and it's not, "Your religion is not very good." The Jews not so much.

I would like them to include people with not such a high income. They bring these wonderful programs, but they are only for the high contributors. This would be inspiring to everyday people that are not in that category.

I would like them to stop soliciting me. I asked politely for them to stop.

I would like to receive the Jewish World again. I only received one copy recently, but didn't receive them for ages. I do enjoy it. They tell you about events at the Temple, and if interesting, I would attend.

I would like to see more cultural events for the community as a whole. I'm thinking along the lines of the 92nd Street YMHA (Young Men's Hebrew Association).

I would like to see more equal funding to the Jewish day school.

I would like to see them partner with the new Israel fund. I would like to see joint projects.

I would like to see them support the Jewish community more than the Jewish organizations. People have left temples for various reasons. The Jewish Federation should support the Jewish community as well as organizations.

I would like to see, in this community, some more for the conservative Jew, like me. The synagogue here just finally got a rabbi and he is trying to reach out, and I would like to see the Federation be involved with the rabbi in his endeavors to draw out the conservative Jews and involve them. Offer more trips to Israel for kids under 21.

I'd like to see them put more focus on finding out what people want and need, and respond to needs in the community.

I'm conflicted about a separate Hebrew education and how much money should stay local versus going to Israel. I'd like to see more community events, such as speakers of national interest, to get people together, to get the community to socialize. The Federation could be a great conveyor of social change, and could be more outspoken to local and state government about issues important to Jews, like environmental issues, gay marriage. I think they could have a stronger position in the community in general and in the media.

It bothers me and some of my friends that the Headliner series, when they have special speakers, are attended only by those who contribute over \$5,000. It is just wrong. The speaker may have something to say to enhance the welfare of the Jewish people, and we should all be allowed to hear the message. It is outrageous.

It is important for children of the generation to know where they came from and let them know who they are. They are losing their identity.

It would be nice if there was a way for single people in their 50's to meet other than J-date. It would be nice to have an organization to help people in that age group to meet others who are Jewish and interested in a relationship.

It would be nice to get the word out with the press, to get more positive things said about Israel and the positive things about Judaism. Show what the Jews have done and are doing in the world.

It would be really great if they had some Jewish condos for people that are higher middle class income people, who aren't meant for assisted living. A condo that is advertised more as a Jewish housing place, but not like Massry or Ohav, more upscale than those. I would like to see more organized trips for the Jewish community.

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I've filled out the questionnaire even though my wife and I will be moving away from the Capital District next week. I tend to be skeptical of surveys, but this questionnaire, with limited exceptions, is straightforward and may produce information useful for planning.

Jewish World needs to go online and become accessible to more readers. The Capital Region needs a Jewish Community Bulletin board. The Capital Region needs a Jewish issues blog. Capital Region needs to further advertise and market the Israel Center as a coffeehouse and gathering place. Capital Region needs more opportunities to engage other faiths in open dialogue to share perspectives on common topics. Capital Region and Albany in particular needs a Jewish writers club. Capital Region needs for Jewish organizations to partner with bookstores, culinary programs etc. to form a cooking group. Capital Region needs a forum for Jewish musicians to gather and interconnect. Capital Region needs a public radio Jewish music and issues show.

Keep doing more for Israel and less local.

Keep Judaism and the Hebrew language alive.

Keep our money local.

Keep up the good work. (2)

Lighten up, be more open to alternative thinking. There should not be only one view acceptable on Israel. They should be open to more than one view.

Look at what is going on in other major cities and move away from a religious-based focus, and see them be more progressive for the community. Activities and not being attached to the expense of maintaining the synagogues, but to put money into the community. The Yiddish Book Center is a good model and Lillith Magazine for Jewish women's issues is a good focus. Just community or program-based for the whole community.

Make your presence better known.

Money is very important for them to raise, but sometimes it is a turnoff for people.

More affordable things that I can go to. I can't go to anything, like speakers. I know they are raising money, but I don't have access.

More funds to Hebrew day schools.

More money needs to be given to the Jewish Defense Fund.

More of my volunteer activities happen in Sarasota, Florida, so I feel more connected to that area. We live there half a year. There is not a match to this mentoring program I am in in Florida, and I am curious if there is something similar.

More programs aimed at bringing together all Jewish denominations in the community. More programs for bringing together different religions in Albany County, like Jewish Islam and Christians.

More support for local Hebrew day schools who really need financial and community support.

My biggest beef is to be involved in the Jewish Community and the outreach is not there.

Need a good demographic survey of the Jewish population, so those of us who are marketing to this audience now, who, what and more importantly how many and where. I was a member of the SJCC, (at one point, membership chairperson), but dropped out of membership, due to the HMO Silver Sneaker Program. I still attend daily. How many others fall into this category.

Not to be elitist.

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Pay a little more attention to situations like mine. Show that they are interested in whether I'm alive tomorrow or not.

Please reach out to single people, not only 20 somethings.

Provide opportunities for retired persons to socialize/volunteer for specific events etc. Difficult for many to commit on a continuing basis.

Rather than the lowest common denominator decision making attempt, better to fund and support real Jewish content programs in the community, Hebrew High School, Camp Givah, and youth trips to Israel. Continue to bring in young adult Jewish better, using the lubavisher process and successes. Hard economic times require linking efforts and funds to Jewish content programming for me. This excludes focus on core programs that makes a difference for the community, for the Jewish community and Jewish life.

Reinforce the dire need to support and fund local programs and agencies more and spend less toward Israel.

Security of community institutions.

Should I have received periodic newsletters? I so receive programming information by email, at my request. Thank you.

Stop being a mouthpiece for the Democratic Party. To be Jewish is not equivalent to being a Democrat.

Support Israel, no matter what.

That I need some help. For what I receive from Social Security, I am barely able to run my house for one month. It's like robbing Peter to pay Paul. Today I have 11 cents in my pocket. I need them to help me.

That the baby boomers should be more engaged. They should really try to get them involved in the Jewish community. They better start to get this generation to do something, because pretty soon there won't be anyone left to work in any Jewish organization. Eventually our community will suffer for it because the older ones die off and if they don't entice the younger ones now, what will they have? The saying says, "We are not an island unto ourselves." They need to start wanting to give of themselves. The problem is that when you are young, you don't care about being older, and then you get in trouble when you are there.

That they don't represent the views of all Jews. Being Jewish doesn't mean they represent them. Supporting Israel means you can support them and question them at the same time.

The Federation consists of very dedicated and good people. I have just been discouraged by their narrow approach to their mission. Synagogues and JCC's are struggling for membership -- I think we all need to come together more as a Jewish community to engage Jews. The Federation would be a wonderful organization that could spearhead this mission.

The Federation is an umbrella organization. They should support all and any needs the Jewish community has in the Capital Region. The Federation should do outreach to seniors and persons in need. Also, I think the Federation should have scholarship programs, and monies to help Jewish people educate the children. It can be quite costly to finance education for two or three kids to go to college and beyond.

The Federation is doing great work.

The Federation plays an important role in the community, but I find personally, that they don't play as important a role for me. Rethink their view of Israel and supporting it without question.

The Jewish World over the years have been our greater Albany most read and appreciated newspaper. Not now, from what I read in the paper it is struggling and gives a realistic and sad commentary to its ending of publishing. Like the post office and pony express the time has come to change format. Please do not waste energy and money to save it.

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The only time I have ever heard from them before this phone call from you today, has been to ask for money, for financial solicitations.

The questions in this survey are way too long, people get tired.

The reason I am not a member of a synagogue is that it costs too much money. If it was free I would be a member.

The staff does an amazing job; the Federation needs an entirely new partnership with synagogues on many levels, need focus groups just on this issue to see what the issues are at synagogues among both lay and professional active leaders; really need to re-imagine Daughters of Sarah, JFS, two JCCs, need to keep volunteers at each involved, but need to save non-programming resources: these are among the last not-for-profits to not consider cost saving opportunities.

The survey pretty much covered any question I would have for the Federation.

There are Jews outside Albany. Help the Jewish World newspaper in any way possible.

There is a tremendous need and unfortunate lack of services for single Jews in our community. Need to take a more active role for supporting events for Jewish singles in the community. Tremendous love and respect and appreciation for what Dan Flax accomplishes in an 80 hour work week. Will results of survey have some impact on how the funds are distributed? Give Federation direction on how funds are distributed, and whether dissection of the questions and people surveyed will be made public.

There is another orthodox congregation in Saratoga that was not mentioned in your survey. Does that mean the Federation is unaware of its existence?

They are doing a great job, as far as I know.

They are doing a very good job.

They cover a pretty broad spectrum.

They need to change the timing of the Hebrew school special needs grants. It should align with the school year rather than the calendar year.

They should broaden their appeal, perhaps in their programs, perhaps in the emphasis toward less affluent, or are marginal in the Jewish community.

This community needs to pool its resources. The fact that Ohav and Temple Israel are combining Hebrew Schools is absolutely necessary and an example of people working together for our community. A few years ago, few would have seen it as a possibility. The community needs to continue to pool its resources. We also need to stay connected to our youth and teens as they are our future. As a community we need a strategic 'action plan', not a lot of meetings. If we do not have a plan in place I am concern about the future of our Jewish community. We need to do fun things that will keep individuals connected to our Jewish community. We have a wonderful community, we need people to know why it is important to support the Federation and its agencies. With limited monies people are simply not giving unless they feel connected. Demographics are working against our community. We need an action plan sooner than later.

This has been great that the Federation is doing this survey. It is important that they are doing this, and I am happy they are. They have a very dedicated staff.

We all care about Israel. Episcopalians are very aware that we sprang from Judaism and share similar traditions. We care very much about the Holocaust and I've read about it a lot.

We have appreciated the support.

We need more people to work on our campaigns. We have to keep involving more and more young people.

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COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND IDEAS

Survey Question: Finally, do you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas that you would like the Jewish Federation to be aware of?

What can JFS do to reduce enmity among institutions, particularly when resources and population is shrinking? How many of its donors will be here in 10 years? Who will you rely upon?

While I understand the limits of surveys, many of the questions can not be answered by a yes or no so the results will not be as valid as if there were more choices or more opportunities to expand on yes or no answers.

You did not ask age group in your survey. Also, there is a need to get information out, I am not aware of the Jewish World and how to obtain this magazine or newsletter. Also, more information and connection is needed electronically. Finally, what services does the Jewish Federation offer couples with young children and services with kids with special needs?

Your questions and assessment have not particularly related to the North Country needs, which is part of Federation region. It reflects the reality of the Federation emotional distance and lack of participation from the vast majority of Jews in those areas and their needs.

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE



RESPONDENT SELECTION

HELLO. MY NAME IS *(Read Name)* AND I'M CALLING FROM FACT FINDERS, THE RESEARCH COMPANY, REGARDING THE CAPITAL REGION JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVEY.

MAY I PLEASE SPEAK TO *(Read name from the database)?*

(Confirmation when household member comes to the phone.)

AM I SPEAKING TO *(Read name from the database)?*

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE CAPITAL REGION JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS, PREFERENCES AND DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE NO NAMES OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION USED IN THIS RESEARCH; YOUR RESPONSES ARE COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS. THIS IS A RANDOM REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF ADULTS WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND CURRENT PRIORITIES OF THE CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY.

IF PREFER PHONE

IS THIS A CONVENIENT TIME FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE 10 TO 15 MINUTE SURVEY?

(If respondent says YES, continue to 1st question.) (If respondent says NO, continue to Online offer / Callback Request.)

ONLINE OFFER

YOU CAN COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY PHONE OR ONLINE VIA EMAIL. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO EMAIL YOU A LINK TO THE ONLINE SURVEY?

CAN I PLEASE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO SEND THE LINK?

CALLBACK REQUEST

(If time is not convenient for respondent and prefer phone)

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO CALL BACK?

(If respondent is not available)

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR US TO CALL BACK AND SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?

(Record Date and Time on Sampling Sheet / CATI)

STANDARD RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

(If respondent asks 'Where did you get my number?')

ALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE RANDOMLY SAMPLED FROM A LIST MAINTAINED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK. THERE ARE NO NAMES OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION USED IN THIS RESEARCH; YOUR RESPONSES ARE COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS.

(If respondent says 'My [husband/wife] already participated in the survey.') *(Regardless of whether or not their spouse has already participated, say)*

THIS IS A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ADULTS WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT PRIORITIES OF THE CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND PRACTICE

FIRST, THINKING ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THIS AREA . . .

1. HOW CONNECTED DO YOU FEEL TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY? VERY CONNECTED, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT REALLY CONNECTED?
2. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF VERY ACTIVE, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT ACTIVE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY?
3. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU TO BE PART OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE CAPITAL REGION? VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT IMPORTANT?
4. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF JEWISH OR NOT JEWISH?

(If Jewish, Skip to Q6. If Not Jewish, Ask Q5)

5. IS ANYBODY IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD JEWISH?

(If Not Jewish, say) EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT JEWISH, WE HOPE YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS CAPITAL REGION JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVEY.

6. HOW IMPORTANT IS JUDAISM IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE? VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT IMPORTANT?

7. DO YOU USUALLY PARTICIPATE IN A PASSOVER SEDER?

8. DO YOU USUALLY LIGHT HANNUKAH CANDLES?

9. DO YOU USUALLY LIGHT CANDLES ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

10. DO YOU KEEP KOSHER IN YOUR HOME?

11. HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU ATTEND SYNAGOGUE SERVICES? NEVER, ONLY ON HIGH HOLIDAYS, MONTHLY, OR WEEKLY?

12. DO YOU CURRENTLY BELONG TO A SYNAGOGUE?

(If Not a Member, skip to Q15. If Yes, ask Q13.)

13. WHICH ONE?

14. ARE YOU VERY ACTIVE, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT ACTIVE IN YOUR SYNAGOGUE?

AWARENESS OF CAPITAL REGION JEWISH AGENCIES

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ASK YOUR OPINION ABOUT AREA AGENCIES. (Ask QA-E for each agency)

- A. DO YOU THINK (insert agency name) IS VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT IMPORTANT TO THIS AREA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY?
- B. ARE YOU VERY FAMILIAR, SOMEWHAT OR NOT FAMILIAR WITH (insert organization name)?
(If Not Familiar or No Opinion, skip to next organization.)
- C. WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY (insert organization name) AS EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR OR POOR?
- D. HAVE YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER (EVER USED / EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF) (Insert agency name)?
(If Never a Member, skip to next organization.)
- E. ARE YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER CURRENTLY (USING /A MEMBER OF) (Insert agency name)?

Agency

- 15. DAUGHTERS OF SARAH NURSING CENTER
- 16. JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, OR JFS
- 17. ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, OR ALBANY JCC
- 18. SCHENECTADY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, OR SCHENECTADY JCC
- 19. HEBREW ACADEMY
- 20. MAIMONIDES SCHOOL

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT NEEDS FOR SERVICES.

- 21. DO YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER HAVE ANY SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL OR PHYSICAL NEEDS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES?
(If No Needs, skip to Q22. If Needs, ask Q21A.)
- 21A. IS THIS PERSON A CHILD UNDER AGE 18 OR AN ADULT?

- 22. IN THE LAST YEAR, DID YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER HAVE ANY NEEDS SUCH AS HOME HEALTH CARE, NURSING HOME CARE, ADULT DAYCARE, HOME DELIVERED MEALS OR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES?

(If No Needs, Skip to Q28. If needs, ask QA)

- A. AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST YEAR, DID YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER NEED (Read type of help)?

(If No Need, Ask Next 'Type of Help'. If Need, Ask QB)

- B. DID YOU OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER USE (Read type of help)?

(If No Use, Ask Next 'Type of Help' or Go to Q28. If Use, ask QC.)

- C. WAS THIS SERVICE USED BY A PERSON AGE 65 OR OLDER?

Type of Help

- 23. HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- 24. NURSING HOME CARE
- 25. ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES
- 26. HOME DELIVERED MEALS
- 27. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RESPIRE CARE

WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR OPINION ABOUT A PROGRAM CALLED 'RESPIRE CARE'. THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT PROGRAM THAT CARES FOR DEPENDENT SENIORS AT A LOCATION SUCH AS THE DAUGHTERS OF SARAH CAMPUS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM IS TO GIVE FAMILY MEMBERS A BREAK FROM DAILY CAREGIVING.

28. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT USEFUL TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY?
29. DOES ANY FAMILY MEMBER AGE 65 OR OLDER DEPEND ON YOU IN ANY WAY FOR THEIR CARE?
(If No Dependent, Skip to Q31. If Dependent, ask Q30.)
30. HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WOULD USE A PROGRAM LIKE THIS FOR A FAMILY MEMBER? VERY LIKELY, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT LIKELY AT ALL?

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: SENIOR HOUSING

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT SENIOR HOUSING AND ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES SUCH AS THE EDDY, BEVERWYCK, AND THE MASSRY RESIDENCE.

31. DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER CURRENTLY LIVE IN ANY AREA SENIOR HOUSING OR ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY?
(If No, Skip to Q32. If Yes, Ask Q31OE.)
- 31OE. WHICH ONE(S)?
32. IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER WERE CHOOSING A SENIOR COMMUNITY, WOULD IT BE VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT IMPORTANT TO LIVE IN A JEWISH SENIOR COMMUNITY?
33. FOR YOURSELF OR FAMILY, IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, DO YOU EXPECT TO BE CONSIDERING ANY SENIOR COMMUNITIES IN THE CAPITAL REGION?

VOLUNTEERING

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING.

34. IN THE LAST YEAR, DO YOU RECALL DOING ANY VOLUNTEER WORK?
(If No, Skip to Q38)
35. IN THE LAST YEAR, DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR ANY JEWISH ORGANIZATION?
36. IN THE LAST YEAR, DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT JEWISH?
- 37OE. IN AN AVERAGE MONTH, ABOUT HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU VOLUNTEER?
38. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO VOLUNTEER IN THE FUTURE? VERY LIKELY, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT LIKELY?

CHARITABLE BEHAVIOR

THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CAPITAL REGION ARE INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING HOW HOUSEHOLDS DECIDE TO SUPPORT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. [WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND NO ONE WILL CALL YOU BASED ON YOUR ANONYMOUS ANSWERS.]

39. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD DONATE TO ANY CHARITY, CAUSE OR ORGANIZATION?

(If No Contributions or No Opinion/Don't Know, skip to Q49.)

40. WHICH CHARITY IS YOUR FAVORITE?

41. DID YOU DONATE MORE, OVERALL, TO *(Mix Order)* NON-JEWISH GROUPS OR JEWISH GROUPS?

42. DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD DONATE TO ANY CHARITIES, CAUSES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY JEWISH, SUCH AS THE UNITED WAY, A MUSEUM OR THE CANCER SOCIETY?

(If No Contributions or No Opinion/Don't Know, skip to Q43.)

42OE. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, ABOUT HOW MUCH DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD DONATE, IN TOTAL, TO CHARITIES THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY JEWISH?

43. NOT INCLUDING A SYNAGOGUE, DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD DONATE TO ANY JEWISH CHARITIES, CAUSES OR ORGANIZATIONS?

(If No Contributions or No Opinion/Don't Know, Skip to Q49. If Contribution, Ask Q44OE.)

44OE. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY DIFFERENT JEWISH CHARITIES, CAUSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS DID YOU DONATE TO?

45. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, ABOUT HOW MUCH DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD DONATE, IN TOTAL, TO JEWISH CHARITIES?

46OE. WHICH JEWISH CHARITY, CAUSE, OR ORGANIZATION IS YOUR FAVORITE?

(If No Favorite, skip to Q48. If Favorite, Ask Q47OE.)

47OE. WHY DO YOU CONSIDER *(Read Name of Charity)* YOUR FAVORITE?

48. FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, DO YOU PREFER TO GIVE *(Mix Order first 2)* DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITY, TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION, OR DO YOU HAVE NO PREFERENCE?

JEWISH FEDERATION

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK.

49. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE JEWISH FEDERATION? VERY FAMILIAR, SOMEWHAT OR NOT FAMILIAR?

50. HAVE YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ATTENDED ANY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION?

THE JEWISH FEDERATION STRIVES TO BE THE COMMUNITY'S CENTRAL AGENCY FOR MEETING JEWISH NEEDS IN THE CAPITAL REGION, IN ISRAEL, NATIONALLY, AND AROUND THE WORLD.

51. OVERALL, DO YOU FEEL THE JEWISH FEDERATION DOES AN EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR OR POOR JOB, OR DO YOU NOT KNOW?

(If Do Not Know, skip to Q55. If Know, Ask Q52.)

A. DO YOU FEEL THE JEWISH FEDERATION DOES AN EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR OR POOR JOB IN *(Read Function)*, OR DO YOU NOT KNOW?

Function

52. SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

53. RAISING MONEY

54. PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

55. OVERALL, DO YOU FEEL POSITIVE, NEGATIVE OR NEUTRAL TOWARDS THE JEWISH FEDERATION?

56OE. WHAT ARE THE MAIN REASONS YOU FEEL *(Insert Response from Q55)* TOWARDS THE FEDERATION?

57. IN THE PAST YEAR, HAVE YOU RECEIVED A FEDERATION NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL OR EMAIL?

(If Neither, Skip to Q59. If Received, Ask Q58.)

58. DID YOU READ OR LOOK THROUGH ALL, SOME, OR NONE OF THE NEWSLETTER(S)?

59. IN THE FUTURE, WOULD YOU PREFER TO GET THE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL OR IN EMAIL?

60. IN THE PAST YEAR, HAVE YOU VISITED THE FEDERATION'S WEBSITE?

(If No Visit, Skip to Q62. If Visited, Ask Q61.)

61. DID YOU FIND ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEEDED?

62. IN THE PAST YEAR, HAVE YOU CALLED OR EMAILED THE FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION?

(If No Contact, Skip to Q64. If Contact, Ask Q63.)

63. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FEDERATION IN RESPONDING TO YOUR NEEDS OR REQUESTS? EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, OR POOR?

JEWISH FEDERATION (continued)

THE JEWISH FEDERATION IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT YOU SEE AS PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

A. DO YOU FEEL IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT OR NOT IMPORTANT FOR THE FEDERATION TO SUPPORT (*Read Funding Area, Mix Order*)?

Funding Area

64. HEBREW SCHOOLS AT SYNAGOGUES

65. HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS

66. SERVICES FOR THE JEWISH ELDERLY

67A. ISRAEL

67B. EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO ISRAEL

68. SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

69. SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

70OE. OVERALL, WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR THE FEDERATION TO FUND?

71. DO YOU THINK IT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE FEDERATION TO SUPPORT (*Mix Order*) ISRAEL OR LOCAL PROGRAMS IN THE CAPITAL REGION?

71OE. WHAT PROPORTION OF FUNDS DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT ISRAEL, AND WHAT PROPORTION SHOULD BE USED FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS? (*% Summing to 100%*)?

72. HOW CONNECTED DO YOU FEEL TO ISRAEL? VERY CONNECTED, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT CONNECTED?

73. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO ISRAEL?

(*If Been to Israel, Ask Q73OE. If No Visit, Skip to Q74.*)

73OE. HOW MANY TIMES?

74. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO VISIT ISRAEL IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS? VERY LIKELY, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT LIKELY?

JEWISH WORLD READERSHIP

THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE WEEKLY JEWISH WORLD NEWSPAPER THAT IS SENT IN THE MAIL.

75. DO YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE THE JEWISH WORLD?

(*If Receive, Ask Q76. If No Receipt, Skip to Q79*)

76. DO YOU READ OR LOOK THROUGH MOST, SOME OR FEW ISSUES OF THE JEWISH WORLD?

77OE. WHICH TYPE OF NEWS OR INFORMATION DO YOU LIKE TO READ IN THE JEWISH WORLD?

78. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE JEWISH WORLD ON INFORMING YOU ABOUT THE CAPITAL REGION JEWISH COMMUNITY? EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, OR POOR?

CLASSIFICATION MEASUREMENTS

FINALLY, SOME DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS FOR USE IN ANALYZING THE DATA.

- 79. ARE YOU MARRIED, NOT MARRIED, OR WIDOWED?
(If Not Married/No Partner, Skip to Q81. If Married, Ask Q80.)
- 80. IS YOUR SPOUSE JEWISH?
- 81OE. INCLUDING YOURSELF, HOW MANY ADULTS CURRENTLY LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?
- 82OE. HOW MANY CHILDREN CURRENTLY LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?
(If No Children, skip to Q89. If Children, Ask Q83.)
- 83. ARE YOU SENDING OR DO YOU PLAN TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO A JEWISH DAY SCHOOL?
- 84. ARE ANY OF THE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5?
(If No Children Under Age 5, Skip to Q89. If Children Under Age 5, Ask Q85.)
- 85. (DOES / DO) YOUR (CHILD / CHILDREN) ATTEND A PRESCHOOL OR DAYCARE PROGRAM?
(If No, Skip to Q88. If Yes, Ask Q86.)
- 86. IS THAT PROGRAM AT A JEWISH FACILITY OR NON-JEWISH FACILITY?
(If Not Jewish Facility, Skip to Q88. If Jewish Facility, Ask Q87.)
- 87OE. WHICH JEWISH PROGRAM DOES YOUR (CHILD / CHILDREN) ATTEND?
- 88. DO YOU PLAN TO SEND YOUR (CHILD / CHILDREN) TO A PRESCHOOL OR DAYCARE PROGRAM?
- 89OE. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE CAPITAL REGION?
- 90E. IN WHICH COUNTY DO YOU LIVE?
- 91. ARE YOU EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, NOT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED?
- 92. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION YOU HAVE COMPLETED? HIGH SCHOOL, 2 YEAR DEGREE, 4 YEAR DEGREE, SOME GRADUATE SCHOOL, OR GRADUATE DEGREE?
- 93OE. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?
(If Refused, Ask Q94.)
- 94. WHICH CATEGORY BEST DESCRIBES YOUR AGE? 18-29, 3-39, 4-49, 5-64 65-75, OR OVER 75?
- 95. WHICH CATEGORY BEST DESCRIBES THE TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS HOUSEHOLD? UNDER 25,000, 25,000 – 50,000, 50,000 – 100,000, 100,000 – 200,000, OR OVER 200,000?

SOLICITATION OF SUGGESTIONS

- 96OE. FINALLY, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, OR IDEAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE JEWISH FEDERATION TO BE AWARE OF?
- 97. AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH FOCUS GROUP FOR THE FEDERATION?

THIS CONCLUDES THE SURVEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COOPERATION.

GENDER:
 Man 1
 Woman..... 2