

**A Survey of the Modern Orthodox Jewish Community in the United States
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Responses to Q28. ... thinking of your oldest child, what areas are there, if any, where his or her Jewish perspectives differ substantially from yours?

(This followed Q27, which was asked of those with an oldest child age ≥ 14 : Think of your oldest child. Would you say that child is more or less religiously observant than you are? Response Options: Much more observant than me; Somewhat more observant than me; About as observant as I am; Somewhat less observant than me; Much less observant than me; Don't Know.)

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Much More Observant Than Me

- With regard to coed schooling and issues concerning the State of Israel
- Halachic egalitarian who lives and breathes Halacha, Torah study, and communal service every day.
- more yeshivish less zionistic lives in israel, in a haredi lifestyle
- I think our perspectives are the same but my daughter might be more careful in her performance of Mitzvot.
- He is much more observant than the rest of the family, but his religiosity does not make him think of others. Religion should lead to actions that make the world a better place. From both his school and our shul, we have seen many negative / amoral actions which he has chosen to emulate. Rabbis and Jewish educators need to think more about the wider community. For example, Rabbis and teachers who make racist comments in class or shul need to know that children will repeat what they say.
- The degree to which girls & women must cover up their bodies & hair (married women), not go mixed swimming, not use hot water on Shabbat...
- He is more to the right BUT also studying to become a Rabbi
- More "Yeshivish" and married to a more halachically aware person thus they tend to be more engaged.
- She relies much more heavily on her Rav than I ever thought of doing.
- Need for advanced education for high school graduate children.
- Child's belief is mostly textual based. Mine is more world/experience based
- I think he is less concerned with bein adam l'chavero than I am.
- More spiritual more in favor tomfoolery Aliya more strictly observant
- General philosophy is similar, however their level of learning, language (Hebrew) and adherence to halacha greater than mine. I came from a non-observant family and became more observant over time. I went to public school and they to Yeshiva.
- he is very focused only on learning, lives in Israel, does not work and is negative towards the State of Israel. not my philosophy at all
- She and her family are Charedi -- to the right. They have almost entirely cut themselves off from the secular world -- a big mistake. Observance is one thing; seclusion is another.
- my daughter-in-law wears a shaytel and does not wear pants
- My oldest child is haredi. We differ in our desire to know what is going on in the world (Her family cannot read newspapers, listen to a radio, have internet, or cell phones that take pictures.), our desire to have enough food, or clothing (Her family wears torn clothing and shoes and they do not have enough food. They gave up fruit (apples) because it was too expensive.), and our desire to have a well rounded education (Her boys get math once a week and then after 7th grade get no math at all. They are being trained to do nothing but learn which sets them up for poverty for the rest of their lives with no opportunity to get out of the cycle. She and her husband have college degrees.)
- He is far to the right of me in support of Israel
- my children had yeshiva day school education through high school. He is much more knowledgeable and

observant than I am. Over the years I have learned from my children.

- He is a mixture of sephardic and breslov and much more learned than me. Our differences are predicated on his greater knowledge.
- during the divorce process, he became "lost", and somehow latched onto some charedi rabbonim, who put him in a charedi yeshiva, and all got lost from there.
- The belief of one rabbi's "minusha" over the other's re: kashrut, observance, dressing, etc. This creates major disagreement among our observant people.
- no tv, no computer for home use, no videos or movies or going to public library for his children. no loшон hora.
- Sabbath and holiday observant, regular attendance at synagogue, studies weekly
- They think that Israel should stand on its own two feet and not be beholden to th US.
- Charedi not involved with issues outside the community
- She is Haredi and we are and brought her up modern orthodox.
- Much more learned and observant than I and I am proud of it.
- Only consumes Cholev Yisroel product. Fasts every fast day.
- Kashrut. He and his wife eat out at only kosher restaurants or vegan ones (easy they are in NYC.) We eat kosher fish, cheese and vegetables out even if they are cooked in the same oven or grill as non-kosher foods.
- My child follows a completely Shomer Shabbat lifestyle. When there is a Halacha to follow there's no "cutting corners". On the other hand, when it comes to items such as social issues, we're on the same page.
- We agree on alot--prayer, family purity, charity. We disagree on food. he would not enter a place without a haschcha...I would eat tuna fish sandwich, ice cream, etc without a second thought
- He is an Open orthodox Rabbi and is able to pay attention to details that I may not even be aware of. His external appearance however is in line with ours.
- He is an Orthodox rabbi and principal of a yeshivah HS. I'd say he's more strongly committed than me.
- We live in an age which seeks simple solutions and to avoid complexities in faith.
- much more observant of all holidays, kashrut and family purity, tefillah

- he is ba'al t'shuva and very observant, which I think is amazing and fully support.
- Attended Jewish Day school k-12, attended Seminary, lives in Israel with family.
- He is Charedi and lives in Israel. (Chalav Yisroel and Yoshan, holds 72 minutes for Shabbos, sends his sons to schools that do not teach any secular subjects...
- Not Zionist; not interested in pushing the envelope for women; no television in home; no engagement with secular culture; observe chalav yisrael, strict checking of all leafy green vegetables, strict about mikvah etc.
- More conservative on Israel, halachically more stringent yet still firmly planted in modern orthodoxy.
- Whether secular education conflicts with being a pious Jew
- hair covering, dovening, scrupulous in daily routine of observance
- He regards himself as Chareidi or Yeshivish orthodox, with all that that entails.
- Is better and more committed to observing everything.
- I eat out dairy. They will not eat anywhere not kosher. I watch tv on shabbos they will not
- Davens daily, washes & benches with each meal, shul every shabbos
- He is much more personally committed to Judaism as the central core of his identity.
- My oldest child is a graduate of Chofetz Chaim yeshiva system, so while he shares some of my modern orthodox values and support for the state of Israel, he is more yeshivish and much more learned than I.
- About the same but practice is yeshvis and more strict.
- Less global. Much more isolated and insular in understanding and interest from secular issues and their impact on not just local/ community/own situations, but also with Jews in general, around the country/ world/ Israel.

Somewhat More Observant Than Me

- Will not come to us if we have family drive here on Shabbat or Yom Tov, covers hair in and out of home, wears pa those all the time, won't let older boy go mixed swimming,
- Has not yet become disenchanted with bad things happening to good people. Doesn't take as seriously that our leaders are often more concerned with their prestige and finances than doing the right thing. Might not realize that our leaders - both Rabbis and lay leaders-who are involved in white collar crime are often

revered and have their names put on buildings rather than being chastised for their behavior.

- he learns more regularly than me. he is more rigid than me in several areas. beyond supporting Israel he actually lives in Israel with his family.
- More towards Open orthodoxy and also more committed to halacha
- Outward appearances- my daughter covers her hair & wears a sheitel (I do not) and exclusively wears skirts (I am required to wear pants to work).
- He has fulfilled the commandment of 'yishuv ha'aretz' and has moved to Israel. I have not yet done so.
- He is much more accepting of some of the difficulties he has faced in life, specifically a handicapped child.
- Much more traditional and more conservative as regards Israeli politics.
- no difference in perspective. married to a girl that covers her hair. wears only long sleeves and longer dresses.
- He has lived in Israel since his post high school year in yeshiva, which has become permanent. He has since lived with his wife (whom he met in Israel) & their children in Israel. They are strongly Dati Tzioni. He would not return to live in the US. Hebrew is now his everyday language.
- Her approach to Jewish law is much more black and white and she is far less likely to see Jewish law as representative of a cultural or historical moment (still compulsory) than I.
- He studies more and is more exacting about observances. However, whereas I think that most observant Jews are pretty awful, hypocritical, immoral people, my oldest child thinks that they are no worse than all other people. In addition, he is not sure if there is a God whereas I am pretty darn sure that belief in a God is just a Darwinian selected for behavior.
- He is more careful in his speech. Does not want a TV in his house when he gets married etc
- Less political involvement, less Zionist (although she lives in Israel). Considers herself "hareidi".
- As a man, he is careful to fulfill daily prayer requirements, which is not part of my normative life as a woman.
- She has a deep and regular commitment to Torah and Talmud study. 2) She is accomplished at leining. 3) She is more meticulous about Shabbat observance.
- She was raised religious, so her entire life outlook is shaded differently.

- i am very proud of all my children, they are all bright successful in their careers and all dedicated to raising their children to be observant and all chose orthodox family oriented spouses.
- Role of women in Judaism (she is more conservative-- with a lowercase c)
- We are very close in observance but he got to spend a year learning in Israel while I did not.
- He is more Yeshivas than we are, and he has much more Jewish education.
- In some things she seems less religious to me, whereas in other respects she seems more.
- Lived in an area with far more religious schooling available and far more religious people living there so she sees things differently than I do. I was brought up on the west coast in a city that did not have all the amenities available that make being frum so much easier
- She covers her hair, spends more time learning, will not eat fish or vegetables in non kosher restaurant, more strongly involved with her shul and community
- focused on isolating their children more than we did (e.g. movies, camps, college, etc)
- He has more faith in G-d and His involvement in our everyday lives
- He is very particular about some things and not others. I think he is very inconsistent. There are some things I think he should be more particular about to fit into his general perspective
- More knowledgeable and more likely to daven on own if not in shul.
- She is charedi and married to a charedi Israeli/American. Politically regarding Israel's government we differ. Halachically they are more machmir.
- I don't know how exactly. Just that she's had an education that I haven't had. I find myself learning new things from her.
- Stricter halachic interpretations. More stringent in certain areas.
- Stricter about Kashruth. Politically, we are very similar.
- He is more strict about only eating in kosher restaurants vs my eating vegetarian in a non-kosher restaurant
- more yeshivish in outlook. slightly less overtly zionistic in approach
- more well educated and therefore more meticulously observant than me

- He "flipped" after his year in Israel and made Aliyah and has become more Chareidi
- Oldest child is bal teshuva Chabad. We follow somewhat different approaches to kashrut.
- my daughter, having married a Sepharadi now has somewhat a different different nuance in traditions.
- we are pretty similar. we have minor differences in the way we practice, but our beliefs are VERY strong and our commitment to learning and to am israel is VERY strong
- He hasn't yet experienced the let-downs when rabbinic leaders or other community leadership fails either him personally or the community.
- Since she went to day school, and I didn't, she is making decisions based on more knowledge. Spends more time davening than I do. Overall, perspectives are similar.
- He has a lot of problems with G-d, who he fully believes in,BTW. He was taught by right-wing thinkers b/c there were no schools or camps that were modern orthodox that accommodated special needs kids. This made him see things too black and white, so to speak, and made him really dislike G-d and feel like G-d gave too many responsibilities to the Jews and that G-d is a punishing G-d.
- My son's wife covers her hair. I do not cover my hair. He likes Trump because he thought he'd be good for Israel and Israel was the only political issue he cared about. I hate Trump.
- More oriented to his Yeshiva rabbeim for guidance; desire to live a more cloistered life; less comfortable engaging with those who are not similar to him in religious observance and perspective; less comfortable pursuing college education and employment while maintaining a strong connection to torah learning
- Since he is a male (who went to Jewish day school, studied in Israel and has a great voice) he has a right and desire to read from the Torah and lead services. Synagogue and engagement with a shul is much more meaningful for him.
- He lives in Israel. He feels it enables his living a Jewish, halachik life. He doesn't feel the need to daven in a kahal, and doesn't feel bringing his children to shul is important.
- She is more educated but does not believe in the traditional modest dress
- He received a yeshiva education from pre-school on and graduated from Yeshiva University.
- He spends the vast majority of his free time watching TV ... and very little time actually learning Torah/gemara. I would prefer he spend more time learning, but he has a very good heart and I think he is doing just fine. He also tends to believe more strongly in Orthodox dogma and doesn't always think before he voices his opinions on matters. This is something that comes with maturity and diplomacy.
- She does not wear pants anymore and wants to cover hair when she gets married.
- She is more of a feminist and what she feels is a lack of respect for women in Orthodoxy.
- She went to yeshiva Pre-K through 12 and chose YU for law school. I went to public schools and public colleges.
- Lgbt rights are a given to her and must be reconciled with Judaism. I'm catching up
- the same, perhaps Israel stronger but not the right wing politics
- A woman who enjoys teaching and participating in a woman's tefilah group when available
- More right wing on our right to the territories and on support of Israel right wing parties.
- formal involvement is not as important (e.g. going to shul).
- He is strongly interested in making aliyah. He is more likely to view a political question by which result would be better for Israel. He has almost entirely Jewish friends and Jewish activities. (This wasn't intentional - we weren't able to afford a lot of extracurricular activities and he's not into sports, so his activities are basically Jewish camp and youth groups.)
- My child is intellectually curious and asks many questions about religious observance. She has also indicated that she is not interested in attending Stern College because she has been immersed in a dual curriculum for 12 years and does not want to continue a dual curriculum when she begins college.
- Not as jaded by terrible people and bad shul/school experiences
- She is remarkably similar in her attitudes and practice.

About as observant as I am

- He's male and lays tefillin, which offers him a different devotional relationship to his prayer experience and synagogue community.
- The fact that she went to day school and grew up within an observant community is totally different- she is a "native" while I am an "immigrant"; she takes stuff more for granted than I do
- He believes that there is less antisemitism in the US than I do.

- She doesn't have the same schooling as I had for judaics.
- Our child is an adult. We encourage but, step aside since this is their own life and choices.
- He is more aware of different narratives that Jews and Arabs have regarding the state of Israel and is more critical of the Israel/American Jewish relationship
- He is more politically conservative, more hawkish on Israel and less liberal in his orthodoxy - esp. related to the roles of women.
- he would like to daven in a partnership minyan and is more religious feminist
- I think he has a less strong belief in the existence of G-d, as Orthodoxy generally posits Him.
- Hard to say, he is not a deep thinker yet when it comes to religion.
- His wife does not always cover her hair and occasionally wears shorts and pants.
- my daughter in law covers her hair I do not I go out in gym slacks when going and coming from gym and in gym she does not
- He is into outward-facing Judaism - the need to look the part even if he doesn't feel that way inside. He's not really more observant than me, he just thinks he is because he dresses the part, and I refuse to do so out of principle.
- We are in sync theologically and halachically. Getting him to daven regularly is a hurdle, but that's an action issue, not perspective.
- More on the Left on some social issues but also more identifies as Modern Orthodox. I suspect some "Modern" Orthodoxy is just a rationalization for finding "kulas" in a self-serving way.
- shul attendance - she never misses unless she's truly sick
- The contemporary Jewish day school and or Yeshiva does not teach basic fundamentals of Judaism. I.e. What are the tenets of our religion; what do we believe in. Gemara does not teach everything. What happened to shulchan aruch? Jewish history, philosophy, theology, Zionist history - sadly lacking. Don't expect chareidi schools to do this which itself not a good thing. Also sadly lacking is the genuine feeling with unity to all Jews. Not only those who agree with you. The opposite is taught, tragically.
- Not really, possibly due to her boys' strong connection to observance, maybe more stringent in Kashrut and Shabbat observance.
- he is Shomer Shabbat & very active with his wife in an Orthodox Synagogue & was just made a trustee. This is the way we brought up our children. They both attended Orthodox High Schools & our son graduated Y.U.
- oldest child is female; would like to see more women's participation in the synagogue to the extent possible with Halakhah,.
- He is more learned, more thoughtful, and a very independent thinker.
- He is a Chabadnic. The schul he goes to in Long Island is part of Lubavitch/.
- She's still finding her way. I don't know that Jewish spirituality has yet found root.
- Much more open to pluralistic views of Judaism and while personally fully observant insists that all practices of Judaism has access to the Kotel and not discriminated against by the Rabbanut
- More liberal towards fellow Jews and he has brought me with him
- He has a great knowledge of halakhah and is married to a feminist. As a result he is disposed to adopt some lenient practices that I don't have.
- child lives in israel - less questioning about the fact that girls have much less opportunity in religious life.
- Her approach to Judaism is more overtly spiritual and less intellectual.
- more inclined to be proactive in helping the LGBT community achieve greater recognition and acceptance in the Orthodox community
- The child identifies as bisexual, so faces different halachic issues than I do.
- He is a little bit more politically, religiously and Zionistically conservative in his opinions.
- His views on tzedakah are more universalistic and less on giving to your own shul and community
- Her practice is the same as mine but she doesn't care about certain things that I did/do, e.g., niggah, Israel. I am not at all sure that she will be part of an orthodox community as an adult.
- He spends much more time thinking about it than I do.
- He is not as involved in Israel related activities as I am , he certainly doesn't follow the situation there as closely as I do
- They are about the same, though she went to more Chabad-oriented schools and camps
- She tends to keep halachot/minhagim because she has learned the sources, rather than keeping halachot/minhagim simply because others do.

- more comfortable in his religion - he grew up going to day school in an orthodox community. I did not
- I think he is still too young to have had a religious perspective formulated and for the most part still goes with the flow.
- She believes in God more fully, and has a better emotional connection to Judaism.
- Not as strident about Israel Very supportive but believes we can have peace

Somewhat Less Observant Than Me

- swimming and biking on shabbat davening daily
- she is not as involved in learning (she is a mommy and a female. This is not unusual)
- She is much more egalitarian than I am. she is also zachor shabbat while we are Shomer Shabbat.
- Strict knowledge and observance of laws including modesty.
- Less educated and cares less. Less observant in laws of modesty for example.
- Lives in Israel so observes only 1 day of Yom tov
- i am not sure that the practice of orthodoxy is as important to her right now but she is in a secular college. she does go to the hillel every shabbat and celebrates the holidays and has a jewish group of friends and is working in israel this summer
- More open and accepting of all ways of Jewish expression
- peace with palestinians, 2 stare solutiin
- Doesn't feel she needs to observe all the mitzvos in order to identify as a committed Jew
- More focus on materialism, American culture
- His concepts are strongly liberal and mine are strongly conservative
- I am fairly sure he secretly uses electronics on Shabbat
- I'm not sure he is much of a believer but will continue to be Orthoprax
- He is more left wing, but loves Israel. Many arguments about American-Israeli topics!
- He prefers to sleep in than go to shul and avoids davening and wearing Tzitzit.
- He is leaning towards modern orthodoxy.
- More Zionistic (made aliyah and served in the IDF), not Shomer Shabbat.
- As strict with kosher but less strict with Shabbat observance
- She is more committed to egalitarianism than I am.

- Shabbat observance
- politically somewhat more to left and that applies to Israel/religious as well
- She is more protective of Palestinians than I am
- as are all millenials, probably more open-minded on LGBT issues; as someone educated in Jewish institutions, probably somewhat less religious/theologically oriented
- Too accommodating of non-observant friends. less committed to shul going because her rabbi is uninspiring and too right wing!
- Involvement of women in Synagogue Services
- will do things on shabbat that i would not do
- He is less strict about shabbat observance (e.g., he drives on shabbat). But the family is almost always in synagogue on shabbat and, although everyone in the family was born in the U.S., the language of the home is Hebrew.
- is not concerned about being strictly shomer mitzvot, although identifies strongly as a Jew
- Does certain things on Shabbat that u would not though she is Shabbat observant.
- Aware of and follows halacha but I feel mainly for us and may not do once on his own. Not interested in Jewish studies.
- premarital sex, level of shmirat shabbat
- I will quote my son, a psychiatrist. "If there is a G-d, he's messed up. Who creates a world where everything in it that's good is bad for you".
- His points of view and opinions are based on fewer life experiences.
- Synagogue attendance is not as important for my oldest child as it is for me
- She doesn't much keep shabbat
- He believes his wife and female children should be able to dance with the Torah. He is okay with his children deciding how religious they want to be. He does not require men who stay for a Shabbos or Yom Tov meal to wear a kippah at the table. Nor does he mind if they travel on Shabbos or Yom Tov to get to his house.
- He is an adopted child, and has problems identifying with the community and he feels that he does not belong and is not accepted.
- agrees in theory and heart, with most observance but not in observing as strictly.
- importance of learning Torah on a regular schedule
- Is more "Conservodox"

- Generally not as observant re eating out. Will eat fish out. Will swim on Shabbath. Will turn lights on ,on Shabbath
 - Yes. He is an ardent Zionist, as am I, and believes that we must be highly moral. He feels that some of the features of observance are not what make a person a good Jew.
 - Mostly differ in follow-through, rather than a theological difference
 - He plays online games and watches things that don't reflect Jewish values. He doesn't have value davening, the same way I do. He only goes if a minyan is needed.
 - His Jewish day schools skewed him as the rabbis do not act as they teach. Very sad and at great expense to our family for all three sons!!! If I had to do it again I would never send them to Jewish day schools
 - Tznius, Halacha in general and davening are less important, not much buy-in
 - He's not as interested in davening on time or going to minyan or going to learn, though he's not adamantly against it. This may have to do with him being a teenager. He's also much more liberal minded in some areas.
 - Her profession influences her devotion.. she considers herself religious.
 - How they view Materialism and seeing The world thru a Torah lens.
 - kashrut - eating out as long as the ingredients appear kosher Going to shul less often
 - I think Millennials tend toward less strict adherence but it's quite likely (and I strongly hope) that over time as they mature, they will become more strict.
 - Keeping kosher is not so important to him or observing Shabbat
 - Less regard and respect for the views of orthodox rabbis.
 - More communally involved, rather than being restricted by only synagogue involvement
 - He is not consistent in saying brachot or davening regularly.
 - Much more liberal/ flexible. Will often opt for what is convenient
 - Our daughter has a very different view of tzniut.
 - He is not Sabbath observant but maintains kashrut.
 - Not as convinced of the truths that I believe. Not as focused on Halacha. Somewhat "teenager" like.
 - She is to the left of me politically. She supports alternative and egalitarian minyanim. She very uncomfortable with the separation of men and women in shul.
 - He has special needs and so requires different approach and "rules" than others.
 - he does not see going to shul regularly as something he should do, he certainly does not believe in getting to shul on time and he probably attends events I might not. does not see his obligation to donate to Jewish causes as much either
 - The emotional connection is at times lacking
 - daily synagogue attendance somewhat less important to ritual
 - He does not necessarily believe as strongly in the presence of G-d.
 - She hasn't started high school yet, which is where I think a lot of growth happens. But I'm also very honest with all of my children that faith is something we practice everyday and halacha is a gray area. For example, she wears short shorts and I've tried talking to her about tzniut but she's 14 and I just don't want to turn her off completely .
 - They are evolving but is less connected to the practices.
 - minor differences - what hashgachah she accepts (colored by where she lives) shul attendance - she does NOT attend much observance of specific stringencies Basics? She defines herself as modern orthodox
 - Strongly egalitarian, opposes orthodox Judaism in any form
 - Believes the kashrut industry is corrupt so relies less on the authority of the kashrut organizations and more on personal observation and analysis of food products.
 - Greater doubts about Halacha and the need to follow it, even if you don't like/agree with the Halacha as applied.
 - Not as intensely involved. More interested in a good movie than a good chavrusa.
 - On dress. On activities permissible on Yom Tov or shabbath
 - He attends a traditional egalitarian minyan
 - Going to Shul; too liberal regarding Shabbat and Yom Tov laws.
- Much Less Observant Than Me**
- has become non-religious but extremely committed to Jewish causes
 - She's not Jewish.
 - Not kosher, not observant but married to a jew.

- I became more observant after he graduated from high school. He and his family are members of a conservative shul, but in practice are occasional observers.
- Difficulty believing in Hashem. Questioning the value of halachah.
- Not kosher outside home. Not shower Shabbat. Belongs to conservative temple.sends his kids to afternoon Hebrew school rather than day school. Has greater antipathy for yeshiva and organized orthodoxy.
- Although less observant, our child is maintaining traditional and cultural Judaism.
- Much more formal Jewish education. More open to alternatives.
- She spent formative years under a much more right-wing rabbi and some bad behavior among congregants that fully and understandably soured her on all matters of tzinut as currently talked about in the Orthodox community. She is out as LGBTQ and therefore isn't welcome everywhere and knows it. She is less generous about "hypocrites" and gossips than I. However, she participates in Jewish pride, Israel-pride, and Jewish philanthropy, and except for the issue of egalitarianism is more comfortable in Orthodox prayer spaces and among more Jewishly educated Jews.
- He considers himself an atheist. I hope it will pass.
- Hates Judaism
- Questions belief in G-d. Rejects halachic or religious rituals
- Much more politically conservative.
- He is completely off the derech, but I became a Ba'al Tshuvah after his Bar Mitzvah.
- Because he is in the U.S. military, observance of Shabbos and Yom Tovim are difficult.
- He was already in HS when I first started becoming observant. He did not tread that path with me. Married out.
- Raised by (Jewish) ex-wife as a Christian.
- All areas. He is not observant and lives with non Jewish girlfriend.
- Burned out from 5 years of American Charedi Israeli yeshiva education. He couldn't deal with stereotype class system in Israel when time to get a job arose. He superficially keeps ritual to accommodate his community and children. Joined a left wing synagogue on the west coast.
- My daughter is a universalist. She keeps kosher, but does not attend shul regularly. She wants to raise Jewish children, send to Jewish schools, however does not keep the Sabbath in the way she was raised.
- He is more supportive of Palestinian rights
- I was brought up Reform but due to my father being Jewish but mother not being Jewish, I underwent an Orthodox conversion. My children identify with Reform Judaism but do not practice.
- At this point, mostly everything -- kashrut (though she does not eat non-kosher meat), Shabbat observance, dating, etc. She maintains a consciousness of Shabbat and Chagim, and when visiting home always attends services at our Orthodox shul.
- He belongs to a Conservative Synagogue. He does not keep kosher, and eats forbidden foods. He does, however, identify strongly as a Jew and his children are involved in a Jewish Youth Movement - BBYO.
- Does not keep kosher. Does not observe the sabbath laws. Does not send her children to Jewish Day School
- He became a secular jew
- Did not instill in her 2 grown children the same beliefs in Judaism as we taught her & her siblings.
- Has more doubts about religion and G-d, generally speaking, and about validity of orthodox interpretation of Torah and halacha
- Doesn't follow Halacha but has a very strong Jewish identity.
- He tends to be reform
- Not shomer shabbos and mitzvos
- He is a passionate Zionist and a proud Jew, although not religiously connected.
- All. Very angry at orthodoxy, attitudes of orthodox Jews and no longer observant at all.
- Very liberal and does not like all the laws of orthodox Judaism.
- Not sure, but has a different level of emunah than I...I believe she hasn't been tested the way I have..sometimes this comes from the trials and tribulations of life ...she also finds it challenging to observe Shabbat day.....
- Although once more observant than we are, he no longer lives Jewish life. He still supports Israel.
- Doesn't believe Halacha is important.
- though he had a yeshiva highschool educ, re'cud talmud prize, learned in israel yeshiva during college, wen to med school, and left the derech. he wasn't prepared to meet the new challenges and pressures
- my oldest child only observes when in my home. she does teach in a chabad school which give very little as far as her religious life. however, if she met the right

person she would go back to orthodoxy if that's what he wanted.

- Married a Jewish anti orthodox woman
- He's an agnostic
- My oldest child has come out as gay. I want to find a place for my child within Judaism in which s/he feels accepted, included, and not 'b'dieved.' I don't believe this will happen in the Orthodox world.
- I don't know. The eldest child is liberal and does not believe in the clannish aspect of Jewishness (I think).
- Kids are more liberal and less Jew-centric. Do not understand that if Hashem would remove himself for a second that the state of Israel would not exist
- He does not feel that any aspect of Halacha is relevant to his lifestyle.
- He's anti religious. Being adopted and special needs adds lots of baggage. Maybe you shouldn't include in your stats
- more globalist, love of people- not religious practice. But my second child is more religious than me!
- He does not attend synagogue regularly. He does not pray daily.
- cost of Jewish education was prohibitive he only went to yeshiva for 4 years
- She made aliyah and served in the IDF and views that as her commitment to Judaism. She saw how the ultra orthodox treated her while she was on duty and after that experience, although she attended Stern and had a strong background, was turned off to organized Orthodox life.
- My Jewish parents did not observe. They did not even belong to a synagogue. I was previously married to a non-Jew. My two adult children do not consider themselves as Jewish. They appear to resent that I have married an orthodox man and have embraced a Jewish lifestyle.
- He sees orthodoxy as "stuck" and "unchanging"..... unwilling to take into account realities of our lives such as LGBTQ Jews.
- stopped keeping shabbos in college
- keeping laws that do not have a tangible purpose
- When he does go to shul or observe a holiday, it is in the orthodox manner
- Praying with a minyan, general shul observance, having Jewish books available in his home.
- Daughter resides in DC area and there are fewer shul connections available. Belongs to a conservative shul in Reston VA. I reside in area where there is a great supply of a wide choice of affiliations.

- Does not practice Judaism
- Not observant. Religious practices not important.
- He questions everything
- he is against everything I stand for as far as Israel is concerned
- He believes in picking and choosing observance
- Does not appear to have any issue having a non-Jewish partner. Nonpracticing; maintains an agnostic/atheistic perspective.
- Dress and swimming on Shabbat
- He does what he wants
- Mostly in daily religious observance
- Much more liberal, work(job) comes before observance, Hebrew school rather than yeshiva(expense)for child.
- OTD -- Off the derech completely.
- He says he is an atheist.
- He went back to the Reform movement
- He doesn't even know if he believes in G-d. Doesn't believe in the Torah and I do.
- we became observant when our daughter was already married. She lights candles, observes many things in the home, and is very respectful of us.
- Belief in God, orthopraxis
- Belief in God, importance of ritual observance
- Supports Palestinian rights
- Less belief in G-d, less interested in belonging to the community
- He does not have the time for classes and study. He does not attend shul even on holidays
- Judaism is not as central to her life as it is to me
- Most issues regarding Israel.
- Not interested in synagogue attendance but enjoys Shabbat and holiday activities at home. Is not shomer Shabbat or kashrut. Uses electronics and will work on Shabbat.
- Does not like shul attendance. Likes home observance. Uses electronics and will work on Shabbat.
- Organized prayer. Shmirat Shabbat. Kashrut outside of the home.
- He views religion as irrational. Doesn't feel a powerful connection to our previous generations. Doesn't feel the pull to our traditions. Neither Holocaust or Israel are top of mind for him.
- marrying within the faith the beauty of observance love of the Jewish community
- Living in a non Jewish environment

- He is pro-Israel and very connected to Zionism. He is very connected to the tradition. He doesn't believe that G-d is particularly connected to any one group. He believes God Is.
- She has become an atheist
- Not overly interested in the formal practice of Judaism.
- Much less supportive of Israel.
- conservative Jew somewhat observant
- She has separated from Orthodox Judaism entirely. Leaning now towards Conservative Judaism. Strongly identifies with the Jewish people and Israel. I am left leaning in the past few years since I see little toleration from Orthodox Judaism, ie changing the Auguna laws, negativity toward Pre-nups and Conversion, and the monolithic attitude of the Israeli Rabbinate.
- Role of women in ritual/halacha. Overall importance of ritual, davening. Importance of learning Torah.
- Religion: prayer, keeping kosher, shmirat Shabbat, etc.
- No longer frum - loves the family celebrations and home/community feel but doesn't feel a connection or a part of Orthodox Judaism.
- many thanks to wretched Hebrew schools which you ought to ask about
- Strongest area is in women's issues and modesty
- Centrality of G to being and reality; centrality of Jewish history to authentic Jewish practice; centrality of Jewish practice
- He is not shomer shabbat or shomer kashrut. I do not think he believes in the divinity of the torah.
- Observing Shabbat and some holidays
- She is more open that is liberal towards adherence to mitzvot and can be non-observant of prohibitions
- My child loves Israel and supports it fully. My child is no longer shomer Shabbat. My child went to yeshivas and to Jewish camps and married a Jewish person.
- She feels totally alienated from Judaism and does not observe anything, as far as I know
- He doesn't believe in God or the Torah being from God. He's essentially an atheist.
- Observance of Shabbat and Kosher
- She walked away from orthodox judaism, mainly because of treatment of women.
- She is my step daughter raised in an unaffiliated home (until age 18).
- He has a strong self-awareness as a Jew, and is the product of a Yeshiva education but is not observant. He is a strong Zionist and supports Israel as I do. We have

both travelled frequently to Israel where we have family.

- not religiously observant but spiritually observant and proud to be a Jew and hugely supportive of Israel.
- he has significant doubts about the truth of much of the torah but still believes in Hashem
- Not Shomer Shabbos Does not keep Kosher He is active in his synagogue Conservative
- Almost all of them. He is married out (I was not observant when he was growing up) and I don't think Judaism plays much part in his life.
- Unfortunately I believe the orthodox school has turned him away
- Strongly Zionist; non-observant