

**The Nishma Research Proposed 2023-2024 Orthodox Community Study**  
**How the Community Voted**  
**July 19, 2023**

The community has spoken. We presented three proposed research topics and 1,002 people voted, as follows:

*#1 – with 368 votes, or 36.7% of the total*

**The Lives of Orthodox Jewish Teenagers** – Our past 13 community surveys were aimed at those age 18 and older. But teenagers face their own unique challenges in these times. This survey would explore what their lives are like, religiously, academically, family life, socially, health and personal issues they face; how they are doing; and their hopes and plans for the future.

*A close #2 – with 346 votes, or 34.5% of the total*

**Choosing Your Religion** – Orthodoxy has always included people at varying levels of belief and practice. What's relatively new are our increased exposure to modern (often seen as coarser) society, and the increased opportunities that individuals have to alter where they want to be, religiously. This survey will examine how people choose where they fit within Orthodoxy and Judaism, how many people and what kinds of people are making various religious change decisions and why, and how widespread these shifts are.

*A respectable #3, with surprisingly (to us) strong interest –288 votes, or 28.7% of the total*

**The Health of Orthodox Jews** – Orthodoxy has benefits as well as challenges in areas of personal health. This survey would explore how we get health information, our access to health care and its quality (including insurance and coverage issues), health self-awareness and basic measures, diet challenges (Shabbat, chagim, simchas, special dietary needs), exercise, mental health incidence and treatment, incidence of particular conditions in the Jewish community, and much more – focusing on the Orthodox world.

Because the top two selections both had strong responses, our plan is to do a survey of teenagers and embed within it aspects of the “choosing one’s religion” issue, insofar as they relate to teenagers.

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We also asked for comments. The following, starting on the next page, are all of the 281 comments received. The comments are very broad and insightful, and will be of enormous value as we work on this study. So, Thank You! The comments are unedited for content, grammar, etc. In a very few cases we redacted some of the information (e.g., names, emails, etc.) to preserve respondent anonymity.

The comments reflect the fact that many people liked more than one of topics, and there were many other areas of inquiry suggested. All of this is being read and will be helpful when we conduct this study.

**Note that, like our 13 community studies to date, the questions will be guided by input from the community and the research results will be made available and downloadable free. Our mission is to shed light on important issues facing the community.**

## VERBATIM RESPONSES

### Those Who Voted For: The Lives of Orthodox Jewish Teenagers (114 Comments)

- When I was in middle school "half Shabbos" was all the rage with community leaders. It never gets talked about anymore. Curious to know if teens report hearing about it and if they are engaging in the practice. Also curious to know what teens say their own beliefs are off the record, and not what they perform believing to keep their parents and families happy. Separately I also would love to see more data on how people think of and interact with and observe kashrus and the nosher industrial complex.
- Finances, mental health/anxiety.
- I would love to see data on where the Jewish community lives, and where it is moving to. I would love to know a number of Jewish prayer houses of all groups, number of Jewish schools, Jewish community organizations etc.
- Coming back more from Israel-everything the parents do isn't good enough any more. Moving more, and more, and more to the right, or-- on the contrary, half-Shabbos.
- Why teens who go to Yeshiva or Day School get turned off and leave Orthodoxy. Why our schools are failing our children? Why don't our kids know enough Hebrew to open a sefer and learn?
- As the parent of Jewish teenagers, The Lives of Orthodox Jewish Teenagers very much interests me. However, insofar as I observe a high degree of obesity among Orthodox Jews, I am also curious about The Health of Orthodox Jews. Choosing Your Religion is also interesting, but I feel it has a lot of overlap with other surveys that you have done in the past.
- I picked teens, but choosing my religion would be interesting. As an Orthodox parent of kids in community day schools I would also love to see some research into that specific experience. There is a lot of negative and unfounded fear about sending a kid to a non Ortho day school and even though many of us do it there is a stigma.
- I don't believe anyone has studied how well our educational institutions are doing in ensuring continued observance. What percentage of day school kids remain observant and from which types of schools
- Shidduch crisis
- Why do Orthodox Jews increasingly identify with right wing ideology?
- Gay and trans teens in the orthodox community
- Employment discrimination in yeshivas towards women who are more qualified than men.
- Poll Jewish schools on various issues that they are seeing with students: Childrens/students mental health Social media and effects of Cell phone usage and how it affects learning Pornography Drugs /alcohol
- The affordability and availability of Jewish education for all those who would like to provide their children a Jewish education - It is becoming cost prohibitive, my adult children are considering public school for their future children even though all 4 attended modern orthodox school from kindergarten thru 12th grade
- A health survey should include topics around mistrust of science, misinformation, anti-vaccination conspiracy theories.
- Queer health & safety in orthodox communities; women's health & safety in the same context; what factors are predictive of queer people's or women's health and safety within any one community?
- The singles conundrum-what some refer to as the shidduch crisis. Also the tuition crisis, and crazy cost of kosher food.
- I think it would be interesting to study the differences between what parents of teenagers are feeling about the expectations and the observations of their youngsters' lives and the perception of teens themselves vis a vis Orthodoxy.
- The change in the approach to women: Leadership roles, Public visuals- censoring pictures in magazines geared to women The role of a religious leader- rabbi or rebbe. How

- much influence do they have, expect to have, are expected to have
- How ppl afford home purchases
  - Give them the YRBS.
  - Choosing your religion is almost certain to attract a large crowd of those who are anti-religion. In general these type of surveys are more likely to attract the angry crowd than the well meaning crowd. Therefore they aren't really representative of the frum world.
  - Children are the future, and we must ensure that our religion and environment for them is conducive to keeping them excited about being Jewish. In an era where religion is declining in the US, this is especially important. The above ties in a bit with choosing your religion. Health seems of limited importance to study (though important to be healthy). You can't change conspiracy theorists' beliefs within the religion.
  - how teaching of chussen rebbes and kallah teachers affect marriage differently depending on the training of the rebbe or teacher. 2- if there's anything parents want to do better in terms of parenting, what would that be? ~do parents want to make changes to themselves to be better parents or do parents want their children to change ~ what's the most difficult part of parenting? ~ how much do parents believe society (school, neighbors, friends) is influencing what are outcomes of children? ~ what are some differences parents would teach children if they wouldn't have the existing peer pressure?
  - I chose Teenagers, but am also very interested in Choosing Your Religion; I would love you to include Qs in Teenager study related to choices they make about how religious (ie davening, kashrut, fasts, clothing choices, etc) they are relative to their families; or in Choosing Your Religion, ask about how people compare to their parents, siblings, children.
  - At what age (of the child), should parents get them cell phones?
  - The proliferation of gay and lesbian teens. This is a huge issue that it would be good to understand better.
  - How do young people feel about davening? How do they relate to G-d? How do they rate their relationships with their parents? What is their biggest challenge?
  - Interested in both this topic and health, but teenager issues are more urgent. I would be interested in what they see as their biggest concerns. What they think about the influence/draw/positives and negatives of social media, and how they feel about/deal with schools forbidding things like smart phones when they serve so many different functions in this day and age. Has their schooling been adequate/good? What would they change? Thoughts and feelings about substance use and abuse (alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, pot, other drugs) and about peer pressure. How big a problem is bullying and how effective are attempts to stop it? Do they feel pressure to daven and learn, and how do they feel about that? If they could change something in their lives, what would it be? Do they feel prepared for dating and marriage? What do they think would help them? Are they getting enough/the right kind of guidance on higher education and careers? So many questions! (Mother of 4 teens/ young adults).
  - The problems in chinuch today School choices or lack thereof
  - How do teenagers connect to religion? How are they reacting to what they are experiencing at home on a religious level?
  - What % of mod. orth. children went to day school, Jewish camp, both or neither and what % of each group maintained their orthodoxy through starting a family.
  - The concerns about families and how they cope with individuals who may no longer remain in the observant community
  - I picked the survey about teenagers but i also would like to see the survey about health. It was hard to choose between the two.
  - Access to mental health, barriers etc
  - Off the derech
  - Domestic abuse/violence I'll be happy to go into this more. I hope to begin my dissertation on the intersection between DV,

revictimization, and homelessness in the Orthodox population.

- I want to know how many people especially teens use their smartphones on Shabbat and I think technology useable and sabbath observance would be a great topic
- I'd love information on orthodox teens that attend public school. If they have frum friends, if they're in youth groups, if they're happy or unhappy in public school. How their experiences have impacted their relationship to Judaism; and even a tie into the questions about choosing your own orthodoxy having been exposed to a diverse world instead of just the insular frum world.
- interested in views on lgbt issues
- Topics related to finances and what the orthodox communities and its leaders are doing to alleviate financial stress. Ex. Chagim, weddings, simchas, etc. Our leaders are aware that most people can't afford our current lifestyle but the pressure is enormous. In my opinion, leaders really need to get together and start to promote change.
- Some thing about wealth and materialism in the Orthodox community. It has certainly gotten out of hand, and perhaps studies about disparity in wealth, and the reasons for such a disparity would be helpful to highlight the problem. Similarly, the percentage of charity given by different levels of wealth in the Orthodox community.
- why are so many young adults, raised in orthodox homes with Yeshiva education going off the derech
- Based on my experience with your last survey (about where people fall in their level of belief and religiosity), I don't think your questions are fully representative of people's actual experiences. Many of the questions did not have an answer that fit a diverse group of people and it seemed biased toward the tri-state area Jews. I live in an out-of-town kiruv community and could barely relate to the questions or answers you asked. I think you need to either narrow the demographic of people you're surveying or create a

questionnaire that makes sense for Jews of all backgrounds, communities, and locations.

Otherwise, your findings are not truly representative of what you're surveying.

- Explore teen activity with drugs, interactions with the opposite sex, gender identity issues, parental influence and control, pressure to succeed academically, quality of secular education, pressure from schools regarding college education choices, rrvainical role models, role models for girls
- I think all 3 are great subjects worthy of study. The 3rd one made we think of "Jews by Choice" and getting a survey of their experiences -I am sure there would be a lot to learn from that
- Investigate the frequency of ADHD and learning disabilities among Orthodox Jews under age 18.
- Topic: Music in 2023... Are people aware how the crazy music is damaging us emotionally and morally. How people feel about the crazy rock and roll alarm intros and music that's getting worse each day. What we can do to solve the problem of crazy jazzy music. Do people know how the manhattan streets looked - not so long ago - in the beginning of the 1950's, with all kinds of people from all ages and stages, from every sector and circle - where everybody and anybody dressed morally fine and proper. Are people aware that this is in result of the new types of music?! The Sixties gave birth to a popular culture in film and music that reflected and influenced the decade's social upheavals: the rise of Cold War politics, civil rights movements, student protests, and the Vietnam war all profoundly affected American society and culture. Reports from the Khan Academy on the change of music: "Rock and roll, a new style of music which drew inspiration from African American blues music, embra
- Orthodox jewish integration with the world and how to balance it
- Regarding mental health if teens: efforts should be made to reduce stigma about needing counseling; feeling as if the teen is the only one with difficult feelings

- I'm so excited to see your work! We must understand our teens better. I think we need to include mental health and exposure to others with mental health issues in the list of questions.
  - How each stream of orthodoxy is dealing with the multitude of people going "off the derech", The feelings of orthodox young adults when they start violating the tenants they grew up with.
  - It depends what you are doing with this information
  - As a part of the teen study or a separate study, why are teens who grow up and are educated in modern Orthodox schools leaving &/or choosing paths of less observance. Also why do many of these teens/ young adults not feel a connection to Israel?
  - The exorbitant cost of a Jewish day schools education.
  - I think the teenage study is important because they are the Jewish future. Another important topic would be what the various streams of Judaism think about the others and how each feels they are treated by the others.
  - Orthodox attitudes to non-Jews Orthodox attitudes to non-orthodox
  - Converts Jews of color
  - how to best support them, what THEY see as their greatest challenge
  - Why such division in our people? The left vs right religiously and politically.
  - What are the toughest issues you face around "fitting in" with your community (either school, or religious life)?
  - How involved are Orthodox teens in social media and other online activities? What impact is it having on them? Are they staying separate from the "outside world " or getting caught up in it online? Are they being led into inappropriate behavior via online content? Do they have enough social and other resources and connections within the Orthodox community? I'd also like to see a future survey or questions on one that explores the attitudes of US Orthodox Jews towards Israel and Aliyah. Is there enough emphasis on making Aliyah?
- Too much? Should we be trying to encourage more Jews to make Aliyah? Also, responses to antisemitism in the US and violence directed at Orthodox Jews. The need for more proactive action. Training in self defense? Physical fitness training? More local patrols?
- Torah learning after marriage? How Torah is impacts our daily lives
  - The place of secular study for boys. The place of religious study (Talmud etc) for girls. Dating vs arranged shidduchim, pressure to marry, pressure on youth to appear attractive (eating disorders), information on sexual safety from date pressure or being sexually assaulted by teachers or neighbors who are adults as well as peers (do they know how to report and know what is abuse and who they can go to), Are they aware of signs of suicidality in peers and what they can do? Do they know that alcoholism, addiction and mental illness are in their communities and that there is help available? Do they trust adults to be there for them and to be safe to go to if they have questions or concerns? The place for LGBT youth. The financial stress of trying to live in proximity to community. The impact of divorce and family violence. Do they know spouse and date abuse can occur in Jewish communities? Are they afraid or worried about their own safety or their future? Do they feel potentially targete
  - I would like to see why there are so many more children of orthodox families leaving the traditions they were raised in all the beliefs that was instilled in them
  - The future of Orthodoxy lies with today's teenagers
  - Our children are our future which is the reason I chose the first option. You also may want to survey parents/guardians of all children under 18 in order to get a fuller picture.
  - The acceptance of LGBTQ in the orthodox shul. The disappearance of the "moderate" in Orthodoxy—a shomer mitzvot Jew who acts more moderately in their thinking politically, their dress, and their religious daily life. Lack of housing in orthodox comms for young

families. The shidduch challenges with older Orthodox Jew (40s and up).

- I think that the teen survey needs to include questions about "choosing" their religion because our teens are struggling with this in a deep way in part because of exposure to modern life via social media etc and because they are impacted by the non-G-d believing culture.
- i think the lives of teenagers would be fascinating - i assume you would need to ask the teens and not their parents; but then, the question is how honestly would teens respond to an adult (ie you) about sensitive issues about sex, drugs and rock & roll. About keeping Shabbat, porn ... - but i think the data may be eye opening. I think health would be my second choice as a physician. finally the last question is very tough to define; what does religious mean? Religious to me is what you feel, not how one practices. What is religious change vs. practice change; Is somebody who davens at home rather than with a minyan because he finds deeper meaning with fewer distractions more or less religious than somebody who goes to minyan? I think since terms like religious mean very different things to different people, very careful use of terms and definitions would make this a hard question to make sense of the answers thanks for doing this
- Asking teens if they have 5 trusted adults outside of their immediate family is an important measure of how they feel connected to community.
- I would really like to see choice 3 done as well!
- They are all very important but saving the youth is utmost.
- I also liked the third proposal! The second one is interesting, but I would suggest working with a mental health professional to be sure it is inclusive of people with eating disorders, etc. I would also be interested in a survey about Jews living outside of large metropolitan Jewish populations - what access to resources are available, the unique challenges, and how we can build Jewish community in places

without the infrastructure that larger communities have.

- teenagers their idea of god and belief. mental health is a big one, dealing with healthy boundaries with freidns. abuse, parental alienation
- In general, looking at the behaviors and beliefs of people who identify as Orthodox and what that means for the direction of the Modern Orthodox movement.
- The rewiring of children's brains through cell phones, computers. How AI will continue to impact the Jewish family
- I tried to choose both the first and third proposals but was only allowed one. Both are good choices and seem quite related -maybe there's a way to incorporate both.
- These are all important and I hope at some point they will all be studied. I think since teens can benefit from the first study, I'd prioritize that. This way plans can be implemented if needed.
- Percentages of people who go OTD by hashkafa, age, marital status, and gender.
- Attitudes towards the LGBT communities. Would you accept them in your shul davening next to you? Would you include them in a minyan?
- I happen to think that all three topics are extremely interesting. I would love to read about how our diets are affecting our health. I would also love to read about how open minded or close minded orthodox Jews are me included.
- The suggestion on youth is excellent! I can think of no more pressing topics. And I hope you will include mental health, personal safety (from abuse—physical, sexual, emotional, coercive relationships, etc.—and from individual and group risk behaviors, etc.) and whether adolescents know how to help a friend in crisis and who are reliable supports to turn to. As well as decision-making and other life skills. Thank you.
- Ask teens about whether they are from ffb backgrounds or parents are bt; what kinds of

school they go to; attitudes towards phones and social media

- Survey of health of Jews us also of interest, and additional focus can be the prevalence of particular diseases and disorders as opposed to the non-Jewish population
- The third choice is very interesting as well and I had a hard time choosing between 1 and 3.
- Shifting attitudes toward Zionism and aliyah since the pandemic
- How life in the Orthodox shul has changed over the past 100 years. Customs,Cantors,Youth involvement,etc.
- In addition to the issues you described for teenagers, I would add finding out how COVID lockdowns affected them.
- How many people practice Orthodoxy outwardly, but have abandoned their belief?
- The impact of social media and internet use in general (including pornography, chatting, texting) on teenagers and the klal as a whole. How does the lax standards of morality and ethics in our society affect your decisions to be more or less religious.
- Honestly, all 3 are good subjects. For the 3rd selection. I would also include how some teens change their level of observance after they graduate high school. I have seen young adults doing less than their family and seen young adults doing more than their family. Both directions can be a challenge for the family.
- How do people decide where to live, and what are the benefits and costs of different neighborhoods or communities
- They all look interesting
- Also interested in the choosing your religion topic...I think there's going to be significant overlap between this and the orthodox teenagers topic, since the current teenagers are growing up in a rapidly shifting society in terms of cultural norms and values, and that will inevitably have an effect on how they perceive and choose their type of religious observance.
- While I picked one, any of these topics would seem to be of importance, and I would want to

see all of them considered at some point in the future.

- I would like to focus on the challenges of teens to remain or become religiously observant. Today's world is so full of nonsense that it becomes increasingly challenging to be a religious person. What or who influences them? How do they navigate the secular influences? How do they view themselves especially with regard to their family and/or friends? What types of activities do they engage in?
- The others are of value but the youth survey is major in that they are our future in many ways !
- I'm fascinated and as a mother I'd like to learn more about the next generations.
- How the LGBTQ agenda has affected Orthodox families and if so, is there support for them
- The third option also seems interesting. I think it would be helpful to ask questions regarding how people relate to other segments of orthodoxy and to what extent they are influenced by other communities (for example, a modern orthodox college student who sometimes goes to a chasidic community for shabbos)
- I chose teenagers over health, because I felt it is far more pressing. Everyone knows that orthodox Jews eat poorly, and the research will only help substantiate that. However, when it comes to teenagers, there is genuinely a lot we don't know, and the research would be helpful to better understand their struggles, in terms of religion, life, and particularly mental health. I think a survey regarding teenagers. Can I have some really important findings for how to best help them.
- These are all worthwhile but I choose the teen option because they are the future of Judaism
- \*do people change/adapt their religious observance as they age? i.e.do they become more lenient or become totally non observant in contrast to their religious observance in their earlier years?? If so, what is the catalyst for this change later in life ?? conversely, do people become more observant as they age?

specifically my questions are in regard to those over 60

- Choosing Your Religion is a close second IMO
- I think the survey should be focused on not only Jewish Teenagers but the whole range from pre-teen through early 20s -- and really probe the issues of esteem and resilience and mental wellness. There is really a crisis in this space and we need data to be able to respond effectively
- I'm interested in all of these!
- These are all great research topics but I feel teenagers are in a special category who need the proper guidance on their derech. If we help them now, hopefully there will be less struggles for them in the future.
- The voting attitude of the orthodox community. Both, if they vote & also which party do they generally vote for in the general election.
- Long term financial health of Orthodox Jews. Someone made a comment to me a bunch of years ago about how no Orthodox Jews save for retirement. I fear that prior research on the tuition crisis is looking only at the challenges for people currently paying tuition.
- I suggest you ask Orthodox teenagers about their relationship to Israel so we can get a sense as to whether their attachment to Israel is waning like that of other Jewish teenagers in America.
- Challenges in dealing with missionaries and charedi influencers. Understandably these are direct opposites both sides cause issues.
- The future of Modern Orthodoxy, indeed, of Judaism, depends on choices MO teenagers make. The nature of MO exposes them to the world. They will be challenged in college, and in grad school. How to strengthen their commitment to Orthodoxy is the key to its future.
- I would love to see a future study about the religious practices of the Orthodox community, especially linked to places of residence and school choices. There is a general assumption that the "haredi" community is more meticulously observant than the "Modern"

community. Of course, this is oversimplification does not really take into account the great variety within those communities, nor the differences between different geographic locations and their cultures. In the old days, Orthodox pundits who were discussing the vitality of different cities' Jewish communities would say that "the pizza shops don't lie". I believe that this could be extended to "the Maariv minyanim don't lie" -- and that much could be learned about the levels of observance in different communities by assessing specific practices and attitudes. Moreover, there is no real sense of the levels of meticulousness in mitzvot bein adam l'chaveiro, in honest business practices, or in tzedakah practices. I have long dreamed of engaging with such a study, its results, and the practical implications for young people, for parents, and for educators. Minyan going, tznius, learning habits, lashon hara, kashrus observance, benching, washing, etc. etc. This is important stuff -- and it would be wonderful if we had more than just conjecture about the differences between Lakewood, Monsey, Teaneck, Englewood, Ramat Bet Shemesh, and Efrat. Thanks.

- Both of the first two are good options. I would also love to see a study of teens that have gone off the derech. What turned them off? What would it take to get them back? etc.

### **Those Who Voted For: Choosing Your Religion (102 Comments)**

- Although I chose the third survey choice, the study regarding teenagers is also important. Teenagers live in a rapidly changing world which they have to navigate. This is our future.
- Second choice is health, and I think all three are good survey topics
- All three of these are good. What about attitudes toward the arts? Favorite arts, do you practice an art form, play a musical instrument, favorite literature (Jewish or non), etc. Another possibility: I would also suggest a deeper dive into politics to show the extent to which there is ideological diversity even

WITHIN the Orthodox majority that tends to vote for Republicans and WITHIN the Orthodox minority that tends to vote for Democrats. Crude labels erase a lot of nuance it would be interesting to explore. (I myself am somewhat politically homeless as a pro-life, pro-religious freedom, environmentalist, pro-gender-binary cultural traditionalist who likes strongly left-leaning and socialistic economic policies.)

- I would like to know how Orthodox Jews have "waivered" in their religious practices. Assuming new strictures, falling away from Orthodoxy, and all the positions between. What caused the changes? Is there regret for any past.
- Mental health amongst orthodox teenagers and how they feel growing up religious or choosing to leave orthodoxy practice altogether
- How does antisemitism impact the way Orthodox Jews live, dress and go about life ?
- I think the understanding of teenagers to Judaism would also be a great study. My children have very different attitudes than I do towards Israel and Judaism.
- Let's take the Jewish teens and broaden it into the early and mid twenties where things learned or not learned tend to take relative shape and direction
- I liked the first option, but for young adults (18-30). Based on my personal experience and people that I know, many young adults from Modern Orthodox families who have gone to Jewish day schools are no longer observant. This seems to be far more common than it was previously. Would be interesting to have a better understanding why this is.
- I also like the one about teenagers!
- I would be curious to learn about communal attitudes about reading fiction and what limits they might set for themselves, i.e. only classics or books considered to be "literature," or if they are open to any fiction or no fiction that is not considered "kosher."
- In depth study on social relationships- both between people and their own communities, and their perceptions of other communities.
- Frum children not being accepted into schools.
- The teen one is also important
- I'd love to understand more about the connection between religious life and financial stability, whether people are moving outside of the traditional shul models for community and having more individualized practice, and whether jewish education and (separately) gap years have an impact on observance later in life.
- LGBT identity and acceptance/tolerance in orthodoxy
- I would look at the level connection feel in the orthodox community relative to various social factors. Age, wealth, region, observance etc. There are silos within silos. Categorizing people for activities not based on diversity and interest. Some communities are cold. Not sure how you measure this and support the ideology that we are one people klal Yisrael. We should feel and be empowered as part of the whole. I would also look at who is looking at other options and why.
- Spouses with differing observance levels and how they compromise over chinuch Hidden heretics - what are the real numbers? OTD - what are the real numbers? The gender breakdown of this phenomenon The reasons for changing observance level, especially less than originally What is the experience of moving away from a family's observance/community to a different one Please note that self-selection bias will be difficult to counter
- Teenagers and their religious observances Happiness and marriage
- Ok, so I picked 3, but my suggestion has to do more with topic of # 2. How about vaccines? Yes, that one, the topic no one wants to touch anymore, the super controversial one, you know? Vax? Anti-vax? Only Covid vax? No Covid vax? Trust in government? How pandemic impacted you? What views changed? Some Rabbis said - It's to consult with your Rabbi but not Dr. about, for sure! Other Rabbis said it's the topic to consult

definitely with your Dr., but not Rabbi! Well, you get the point...

- I'd wonder if you'd get teens to participate.
- LGBT issues
- How the way people dress influences the way members of the community judge their level of observance in other mitzvot (like kashrut.) How people navigate choosing where they're holding on something based on their family's unique needs if they're particular community does not hold in the same way. Do any orthodox Jews just ignore that community expectation and do what works best for them in their own home? Asking more than one rav a sheilah for issues that affect a family's unique needs. (Like, How many orthodox people actually just ask one sheilah and stick with it? How many try to find another answer if the first answer doesn't work for them? How many avoid asking sheilahs altogether when they're afraid they'll get an answer they won't want to hold by.) How people navigate observance when spouses are not on the same page about how frum they want to be.
- Happy birthday daddy! Love your favorite child! 🥳 *[Editor's Comment: Hahaha ... OK, so it looks like my daughter responded to this survey. Well, A Birthday Card via survey response ... that's a new one, right?]*
- No one wants to look at data by school to see whether there are trends that suggest that certain schools are more or less successful at raising students who remain Orthodox. Of course, an accurate analysis would also require data on parental factors, but this would be extremely helpful for parents thinking about schools for their children.
- Curious about rates of vegetarianism/veganism in Jewish communities.
- Changing synagogue attendance and involvement post-Covid. Attitudes to Rabbinic authority.
- Do people self identify as "fitting in" to whatever community they belong to, or not? Do they want to fit in? Do they feel pressured to or not? How does this vary across communities?

- In tandem with the choosing religion question, it would be great to ask questions regarding a feeling of achdus amongst Jews and where those boundaries are (who is seen as included within the Jewish people) and perspectives on streams of Judaism outside the orthodox world such as Reform and Conservative and Reconstructionist. It would be great to ask about positive elements of the various streams of thought, what individuals wished existed that might not exist (eg a more serious Torah G-d focused Judaism that equally seriously engages with the world).
- To what extent does the treatment of women determine which synagogue you attend
- The Bigotry of the Orthodox Jewish Community!
- Would you support your rabbi appearing on a community panel with Conservative and Reform rabbis?
- I think it would be interesting to see how many people shifted to the right and/or left, and what caused it—was it trauma, need for certain experiences /opportunities or core beliefs/faith, etc
- Re choosing place within Orthodoxy, you could look at trigger issues, such as role of women, cost of participation, views toward LGBT, inability to find a spouse, secular education etc. Also, be sure to get demographic information, income level, gender, secular education level. You might look to see if people had deviated from the observance/views of their family of origin.
- The Shrinking Middle - uncover reasons why orthodoxy seems to be moving right and at the same time people raised orthodox are leaving the fold.
- outwardly religious /inwardly or secretly not religious. 2) marriage quality- what are the big issues within marriages. I long suspected that there are more control/power issues in orthodox marriages compared to a secular population
- Why teenagers from orthodox homes are leaving religion behind

- How do you spend your time online? Online shiurim? Researching academic studies? Online university courses? Science? YouTube? Netflix? Miniclip arcade games? How many hours a week to spend doing each?
- Interested in how many ppl actually believe in the tenets of Orthodoxy vs just going through the motions
- I think both the health and "choosing" surveys are important for data about our community
- How the complicated events of the 1990s affected the Orthodox community and why there seems to be an "idyll" in communal views on the world?
- Women's roles in orthodoxy
- LGBT issues Views on women Political views (and shifts over time) - Reps/Dems, Trump, Israel/Palestine, economic policy, immigration
- LGBTQ and Orthodox Judaism (YU controversy)
- I'd like to see a study on the subject of dogs in Jewish communities. From the lens of hashkafah, halacha, kabbalah, torah sources, community norms etc. I understand it sounds strange and niche - but you asked and so I answered. I am interested in a study on dogs in Torah Judaism.
- If I could choose two I would choose the "The Lives of Orthodox Jewish Teenagers" and the "Choosing Your Religion." If I could choose something having nothing to do with any of this, it would be about educational standards in the orthodox community and college and higher education, something with that theme.
- "What's relatively new are our increased exposure to modern (often seen as coarser) society, and the increased opportunities that individuals have to alter where they want to be, religiously." I actually don't think this is nearly as true as many believe/
- In line with "Choosing Your Religion," I would love for you to examine how varieties of Orthodox Jews relate to the non-Orthodox Jewish world -- contacts, connections, images, attractions, aversions
- Teens also important. Also, make your surveys less USA centric!
- Also - the friendliness meter - how friendly orthodox Shuls rate themselves and how they are perceived by others. I would predict a strong self congratulatory bias. For example, congregants are inclusive of strangers or newcomers in rituals but ignore them during kiddush or don't invite them to meals. (Unless they look sexy or rich).
- Orthodoxy and sexuality. Can LGBTQ people fit into the community or do you feel they should abandon observance. Where and how do we educate children with openly gay parents? How prevalent is adultery in our communities? Why is this so?
- What stream of Orthodoxy did you grow up in (if any)? Have you changed to another stream (Chassidish, MO)? How do you feel about those who are in a different stream, especially if they are family? If you have children, do you expect they will follow the same stream?
- The prevalence of filters for internet in the average frum Jewish home.
- how do we learn to tolerate extremist issues such as blocking off female faces in publications. I struggle to keep my cool when confronted with that.
- Teenagers : how to deal with antisemitism  
 Teenagers: developing sexuality  
 Teenagers: sexual abuse in schools, community, at home  
 Teenagers: pressure from community, family, youth groups and peers about "shomer nagiya"  
 Teenagers: positive and negative aspects of sex-separation in schools and youth groups  
 Teenagers: questioning fundamental beliefs of Judaism - is it allowed to ask anything?  
 Teenagers: developing understanding of politics  
 Teenagers: questioning fundamentals of society  
 Teenagers: contacts with and knowledge about different streams in Judaism, including reform  
 Teenagers: contacts with non Jews  
 Teenagers: knowledge about Zionism and Israel  
 Teenagers: knowledge of classical Hebrew  
 Teenagers: knowledge of Ivrit  
 Teenagers: issues of body image  
 Teenagers: choosing to pierce body parts  
 Teenagers: choosing to have a tattoo  
 Teenagers: relationship with parents  
 Teenagers: pressure

- from parents Teenagers: lack of support from parents Teenagers: feeling appre
- These are all great topics. The one I chose should include how many people in your family are no longer practicing your life style, whether they grew up in the US or Israel, how long it takes for a person to decide to change.
  - Orthodox people going off the derech vs baalei teshuva
  - The second issue I would suggest is the health of Orthodox Jews.
  - How to understand and "deal" with men who want to become women and visa versa. Why? and what to do? A very touchy issue that is "hot"
  - I like the one about teenagers as well
  - I would like you to collect data on LGBT identity as part of these surveys
  - If surveying teenagers- ask how much social media impacts their lives (influences their decisions about career, religious life, family life...) If surveying religion- ask about belief in God as portrayed in halachic Judaism- or belief in God as some type of higher power. Living an Orthodox Jewish lifestyle - but at the same time questioning Halachic Judaism, questioning the 13 principles of faith, or questioning the focus on prayer. questions about a rationalist vs a kabbalistic approach to Judaism ( belief in segulas, blessings from rabbis or other types of seemingly "magical,miraculous" occurrences.
  - Health sounds interesting, too.
  - Are we feeling spiritual? Are we sincerely seriously religious? Why are we, or not, feeling it? The issue of being superficially observant, culturally Orthodox versus, really believing in it and finding it extremely meaningful, and fulfilling to our lives.
  - Orthodox life in Galut ( USA, Western Europe) vs. Orthodox life styles in Israel.
  - Orthodox life styles in Galut (USA, Europe) vs. In Israel
  - I would have ranked choice this. I'm curious about health coming out of the pandemic
  - Yeshiva Tuition. 2. The Shidduch crises, created and perpetuated by shadchanim. 3. Modern Orthodox attitudes towards the LGBTQ.
  - Orthodoxy and political affiliation/engagement
  - Teen study would be interesting
  - Jews who are ashamed to be Jewish and who think it is better to be a gentile or to strive for gentile ideals of having as much fun as possible and doing whatever one wants instead of trying to follow the morality prescribed by G-d in the Torah and to be a light unto other nations,
  - Focus in three on who is leaving and in what way and why.
  - Concern re future of teenagers
  - How do the elder single persons handle being alone with no partner to celebrate holidays and Shabbos
  - should M.O. seek to be kinder/more welcoming to religious lgbtq's or should it seek some halakhic acceptance/inclusiveness toward them ?
  - I hope you rank order these instead of just choosing one. They're all important.
  - Importance of the State of Israel to Orthodox Jews, views on making Aliya, people with children/parents who have made Aliya. Also, Orthodox views on the safety of our community going forward. Will America always be welcoming of Orthodox Jews, even as societal norms diverge further and further away from Torah values? How far will the U.S. government go to enforce progressive thought and behavior on American citizens, including Orthodox Jews? Will Yeshivot and Day Schools be forced to comply with progressive trends in education and parental rolls? Also, related to the topic I selected, how do Orthodox Jews believe their faith should view the progressive movement to normalize LGBTQ+ lifestyles? Should the Torah views be adhered to, or should they be "accommodated" to developing societal trends?
  - Interested to see how social pressure contributes to the level of religious belief. e.g., do people who were brought up on the right of the spectrum end up moving left if they live in a more left-leaning community and vice versa? How does this influence compare with other factors, such as gap year(s) in Israel?

- What compromises do you make to your observance level for work? How do your work compromises affect your observance in your home life? Jewish teenagers - generally interested in the Shabbat experience of someone growing up so submersed in tech with smart phones, watches, Alexa, etc
- More that I don't think the 1st survey could be reliably done unless it was done by the teens themselves. Even then I'd be doubtful because of the myriad mental health issues all teens incur these days.
- I also like the one about Teenagers.
- balancing planning for retirement with immediate expenses. how prepared is the community for significant expenses after retiring including long term care
- How to keep those already "in the fold" from becoming FFH -- Frum From Habit rather than real commitment. I first heard Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt use the term FFH - where Jews observe out of habit and comfort rather than sincere commitment and interest.
- Shul membership -- do people belong to more than one shul? do they attend a shul but never officially join (i.e., pay dues)?
- How right wing has your community become? Is there still a modern orthodox movement in the US?
- I'm also interested in the lives of teenagers. I have a pre-teen at home.
- I don't know how to word it, but a question about how so many of our orthodox brethren have issues with other orthodox people at different levels of observance than their own, and many actually discriminate against those with differing practice levels, including orthodox, conservative, reform or whatever else.
- -How important is it to have a personal Rav and the purpose he serves in the age of technology where there's an A.I. alternative to ask questions to, an anonymous txt msg service to deal with niddah and other related marital questions and other methods online to receive answers to basic jewish questions we previously didn't have access to?
- Increase or decrease in traditional Jewish life?0
- haredi judaism has a dearth of actual data for topics like off-the-derech, influence by secular society etc. MO is tormented by fragmentation and by its left wing [and presumably younger/you ng] element , who may actually be barely orthopraxic and certainly not orthodox. it's future depends on a strong center [[ie the rightist end of MO will be able to find a place at the left end of haredi world ; the left end is what conservative jews were 70 yrs ago , but will morph into non-orthodox in the blink of an eye], which i don't know if it even exists...
- I chose #3 and think your premise is that Orthodox Jews are becoming less observant. However I am seeing the opposite among the next generation, many of whom are adopting a more "yeshivish" lifestyle including learning post-college, dress, and the age and method they choose to find a spouse (young and through shadchanim) . Modern Orthodox parents are having to navigate new situations which can cause stress on relationships. I also think surveying teens is important. SAR Machon Siach has done a 3 year study on teens.
- Looking at how integrated converts/Jews by choice are within the Orthodox community, including the rate of 'dropouts' and reasons for this.
- With the major exposure to outside influences how do teens build a sense of emunah? Watching videos of people who left other religions (e.g. Mormons, Amish, etc.) Hiw do people not lose their own faith when confronted with the similiarities?
- All three sound interesting; I only have a slight preference for "Choosing Your Religion." If you do pick "The Health of Orthodox Jews," I would be very interested in exposure to disinformation, particularly in regard to covid and vaccines, and anything you can learn about what sources of information have been helpful in fighting disinformation.
- Unity -- how to mitigate antagonisms, perceived and otherwise, between segments of

the Orthodox community? how can we have shuls with a full spectrum of lifestyle and observance, where all feel respected and included? [This might be a subtopic under your "Choosing your Religion"....]

- For me, and I think possibly many others, who was not born into a religious family, and has become more so as I have grown older, I do think there is still a great chasm between being "religious" and not. It seems like the option is all or nothing, or nothing at all, especially when it comes to marriageability, and expectations overall. While there is a great deal made of becoming more religious, those who are not everything, while being encouraged, are still held at arms length until they "join the club". For teenagers, having taught in a couple of Yeshivot, I saw first hand the schools were geared for mostly one type of student, and the others were largely left to shift for themselves. This, as I mention above, is tied into the all or nothing mentality that appears to be the case, and this needs to be addressed. I have my thoughts on how to address the issues, but it would be interesting to see what others would think.
- The first proposal is also very important and would have picked it as well
- Role of women in orthodox judaism
- The success of outreach efforts by Orthodox members and organizations.
- Family formation: how are Orthodox people deciding on time of marriage, having children, how many children, delaying having children, effect of divorce on children.
- Welcoming LGBTQ orthodox Jews and Jewish couples.
- It is of import to study the long term success of the Chabad movement. How many Jews join? And as important how many native Chabad people leave annually. There are other question as well as the state of observance in that group. As you know this group uses PR in a masterful manner, the question being is it hot air or real?
- all Jews unite.

### **Those Who Voted For: The Health of Orthodox Jews (65 Comments)**

- I think it would be interesting to see the health by vaccination status
- Family Planning, Contraception, how family planning decisions are made. Considerations from both wife and husband in p'sakim and decisions related to family planning. Are mental health concerns from both sides considered enough? How are disagreements between spouses related to family planning considered. Are the concern's of the wife considered more than the concerns of the husband?
- Inclusion of people with physical and cognitive disabilities in the Orthodox community life.
- Specifically, obesity and how Jews relate to food, as well as fitting exercise into our busy lives.
- What makes you feel connected/disconnected from our orthodox community. How to increase feelings of connection
- The Rate of Off The Derech in each Sect. or School. or Area. or method of upbringing etc.
- If you can get Geospatial data on any of your surveys that would be fantastic.
- Fulfillment
- I'm curious about vaccine hesitancy (especially those who were vaccinated, but opt not to vaccinate their children), as well as how many people don't have primary care physicians.
- Evaluating factors the teacher shortage before it becomes a crisis, specifically in regards to compensation.
- Things to consider asking about health: 1) Whether they have experienced infertility and if yes, was it impacted by the practice of taharas hamishpacha, or if it was solved (even in part) by the practice. 2) Whether tzniuskeit has prevented the respondent from getting health care of various kinds. 3) How do they feel about using roundabout terms for illnesses (the machlah, women's cancers)? 4) Whether they consult with a rabbi regarding vaccines (probably separating out HPV, routine vax, COVID vax). 5) Has tzniuskeit prevented them

- from exercising? 6) Frequency of PE at Jewish schools.
- The Orthodox Jewish Education, violence crime level and business.
  - Food habits (shabbos, kiddish, simchas, diet culture) Exercise habits (specifically in teenagers) Sexual health Alternative medicine
  - Orthodox families who have a child go off the Derech. Orthodox families who are not traditional in that their kids don't want to sit and learn all day. They want to attend college, and be professionals. Helping BT families navigate what's normal in raising Orthodox kids. Better accessibility and help to kids with special needs at home and in the school system.
  - Study on how Jewish doctors balance health ideas from the Torah and Non Jewish ideas from Medical school. Including when government and medical organization ideas contradict Torah ideas. Also whether every Jewish dr should have a medical Rav to discuss their medical hashkafa with.
  - How to help provide Jewish day school education for all who seek it- how to fund it, provide more choices for diverse Jewish community, How to strengthen access to educational resources for all Jews
  - I am in the health field for the last 40 years.
  - Honestly love all the ideas but the health one speaks to me. As an ultra Orthodox woman I look around and the food we eat and sell /, even cook and bake at home is terrible (and yummy I get it!!) for all of us. Average man by age 30-35 has a potbelly and barely any exercise regimen if any. Average woman by 30 is trying to stay on top of her weight (cuz we do care more) but also a lot of struggling women without much exercise or healthy habits. I wish something could change. No question the way we eat is affecting the majority of ppl physically and especially mentally. So many ppl dying of diseases that are preventable and so many frum yidden struggling with their mental health and fitness. Thanks for bringing awareness and good luck!
  - Please include questions about alternative diets vegan, vegetarian, and importance of the presence of meat at Shabbat and Yom Tov meal.
  - These area all great ideas.
  - Pros and cons of smaller communities vs larger. Pros and cons of two parents working vs not?
  - Also, could we ask the question do people really understand the meaning of the mitzvah oneh? Aliza and Eyal of course
  - As a medical professional, I think this is a topic that is very important to explore for public health reasons. Anti-vaccine sentiment as exploded in our community in the aftermath of the pandemic, and exploring the reasons for this rejection of science that is leading to unnecessary deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases (e.g., pertussis) and resurgence of polio will be crucial in developing strategies to address this. I see this as pikuach nefesh mamash and strongly urge you to focus on this and other health-related issues in our community. כל המקיים נפש אחת בישראל כאילו קיים עולם מלא
  - The difficulties faced by Jewish singles and the level of support from the organized community/shul for singles
  - How do Orthodox Jews with diabetes approach the obligations for eating specific foods such as kiddush wine, challah, Matza, etc (which are often high in carbs)?
  - Mental health. Enormous cost of mental health treatment. The stigma of mental health.
  - I think Jews tend to have more children than other groups, so maternity leave and all the healthcare around that seems to be more prevalent in the frum community. But maternity leave healthcare plans are severely lacking and most women can't afford to stay home from work long enough to recover from childbirth. I'd love to hear more about that. Also, I myself suffered from postpartum depression / anxiety and there is such a stigma around mental health treatment in the frum community and especially in the more religious communities. I'm very interested in hearing

more about mental health in the frum community. Along the lines of the survey of teenagers, it would be very interesting to see how kids are recovering academically and socially and in any other ways post-covid. I work in a frum boys high school and there is such a difference between the kids who went through covid already as teenagers vs the kids who were in 6th and 7th grade during covid. Or maybe simply a survey

- Teenagers would be my 2nd choice
- Do you find that you think of health in the positive — something to care for and be proactive about, or mostly in the negative — something to be afraid of? How do you apply "venishmartem meod lenafshoseichem" in your every day life? How satisfied are you with the nutritional value of the meals and snacks served at your child's school or camp? What do you think could be done differently, if anything, to encourage healthy eating in communal settings?
- mental health in children and children with special needs
- Should we stop doing surveys Should we investigate ourselves and the reasons why we are doing surveys and to what ends the information received are used Do we properly label people as yeshivish when most yeshivish people wouldn't do surveys? Do we misrepresent ourselves as orthodox?
- I'm a pet owner, and I would love to see surveys or studies done on pet ownership. How common or uncommon is it for religious Jews to own pets? Which animals are the most common pets, and are there any animals a religious person would never own? Are there any religious issues involved? How do religious Jews handle Pesach as a pet owner? Very few of my friends or relatives own pets so a study of this would be fascinating!
- I feel that the health is extremely valuable from the time we are born as we grow older in life.
- I think some of the language used in these surveys is confusing. Jewish identity is multifaceted and typically has a strong ethnic component. I don't understand the Choosing

Your Religion topic at all, for example. I appreciate the recognition that there are diverse beliefs and practices within Orthodoxy (& presumably Chareidus?), but the title really throws me off. Almost none of us are choosing a religion and we don't all classify our decisions as "religious." I recommend using words like "culture," "observance," "ideology," and "customs" to be more accurate and inclusive :)

- I chose the Health of Orthodox Jews because I think it's an occasion to gather knowledge on life conditions.
- I'm seeing, occasional individuals in their 40's suffer heart attacks or even death. And I wonder if the general Jewish populace are taking adequate measures to stay healthy.
- Include in the Health of Orthodox Jews survey- the matter of excessive noise levels from live & recorded music at simchas (weddings, other celebrations). Most simchas we attend have decibel levels that are actually so high that we have to wear earplugs to prevent hearing loss (my spouse is an Ear Nose & Throat M.D., so this is particularly on our radar- it is across all communities when we attend simchas- it's so bad people complain of ringing in their ears, sore throats from trying to yell over the music, headaches- hearing loss that is permanent.
- What is the largest cause of death In 50 year olds and above? What is the largest cause of death in infants? How many people have ever taken CPR training? For adults? For infants? How many have taken drowning prevention or treatment of drowning infants training? Why hatzolah will probably NOT save you in the event if a heart attack? How many shul members are currently certified in CPR? How many baby sitters are currently certified in child/infant CPR? Have taken a baby sitter's course? Can answer any of the 10 basic questions about emergencies while baby sitting? How many shuls have AEDs? When was the expiration date of the Shul's AED pads and battery checked? A way to call ems during Shabbos? A designated safety committee and safety committee chairperson? Have ever done a safety review? Have done a fire drill? CPR drill? Lockdown drill? What is the cost of a

lifesaving AED compared to a kiddish? What % of each kiddish is put aside for safety equipment or training? Is a specific CPR trained person designated to be in Shul every Shabbos at all times just like a chassn, rabbi, bal corie? (Not an Hatzoloh emt who might leave to take a call? Can answer the simple questions: can I sell a mazuzsh to by TFILLIN? Sell TFILLIN to by a Torah? Can sell a Torah to buy an AED?

- I also am interested in #3, but I think its scope and focus need to be narrowed. It will be difficult to frame the questions in a clear manner.
- All three are terrific. I do hope you'll do them all.
- The social media influence on maintaining an orthodox lifestyle amongst teens. Connection and awareness of orthodox lifestyle on it's impact in climate change and global warming. Is there enough of a concern to change Current habits to correct the trajectory of this global problem.
- food challenges with kiddush and other community events 2) genetic / hereditary disorders
- attitudes to LGBTQIA+
- Do you have access to primary and specialty care?
- Would love to see something about health and correlation with price of kosher food and number of children
- Who are the "other" Orthodox Jews? Jews who live in poverty, divorce or with criminal justice issues? What happens to them their families? Programs helping them are minimal and not well coordinated.
- I am a registered dietitian and have long tried to find balance between cultural practices related to foods and my concern for our Orthodox community's physical health. The cultural focus on food, especially rich foods, is certainly correlated with the high rates of various chronic diseases in our community. It would be interesting to get a better idea of what those incidences are. On the flip side, fad dieting and influential figures promoting

"healthy foods" (some of which they sell) have given people in our community a false sense of healthy habits. Both have contributed to a sharp rise in all types of eating disorders, both in males and females, young and old. It would be interesting to know what the actual rates of diagnosis are, as well as how common are various behaviors that are associated with eating disorders. I am also involved in mental health awareness and support for Orthodox women through an organization called Chazkeinu, due to my own diagnosis.

- What negative impact does being orthodox have on the Jewish community at large, and the Great disparities between different segments of the orthodox world.
- I like the other two also Tough choice
- Choosing Your Religion
- All good studies: one question for each in order listed above. 1. How much does fear of not fitting in motivate your choice or your child's choice. Has health sharing for costs been tried in the Orthodox community (it has worked well in the christian community for over 25 years). How much does need for members in the Orthodox community motivate some rabbis who seem to convert at the drop of a hat (giving perspective members too much information too quickly often). Hope someone does them all
- While the Health topic is the most relevant to me personally, the other two topics may be more important to yiddishkeit in general. If either of those is chosen to be the next survey, I would suggest a focus on what we can do to avoid losing teenagers or adults to less religious lifestyles, or giving it all up. It's a huge topic, but you could potentially save many spiritual lives. Hatzlacha.
- 3rd question would be an interesting topic too.
- i think it's important to see what have people done to get their affairs in order: living will, financial will, etc...
- The prevalence and impact of psychiatric drugs on youth, and maybe also on adults. Same questions about hormonal contraceptives.

- division within american Jewish community within itself and trends to work against own self interest--i.e. love Biden despite Biden being anti Israel and and Jewish
- Mental and physical health
- Non-acceptance of baalei tshuva and its impact on long-term success of raising the famil
- Many jews overeat on shabbat & the chaggim...we need to introduce healthy options for these times & include information on exercise routines
- Perhaps a relationship between health and religious "ideology"
- I think it's just important to note that all of these surveys are missing a large chunk of the orthodox population - those who don't use internet... Just something to note in survey results. Thanks for the great job you're doing!
- Abuse of women in the community and how it is strongly supported by the "men in charge".
- I think all three of the three proposals are important! I'm especially curious as to the social development of yeshiva bachurim across the lifespan, i.e. from childhood through adolescence and into marriage, parenting, and beyond; what are the factors that contribute to the development of effective or ineffective interpersonal skills in this population, and are there differences across different Orthodox communities (i.e. Sefardi [Syrian, Persian, Bucharian, etc.], Chassidish [Gerer, Satmar, Chabad, etc.], "yeshivish," Mizrachi, etc.).
- unsure
- Acceptance of gay and lesbian and non binary people. Integration and acceptance
- are orthodox more community related