



ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית
המחלקה לארגון
וקשר עם ישראלים בתפוצות

Survey of Israelis Abroad One Year After October 7

This survey of Israelis living abroad, conducted by the Department for Organization and Connection with Israelis Abroad at the World Zionist Organization in collaboration with the Hebrew University, explores their feelings one year after October 7. It examines how recent events have affected their sense of belonging, emotional needs, and social connections.



Identity and Connection to the Israeli Community

1

Before October 7

66% felt a sense of belonging to the Israeli community.

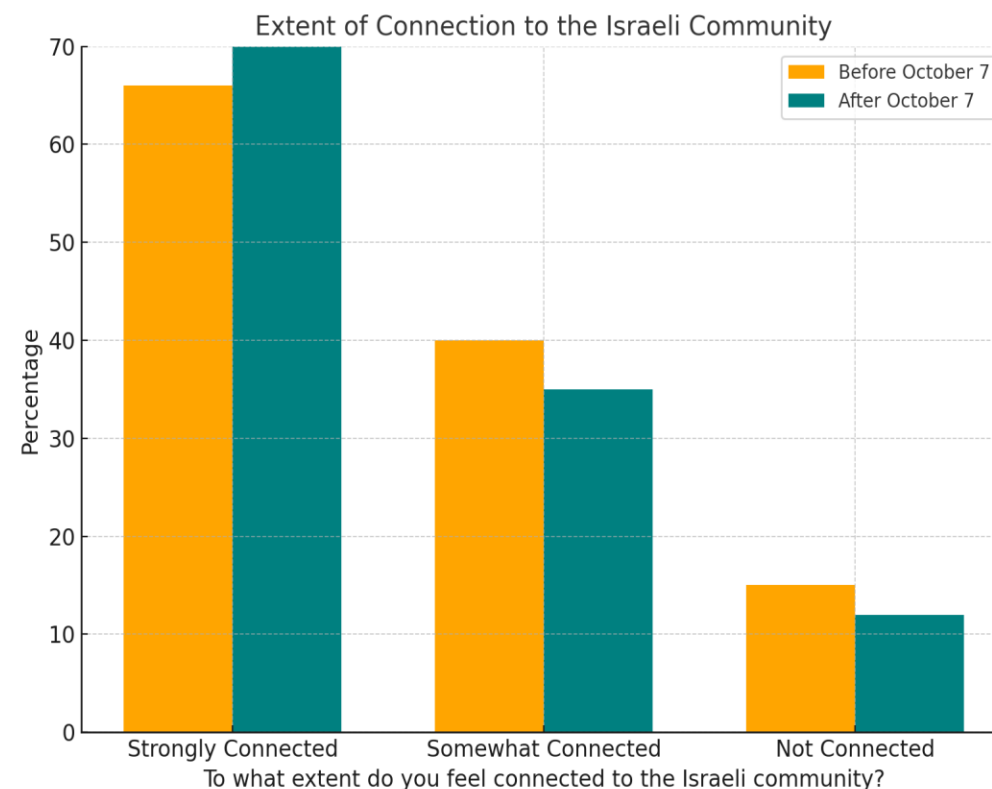
2

After October 7

74% feel a sense of belonging to the Israeli community.

3

91% of respondents strongly identify as Israeli.



“The events highlighted my need to feel connected” – Participant, 45 years old, Europe.

Identity and Connection to the Jewish Community



1

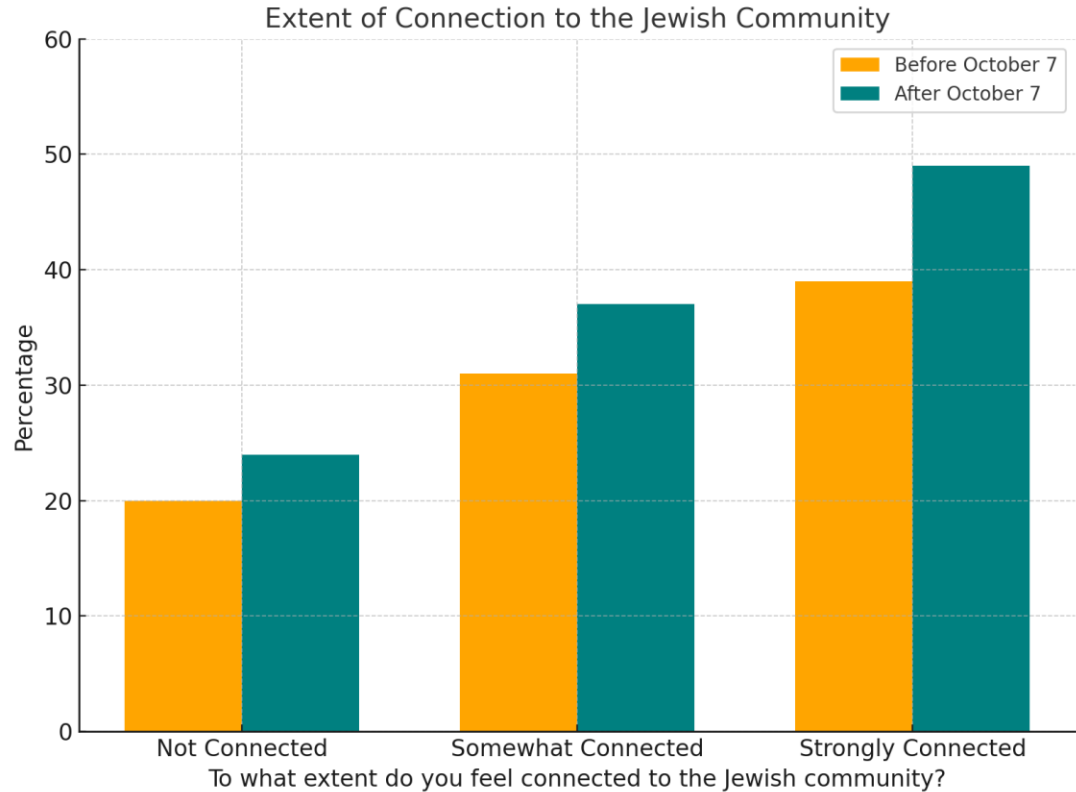
Before October 7

39% identified themselves as part of a Jewish community (a slight decrease from 2022, where it was 41%).

2

After October 7

Nearly half feel a part of the Jewish community an increase of about 30%



There is a noticeable increase in the need of Israelis to belong to the Jewish community, rising from 39% to 49%

Longing and Sense of Absence



Family

83.6% miss
their close family



Friends

80% miss
their friends in Israel



Holidays

70-73% miss
holidays and family
gatherings



Military

52% miss friends
from the military

Conclusion:

The primary need is for regular gatherings with close family and friends, where the "emotional battery" is recharged.



Hostile Environment – Increasing Hostility Since October 7

1

At the Start of the War

43% of respondents felt a positive attitude from their environment

2

Currently

Only 22% feel a positive attitude – a decrease of about 50%.

3

Response of the Local Government

47% of respondents do not support the local government's response to the situation.

The sense of threat has grown with increasing hostility, insecurity, and lack of support from local governments and the community.