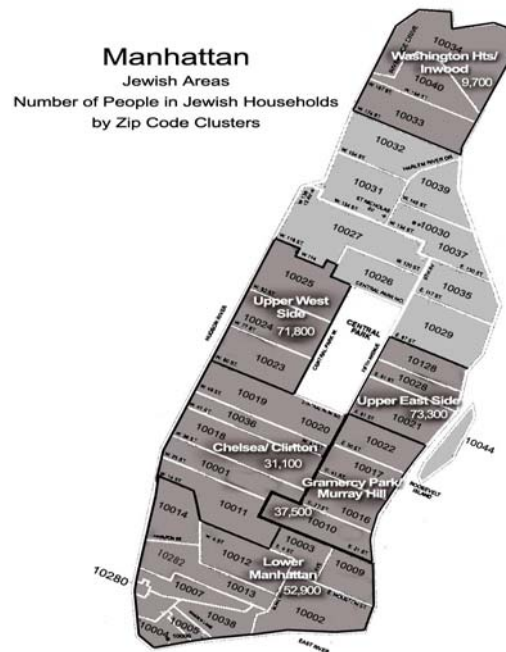


Highlights from *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002*
Manhattan



OVERVIEW:

The 291,900 individuals residing in Manhattan's 154,500 Jewish households primarily live in five areas: the Upper East Side, the Upper West Side, Lower Manhattan (below 14th Street), Gramercy Park/Murray Hill, and Chelsea/Clinton. The five principal areas identified in Manhattan account for 92% of the people who live in Jewish households in the borough. The population figures for 2002 reflect a 4% decrease in the Jewish population of Manhattan since 1991. This decrease might be related to the events of 9/11 and might represent a temporary and reversible trend.

Table 1: Population and Households Estimates, Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Manhattan, 2002

| | Chelsea / Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | Rest of Manhattan | All of Manhattan |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Households | | | | | | | |
| All Households (U.S. Census, 2000) | 73,500 | 76,700 | 148,600 | 120,500 | 118,000 | 201,300 | 738,600 |
| Jewish Households | 17,200 | 22,100 | 26,700 | 38,900 | 37,100 | 12,500 | 154,500 |
| Jewish Households as a Percent of All Households in the Area | 23% | 29% | 18% | 32% | 31% | 6% | 21% |
| Jewish Households in Area as a Percent of All Jewish Households in Manhattan | 11% | 14% | 17% | 25% | 24% | 8% | 100% |

| | Chelsea / Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | Rest of Manhattan | All of Manhattan |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| People | | | | | | | |
| All People (U.S. Census, 2000) | 124,300 | 124,000 | 310,900 | 206,700 | 219,200 | 552,100 | 1,537,200 |
| People in Jewish Households | 31,100 | 37,500 | 52,900 | 73,300 | 71,800 | 25,300 | 291,900 |
| People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area | 25% | 30% | 17% | 35% | 33% | 5% | 19% |
| People in Jewish Households in Area as a Percent of All People in Jewish Households in Manhattan | 11% | 13% | 18% | 25% | 25% | 8% | 100% |
| Jewish People | | | | | | | |
| Jews | 24,600 | 32,500 | 41,100 | 64,700 | 59,400 | 21,000 | 243,000 |
| Jews as a Percent of All People in Area | 20% | 26% | 13% | 31% | 27% | 4% | 16% |
| Jews in Area as a Percent of All Jews Residing in Manhattan | 10% | 13% | 17% | 27% | 24% | 9% | 100% |
| Percent Change in Number of Jews in Area 1991 – 2002 | 27% | -33% | -23% | -14% | -12% | n/a | -21% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

Manhattan has a very different demographic profile in comparison with the other boroughs and counties in the area. A considerably lower percent of Manhattan respondents are married, and a considerably higher portion have never been married. Consistent with these findings is the small proportion of children residing in Jewish households in Manhattan; only 13% are age 17 and under, in contrast to the overall eight-county rate (23%).

Table 2: Age, Marital Status, and Household Structure, Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Manhattan, 2002

| | Chelsea/ Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | All of Manhattan |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Age Structure | | | | | | |
| 0 – 17 | 11% | 6% | 13% | 14% | 14% | 13% |
| 18 – 39 | 45% | 41% | 34% | 31% | 26% | 33% |
| 40 – 64 | 31% | 38% | 32% | 35% | 37% | 35% |
| 65 – 74 | 5% | 7% | 9% | 12% | 11% | 10% |
| 75+ | 8% | 8% | 12% | 8% | 11% | 10% |
| Marital Status (Percent of All Respondents) | | | | | | |
| Married | 33% | 31% | 40% | 43% | 44% | 40% |
| Never Married | 33% | 47% | 33% | 29% | 40% | 35% |
| Separated/Divorced | 12% | 13% | 16% | 14% | 10% | 13% |
| Widowed | 7% | 4% | 8% | 10% | 5% | 8% |
| Living Together | 15% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 4% |
| Household Structure | | | | | | |
| Children 17 and Under in Household* | 9% | 8% | 17% | 16% | 19% | 15% |

| | Chelsea/ Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | All of Manhattan |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| No Children 17 and Under and No Seniors in Household | 70% | 74% | 52% | 54% | 49% | 57% |
| Senior Households with No Children 17 and Under | 21% | 18% | 31% | 29% | 32% | 28% |
| People in Russian-Speaking Jewish Households | | | | | | |
| People in Russian-speaking Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Jewish Households | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 6% | 3% |

*Includes some single parent and multi-generational families.

INCOME LEVELS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Manhattan Jewish households are economically well off compared to the other counties.

**Table 3: Income Levels and Vulnerable Populations,
Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Manhattan, 2002**

| | Chelsea/ Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | All of Manhattan |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Household Income (Percent of Households) | | | | | | |
| Under \$35,000 | 24% | 11% | 24% | 14% | 17% | 18% |
| \$35,000 - \$99,999 | 31% | 39% | 45% | 33% | 38% | 38% |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999 | 17% | 20% | 11% | 15% | 18% | 16% |
| \$150,000 and above | 29% | 30% | 21% | 38% | 27% | 28% |
| Subjective Assessment of Financial Status (Percent of Households) | | | | | | |
| Cannot Make Ends Meet/Just Managing | 31% | 26% | 29% | 21% | 19% | 25% |
| Have Enough | 38% | 36% | 41% | 34% | 41% | 37% |
| Have Extra Money/Wealthy | 31% | 38% | 30% | 45% | 40% | 38% |
| Poverty/Near Poverty | | | | | | |
| Percent of Jewish Households Who Are Poor or Near Poor | 20% | 6% | 12% | 7% | 10% | 11% |
| Isolated Seniors (Percent of Respondents) | | | | | | |
| 65 – 74 Living Alone | 45% | 12% | 48% | 37% | 40% | 38% |
| 75+ Living Alone | 93% | 60% | 62% | 56% | 57% | 62% |

JEWISH CONNECTIONS

Manhattan Jewish households are lower than other eight-county households on commonly used measures of Jewish practices. Only 30% of the households belong to a synagogue (compared to 43% overall) and only 55% report that “being Jewish is very important”, compared to 65% overall. In Manhattan, 31% of marriages are intermarriages compared to 22% overall.

Table 4: Jewish Connections, Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Manhattan, 2002

| | Chelsea/ Clinton | Gramercy Park/ Murray Hill | Lower Manhattan | Upper East Side | Upper West Side | All of Manhattan |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Denomination | | | | | | |
| Orthodox | 8% | 4% | 4% | 10% | 14% | 11% |
| Conservative | 23% | 34% | 22% | 29% | 25% | 26% |
| Reform | 34% | 45% | 33% | 42% | 28% | 35% |
| Non-Denominational – “Just Jewish” | 21% | 12% | 23% | 9% | 16% | 16% |
| Secular/No Religion | 14% | 4% | 16% | 8% | 13% | 10% |
| Jewish Affiliations & Participation | | | | | | |
| Household Belongs to a Synagogue | 17% | 27% | 25% | 38% | 30% | 30% |
| Household Belongs to Other Jewish Organization (including JCC) | 18% | 14% | 11% | 19% | 20% | 16% |
| Household Attended Jewish Cultural Event or Jewish Museum in the Last Year | 55% | 72% | 70% | 73% | 73% | 70% |
| Percent of Respondents Who Have Ever Traveled to Israel | 52% | 57% | 40% | 57% | 64% | 55% |
| Percent of Respondents Who Have Accessed Jewish Websites | 57% | 42% | 36% | 43% | 50% | 45% |
| Feeling Connected | | | | | | |
| Respondent Said That Being Jewish is “Very Important” | 40% | 64% | 47% | 60% | 55% | 55% |
| Respondent Feels Part of a Jewish Community | 56% | 56% | 52% | 59% | 58% | 57% |
| Jewish Practices | | | | | | |
| Household Member Attends Seder | 72% | 70% | 73% | 78% | 76% | 75% |
| Respondent Fasts on Yom Kippur | 56% | 60% | 57% | 68% | 59% | 62% |
| Household Member Lights Shabbat Candles | 11% | 4% | 11% | 13% | 17% | 14% |
| Keeps a Kosher Home | 12% | 14% | 17% | 15% | 20% | 18% |
| Jewish Education (Percent of Jewish Children Ages 6-17) | | | | | | |
| None | * | * | * | * | * | 28% |
| Supplementary School (Past and/or Current) | * | * | * | * | * | 38% |
| Day School (Past and/or Current) | * | * | * | * | * | 33% |
| Types of Marriages (Percent of Marriages) | | | | | | |
| Inmarriage | 48% | 66% | 52% | 75% | 55% | 62% |
| Conversionary Marriages | 2% | <1% | 12% | 5% | 10% | 7% |
| Intermarriage | 50% | 34% | 36% | 20% | 35% | 31% |
| Philanthropy (Percent of Households) | | | | | | |
| No Charitable Gift | 11% | 11% | 16% | 13% | 9% | 12% |
| Non-Jewish Gifts Only | 46% | 37% | 42% | 26% | 34% | 36% |
| Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Gifts | 31% | 40% | 31% | 47% | 47% | 40% |
| Jewish Gifts Only | 12% | 12% | 11% | 14% | 10% | 12% |

* The principal researchers were able to estimate the percentage of Jewish children with no Jewish education, with supplementary school education, and with day school education on the county level. It was not feasible to estimate Jewish education for the Jewish area profiles given the smaller numbers of interviews in small areas compared with counties, particularly in Manhattan where there were relatively few households with children.