

Beyond 10 Days

Parents, Gender, Marriage and the Long-Term Impact of Birthright Israel

-SUMMARY-



THE JEWISH FUTURES PROJECT

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Longitudinal panel study of Birthright Israel 2001-2009 participants and a control group of individuals who applied but did not participate in the trip

Report presents new findings from the fifth survey of panelists, 7-14 years after they applied to go on the trip

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WHERE DO WE SEE IMPACT?



Connection to Israel



Family formation



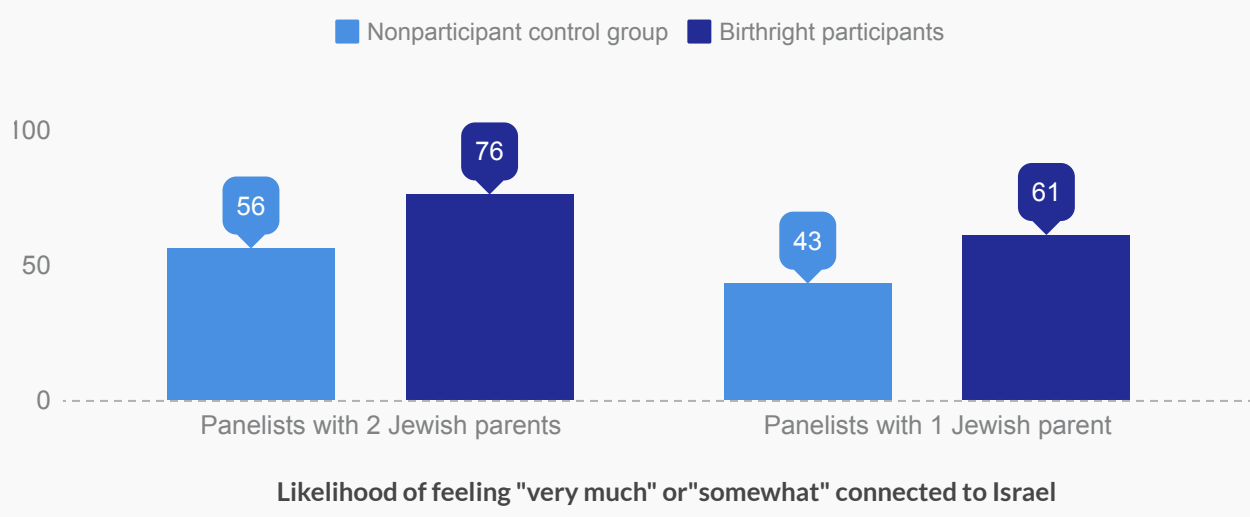
Jewish life

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CONNECTION TO ISRAEL

7-14 years after the trip participants are more likely to feel connected to Israel

The impact appears among those with 1 Jewish parent and those with 2 Jewish parents

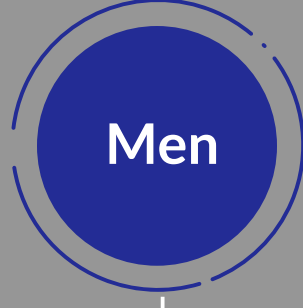


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FAMILY FORMATION - MARRYING A JEWISH SPOUSE

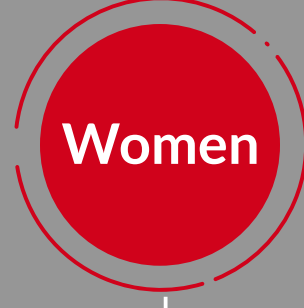
Birthright participants are more likely to marry a Jewish spouse

Birthright's impact on marrying a Jewish spouse is stronger among men

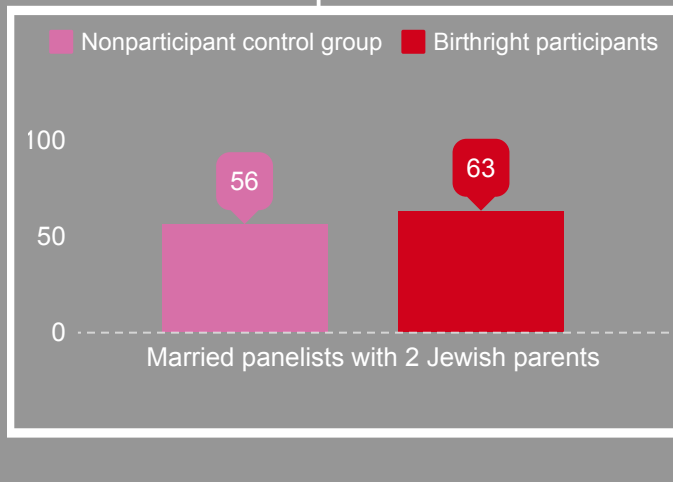
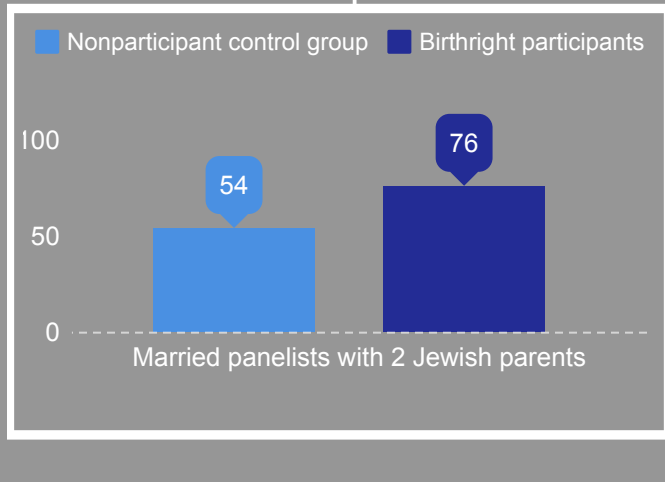


Men

VS



Women



Likelihood of marrying a Jewish spouse

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JEWISH LIFE

Among those who are married, engaged, or living with a partner, Birthright has a positive impact on virtually all areas of Jewish engagement, including Jewish communal involvement, social and cultural engagement, and religious observance

Among those who are single, Birthright has an impact on only a few measures of Jewish engagement



PARTNERED

Birthright's impact evident in:

Communal involvement: participating in local Jewish community events and donating to charitable Jewish or Israeli causes

Social and cultural engagement: having close Jewish friends and consuming cultural Jewish or Israeli content

Religious observance: participating in a special meal on Shabbat, attending religious services, and celebrating Jewish holidays

Israel: talking with friends and family about Israel, seeking news about Israel, and following the 2015 Israeli elections



SINGLE

Birthright's impact evident in:

Communal involvement: participating in local Jewish community events

Israel: talking about Israel with friends and family

