

## JEWISH EDUCATION OF ADULTS—FORMAL

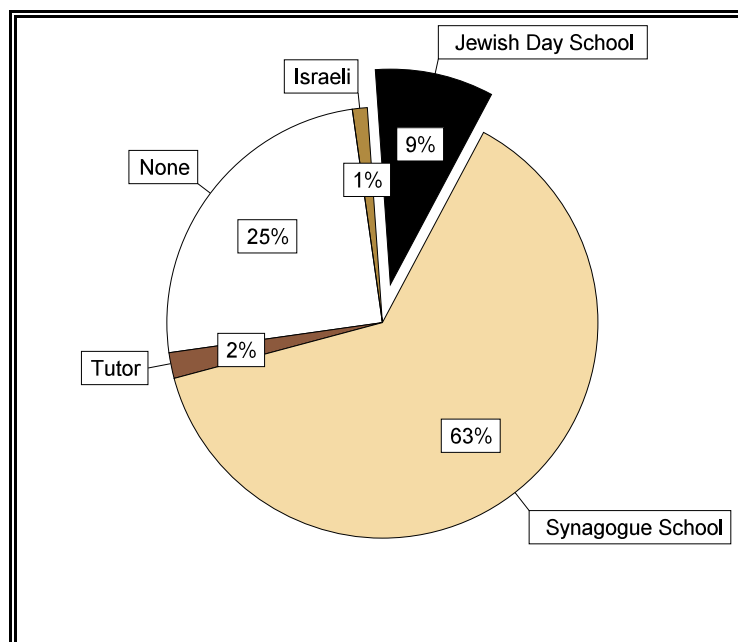
**I**n total, 75% of born or raised Jewish adults in Jewish households in South Palm Beach received some formal Jewish education as children. The 75% is about average among about 40 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 77% in West Palm Beach, 76% in Miami, and 73% in Broward. The 75% compares to 72% in 1995. The 75% compares to 73% nationally.

▣ 90% of born or raised Jewish adult males received some formal Jewish education as children, compared to 63% of born or raised Jewish adult females. Born or raised Jewish adult females in all age groups were less likely to receive some formal Jewish education as children than were born or raised Jewish adult males.

▣ The 9% of born or raised Jewish adults who attended a Jewish day school as children is about average among about 40 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 18% in Miami, 8% in Broward, and 5% in West Palm Beach. The 9% compares to 9% in 1995. The 9% compares to 12% nationally.

▣ 87% of born or raised Jewish adults in households in which the respondent is Orthodox, 81% of born or raised Jewish adults in households in which the respondent is Conservative, and 76% of born or raised Jewish adults in households in which the respondent is Reform received some formal Jewish education as children, compared to 64% of born or raised Jewish adults in households in which the respondent is Just Jewish.

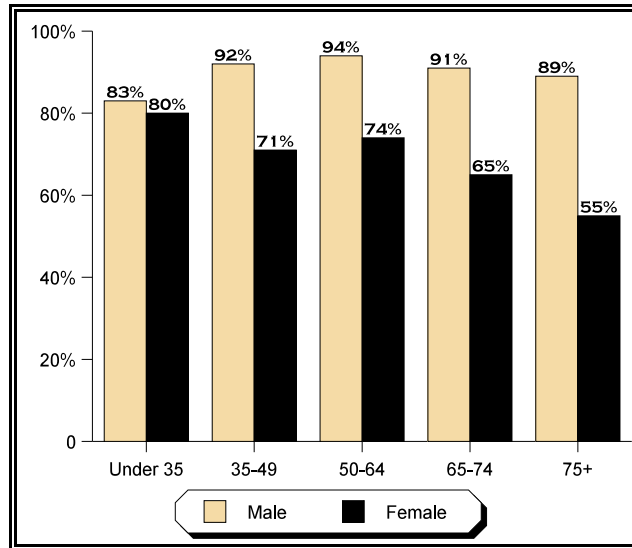
▣ 77% of born or raised Jewish adults in in-married households and 82% of born or raised Jewish adults in conversionary in-married households received some formal Jewish education as children, compared to 72% of born or raised Jewish adults in intermarried households.



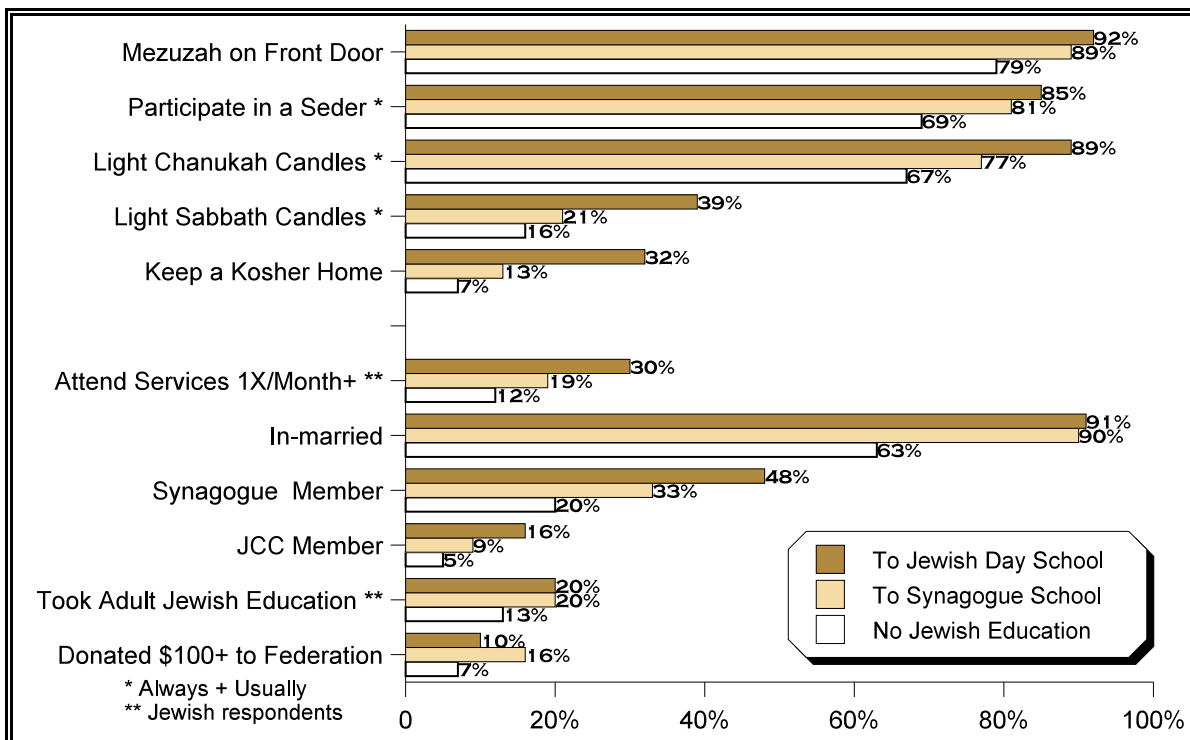
**Formal Jewish Education Received as Children  
by Born or Raised Jewish Adults**

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▣ On most measures of Jewish identity, attendance at a Jewish day school or synagogue school as a child is shown to be positively correlated with adult behaviors, although we cannot attribute cause and effect to these relationships.



**Born or Raised Jewish Adults Who Received Some Formal Jewish Education as Children by Age and Sex**



**Households in Which a Born or Raised Jewish Adult Received Some Formal Jewish Education as a Child**

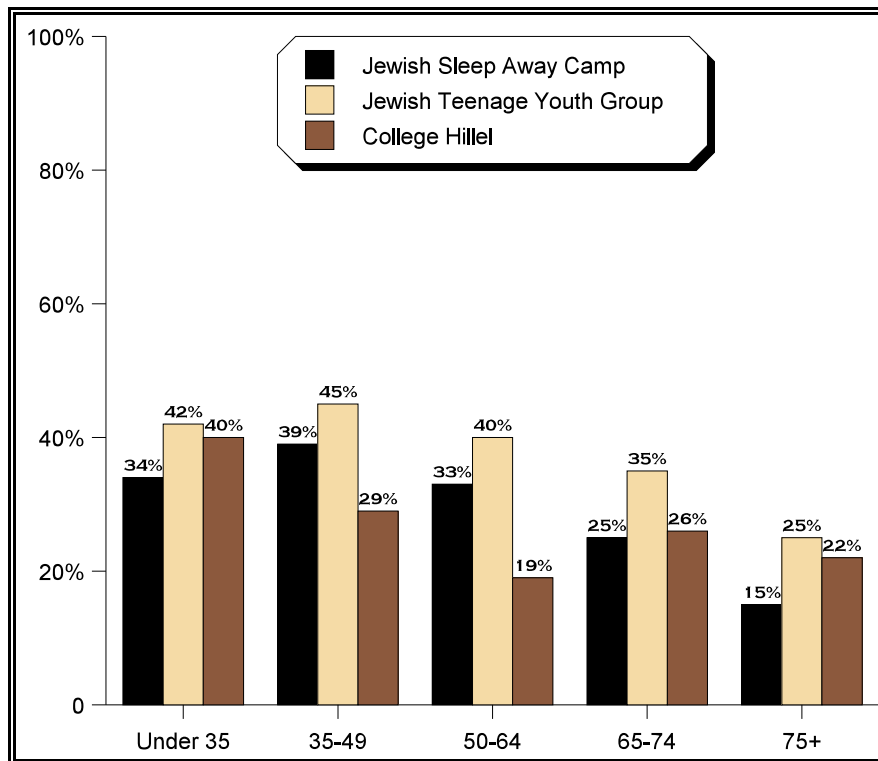
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**A**s more concerns are raised about Jewish continuity, interest has been sparked in identifying factors which may be related to encouraging Jews to lead a “Jewish life.” Thus, three types of informal Jewish education were examined for born or raised Jewish adults in Jewish households in South Palm Beach. Overall, 24% of born or raised Jewish adults attended or worked at a Jewish sleep away camp as children, 33% were active in a Jewish youth group as teenagers, and 24% participated in Hillel while in college (excluding the High Holidays).

▣ The 24% who attended or worked at a Jewish sleep away camp as children is the fifth lowest of about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 31% in Miami, 23% in West Palm Beach, and 17% in Broward. The 24% compares to 17% in 1995. The 24% compares to 31% nationally.

▣ The 33% who were active in a Jewish youth group as teenagers is well below average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 43% in Miami, 34% in West Palm Beach, and 30% in Broward. The 33% compares to 31% in 1995. The 33% compares to 38% nationally.

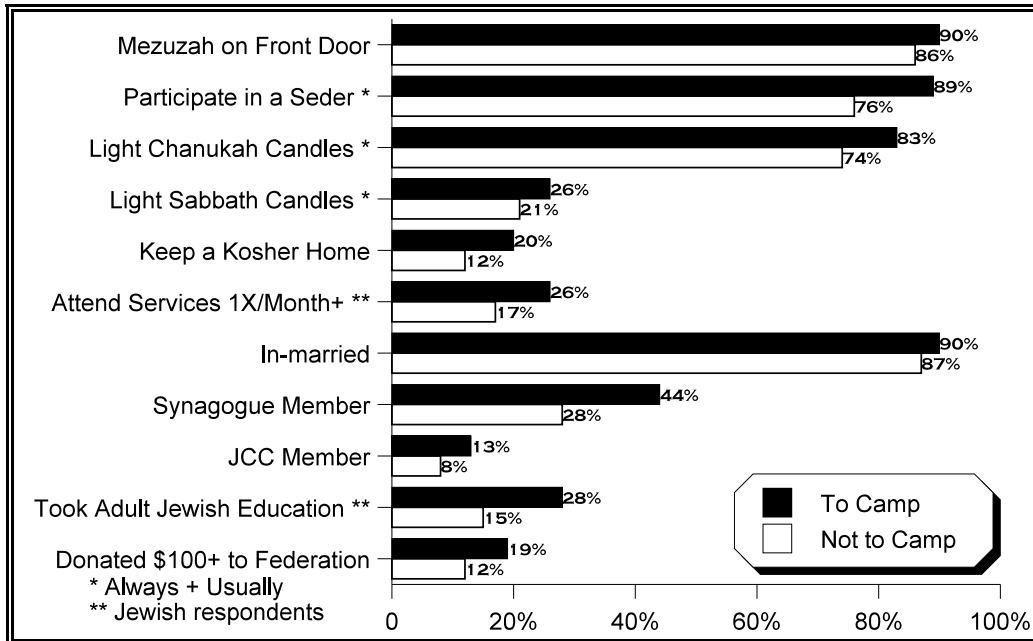
▣ The 24% who participated in Hillel while in college (excluding the High Holidays) is below average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 34% in Miami, 25% in West Palm Beach, and 23% in Broward. The 24% compares to 27% in 1995. The 24% compares to 30% nationally.



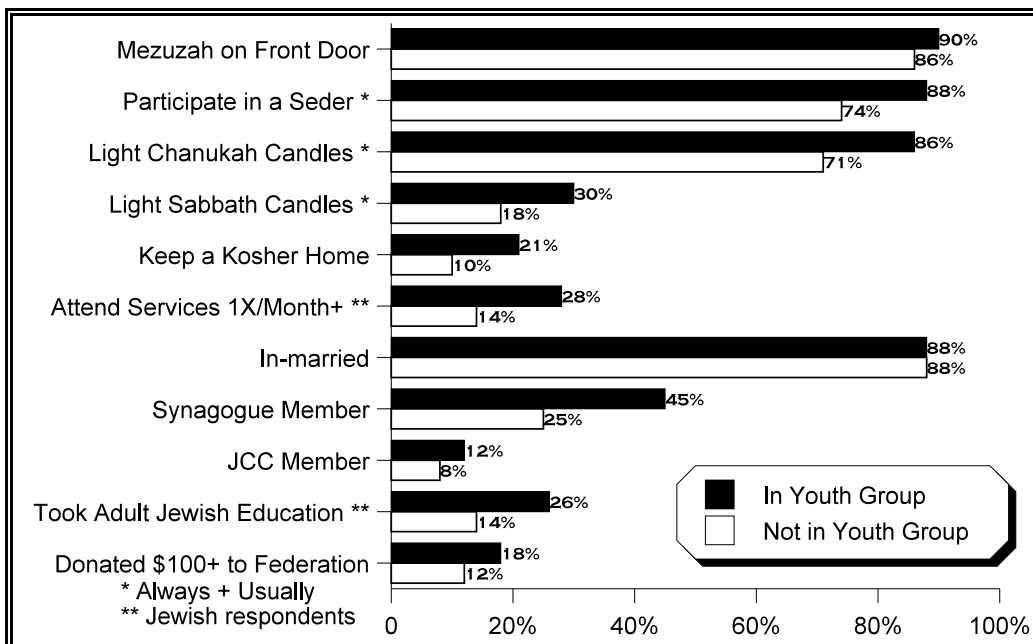
**Born or Raised Jewish Adults Who Attended or Worked at a Jewish Sleep Away Camp as Children, Were Active in a Jewish Youth Group as Teenagers, and Participated in Hillel While in College by Age**

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▣ On most measures of Jewish identity, all three types of informal Jewish education are shown to be positively correlated with adult behaviors, although we cannot attribute cause and effect to these relationships.

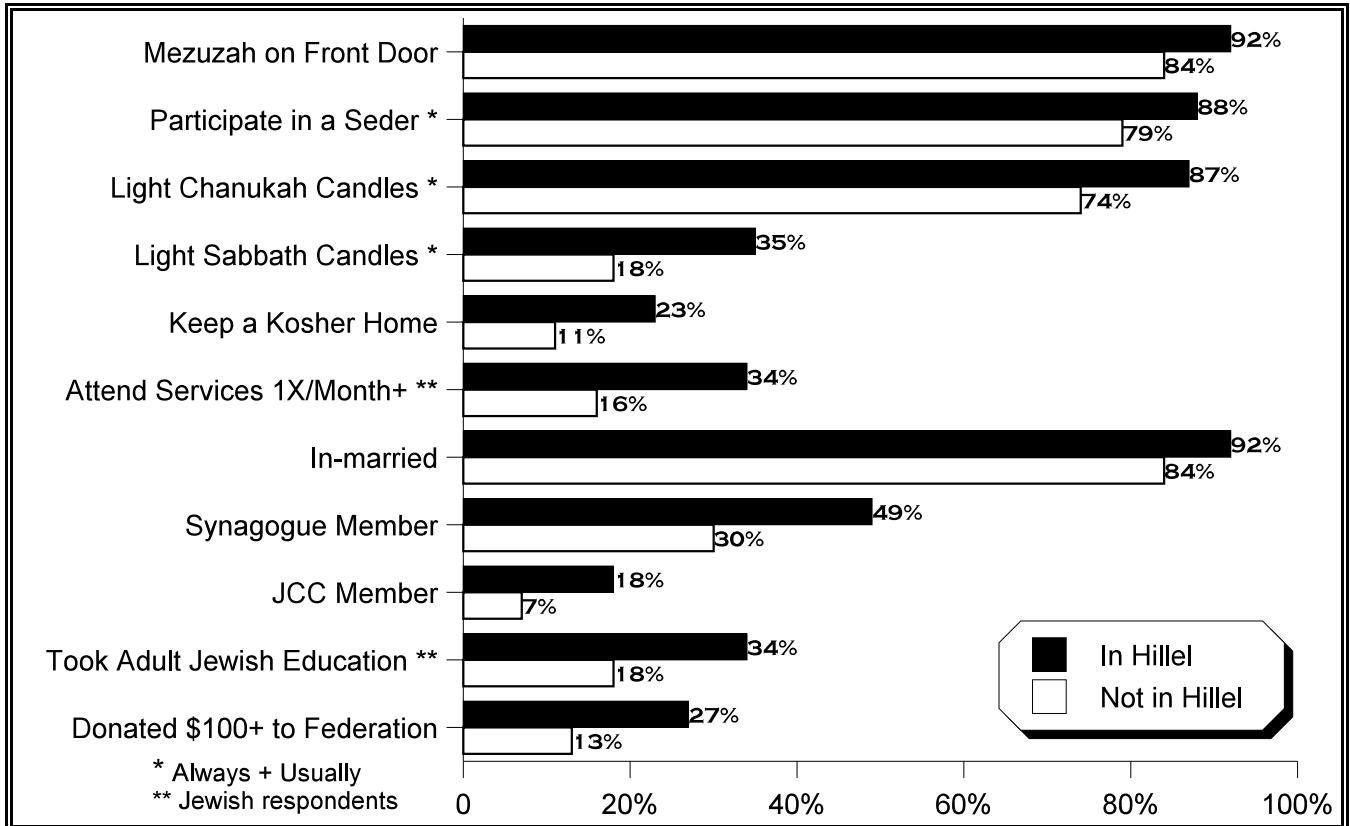


**Households in Which a Born or Raised Jewish Adult Attended or Worked at a Jewish Sleep Away Camp as a Child**



**Households in Which a Born or Raised Jewish Adult Was Active in a Jewish Youth Group as a Teenager**

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**Households in Which a Born or Raised Jewish Adult Participated in Hillel While in College (Excluding the High Holidays)**

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## Internet Usage

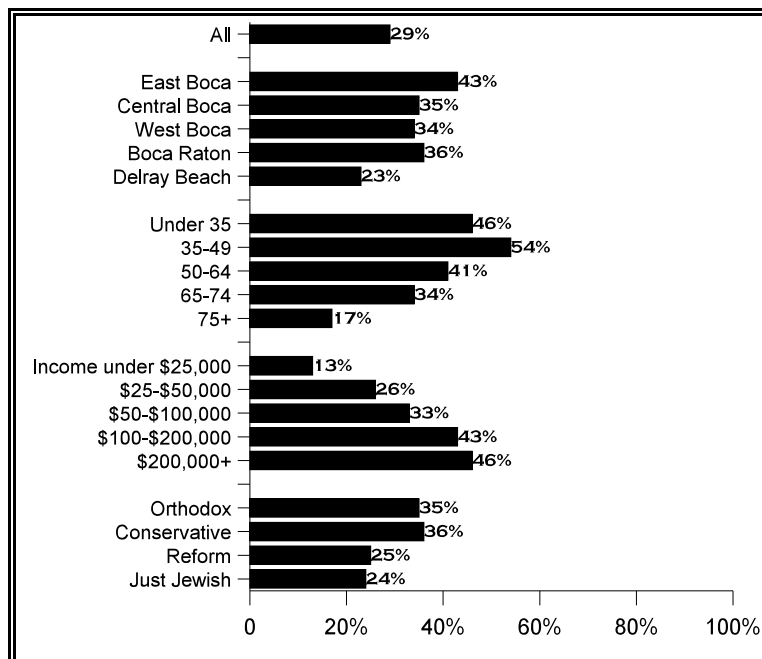
▣ The Internet is a new medium for communicating with and educating the Jewish community. 29% of Jewish respondents used the Internet for Jewish-related information in the past year, including 9% who used the Internet for information about the South Palm Beach Jewish community, which, in turn, includes 3% who visited [www.jewishboca.org](http://www.jewishboca.org), the Jewish Federation web site. The 29% who used the Internet for Jewish-related information in the past year is the lowest of about 15 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 35% in Miami and 34% in West Palm Beach. The 29% compares to 40% nationally.

▣ 52% of respondents in households with children, 45% of respondents in non-elderly single households, 44% of respondents in non-elderly couple households, and 43% of respondents in households with only adult children used the Internet for Jewish-related information in the past year, compared to 32% of respondents in elderly couple households and 11% of respondents in elderly single households.

## Adult Jewish Education

▣ 31% of Jewish respondents attended some type of adult education class or program in the past year, including 19% who attended an adult Jewish education class or program. The 19% is below average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 26% in Miami and 19% in West Palm Beach. The 19% compares to 10% in 1995. The 19% compares to 24% nationally.

▣ The percentage of respondents who attended an adult Jewish education class or program in the past year increases from 10% of respondents under age 35 to 17% of respondents age 35-64 and 20% of respondents age 65 and over.



**Used the Internet for Jewish-Related Information  
in the Past Year (Jewish Respondents)**

## JEWISH EDUCATION OF CHILDREN—PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE

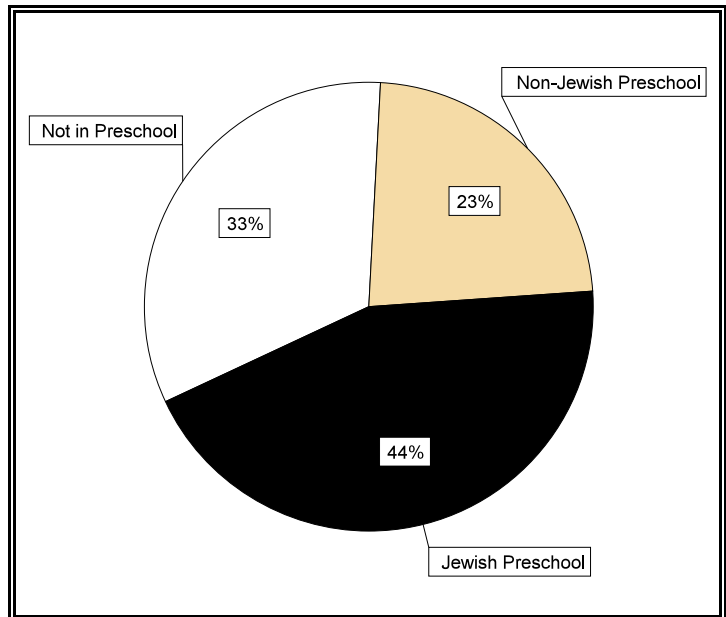
**A**ccording to the Telephone Survey, 44% (1,338 children) of Jewish children age 0-5 (including only those Jewish children age 5 who do not yet attend kindergarten) in South Palm Beach attend a Jewish preschool/child care program, 23% attend a non-Jewish preschool/child care program, and 33% do not attend a preschool/child care program. The 44% who attend a Jewish preschool/child care program is well above average among about 30 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 52% in Miami, 36% in Broward, and 34% in West Palm Beach. The 44% compares to 19% nationally.

▣ The *Jewish preschool/child care market share (market share)* is defined as the percentage of Jewish children age 0-5 in a preschool/child care program who attend a *Jewish* preschool/child care program. The 65% market share is well above average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 79% in Miami, 55% in Broward, and 49% in West Palm Beach. The 65% compares to 36% nationally.

▣ According to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 733 Jewish children age 0-5 attend a Jewish preschool/child care program at a synagogue; 530 children, at the Levis Jewish Community Center; and 140 children, at a Jewish day school. In total, 1,403 Jewish children age 0-5 attend a Jewish preschool/child care program.

▣ A total of 3,054 *Jewish* children age 0-5 (including only those Jewish children age 5 who do not yet attend kindergarten) live in South Palm Beach. According to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 46% of Jewish children age 0-5 attend a Jewish preschool/child care program. The 44% result from the Telephone Survey is within the margin of error of the 46% result from the Jewish Institutions Survey.

▣ About half of respondents in households with Jewish children age 0-5 parents whose Jewish children attend a non-Jewish preschool/child care program would send their children to a *Jewish* preschool/child care program if it were located as close to them as their current preschool/child care program.



**Preschool/Child Care Program  
Currently Attended by Jewish Children Age 0-5**

## JEWISH EDUCATION OF CHILDREN—JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

**A**ccording to the Telephone Survey, 22% (1,003 children) of Jewish children age 5-12 (including only those Jewish children age 5 who already attend kindergarten) in South Palm Beach attend a Jewish day school, 15% attend a non-Jewish private school, and 63% attend a public school.

▣ The 22% who attend a Jewish day school is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 46% in Miami, 16% in Broward, and 12% in West Palm Beach. The 22% compares to 25% nationally. The 15% who attend a non-Jewish private school is about average among the comparison Jewish communities and compares to 13% in both West Palm Beach and Broward and 10% in Miami. The 15% compares to 10% nationally. The 63% who attend a public school is below average among the comparison Jewish communities and compares to 76% in West Palm Beach, 71% in Broward, and 44% in Miami. The 63% compares to 66% nationally.

▣ The *Jewish day school market share (market share)* for Jewish children age 5-12 is defined as the percentage of Jewish children age 5-12 in a private school who attend a Jewish day school. The 59% market share is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 82% in Miami, 56% in Broward, and 47% in West Palm Beach. The 59% compares to 72% nationally.

▣ According to the *Jewish Day School Survey*, 851 Jewish children age 5-12 attend Jewish day schools located in South Palm Beach.

▣ A total of 4,537 Jewish children age 5-12 (including only those Jewish children age 5 who already attend kindergarten) live in South Palm Beach. According to the *Jewish Day School Survey*, 19% of Jewish children age 5-12 attend a Jewish day school. The 22% result from the Telephone Survey is within the margin of error of the 19% result from the Jewish Day School Survey.

### **Seriously Investigate Sending Jewish Children to a Jewish Day School**

▣ 16% of households with Jewish children age 0-17 currently have a Jewish child who attends a Jewish day school; 13% sent a Jewish child to a Jewish day school in the past; 6% will definitely send a Jewish child to a Jewish day school in the future; 6% (in households with Jewish children age 0-5) will seriously investigate sending a Jewish child to a Jewish day school; 15% (in households with Jewish children age 6-17 only) investigated sending a Jewish child to a Jewish day school in the past; and 44% did not or will not seriously investigate sending a Jewish child to a Jewish day school (*not in the Jewish day school market*).

▣ The 44% not in the Jewish day school market is the third lowest of about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 56% in Broward, 53% in West Palm Beach, and 20% in Miami.

### **Major Reasons for Not Sending Jewish Children to a Jewish Day School**

▣ Respondents in households with Jewish children age 0-17 (none of whom currently attend a Jewish day school, have attended in the past, or will definitely attend in the future) were asked the major reasons they did not, will not, or might not send their Jewish children to a Jewish day school. The major reasons most commonly reported for not sending Jewish children age 0-17 to a Jewish day school are tuition cost (30%), belief in public schools/preference for an ethnically mixed environment (27%), school is too

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religious for family/family is not religious (12%), curriculum issues (6%), quality of education at Jewish day schools (5%), quality of other private or public schools (4%), distance from home (4%), intermarriage (4%), and security issues (3%).

▣ The 30% who reported **tuition cost** is above average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 44% in Broward and 35% in both West Palm Beach and Miami.

▣ The 27% who reported **belief in public schools/preference for an ethnically mixed environment** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 18% in Miami, 17% in West Palm Beach, and 15% in Broward.

▣ The 12% who reported **school is too religious for family/family is not religious** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 8% in Broward, 6% in West Palm Beach, and 4% in Miami.

▣ The 5% who reported **quality of education at Jewish day schools** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 6% in both Miami and Broward and 1% in West Palm Beach.

▣ The 4% who reported **quality of other private or public schools** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 9% in Miami, 8% in West Palm Beach, and 3% in Broward.

▣ The 4% who reported **distance from home** is the third lowest of about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 13% in West Palm Beach, 10% in Broward, and 7% in Miami.

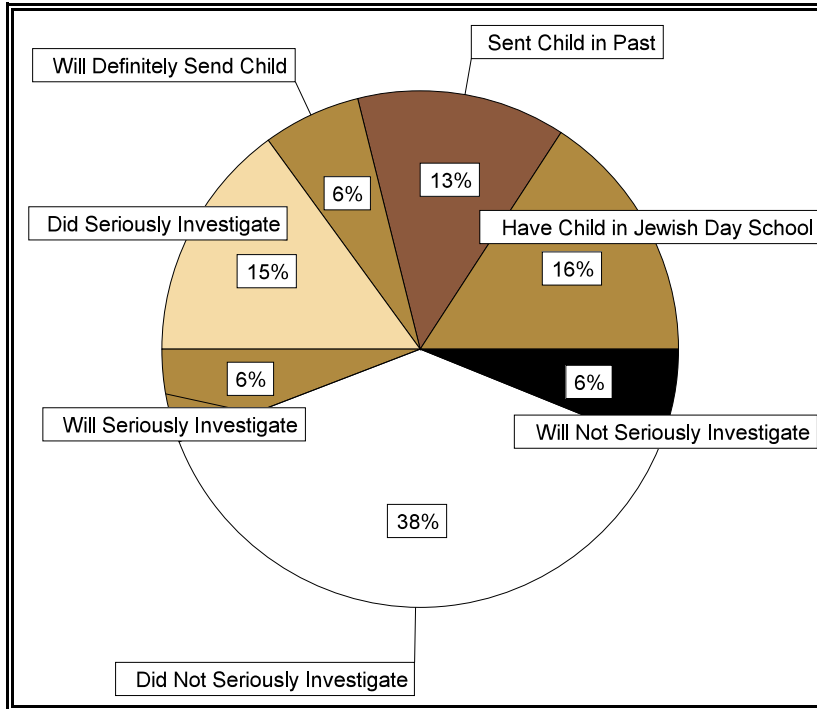
▣ The 4% who reported **intermarriage** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 12% in Broward, 9% in West Palm Beach, and 3% in Miami.

▣ The 0% who reported **special needs** is about average among about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 2% in both Miami and Broward and 1% in West Palm Beach.

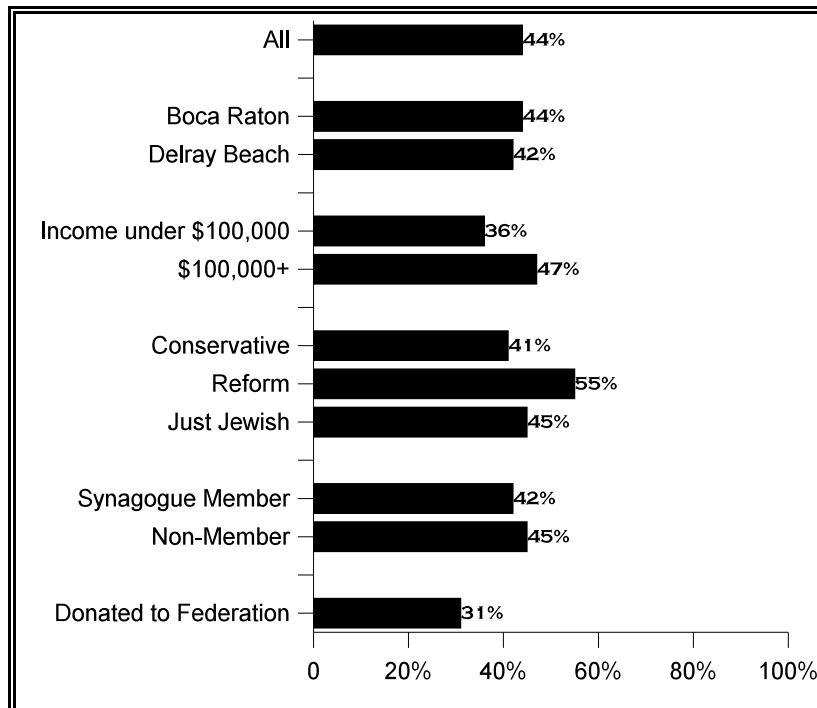
▣ Respondents in households with Jewish children age 0-17 (none of whom currently attend a Jewish day school, have attended in the past, or will definitely attend in the future) were asked whether, if a Jewish day school education were affordable to them, they would send or would have sent their children to a Jewish day school. 22% of respondents responded definitely; 13%, probably; 37%, probably not; and 29%, definitely not.

▣ Respondents in households with Jewish children age 0-17 (none of whom currently attend a Jewish day school, have attended in the past, or will definitely attend in the future) were asked whether, if a Jewish day school were located as close to them as a public school, they would send or would have sent their children to a Jewish day school. 16% responded definitely; 12%, probably; 39%, probably not; and 33%, definitely not.

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**Seriously Investigate Sending Jewish Children Age 0-17 to a Jewish Day School**  
(Households with Jewish Children Age 0-17)



**Not in the Jewish Day School Market**  
(Households with Jewish Children Age 0-17)

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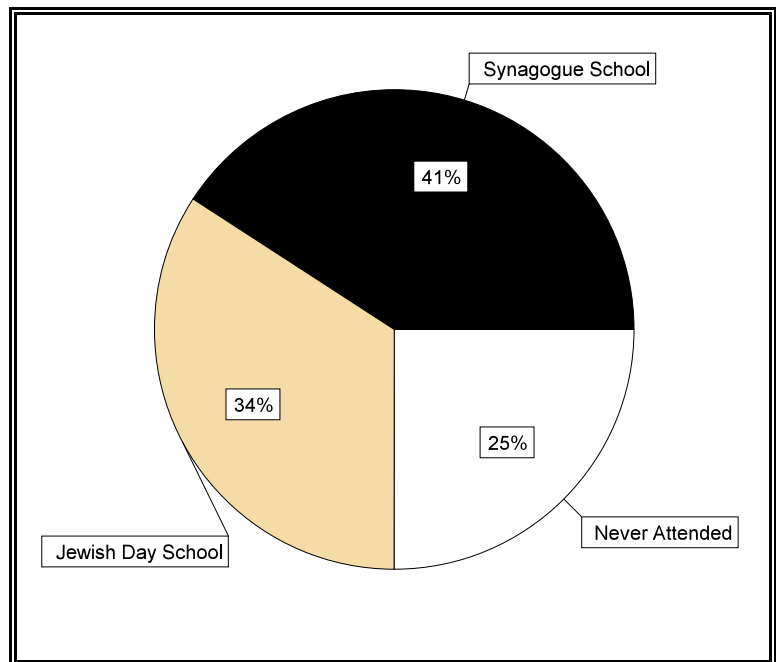
**A**ccording to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 56% of Jewish children age 5-12 (including only those Jewish children age 5 who already attend kindergarten) in South Palm Beach currently attend formal Jewish education. The 56% is well below average among about 35 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 56% in Miami, 46% in West Palm Beach, and 45% in Broward. The 56% compares to 76% nationally.

▣ According to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 22% of Jewish children age 13-17 currently attend formal Jewish education. The 22% is below average among about 35 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 31% in Miami and 16% in both West Palm Beach and Broward. The 22% compares to 68% nationally.

▣ According to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 1,667 Jewish children age 5-12 attend a synagogue school and 851 children attend a Jewish day school. In total, 2,518 Jewish children age 5-12 currently attend formal Jewish education. Of the 1,667 Jewish children age 5-12 who attend a synagogue school, 34 children attend an Orthodox synagogue school; 315 children, a Conservative synagogue school; 1,117 children, a Reform synagogue school; and 201 children, other synagogue schools.

▣ According to the *Jewish Institutions Survey*, 490 Jewish children age 13-17 currently attend a synagogue school and 247 children attend a Jewish day school. 15 Jewish children age 13-17 who are not associated with a synagogue currently attend Judaica High School. In total, 752 Jewish children age 13-17 currently attend formal Jewish education.

▣ According to the *Telephone Survey*, 76% of Jewish children age 5-17 currently attend or have attended formal Jewish education. The 76% is below average among about 40 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 86% in Miami, 70% in Broward, and 63% in West Palm Beach. The 76% compares to 79% nationally.



**Jewish Children Age 5-17 Who Currently Attend or Have Attended Formal Jewish Education**

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**TABLE 16**  
**JEWISH CHILDREN AGE 5-12**  
**WHO CURRENTLY ATTEND FORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION**  
**COMPARISON WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES**  
**(BASED UPON THE JEWISH INSTITUTIONS SURVEY)**

Community	Year	%		Community	Year	%
Westport	2000	96%		<b>Miami</b>	2004	56%
Worcester *	1986	95%		Washington	2003	56%
Rhode Island	2002	91%		Atlantic County	2004	56%
Milwaukee	1996	83%		<b>S PALM BEACH</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>56%</b>
Charlotte	1997	82%		South Broward *	1990	55%
Sarasota	2001	82%		<b>West Palm Beach</b>	1999	55%
Monmouth	1997	79%		Atlanta	1996	54%
Dallas *	1988	76%		Tucson	2002	53%
Tidewater	2001	74%		Orlando	1993	50%
Bergen	2001	73%		Los Angeles *	1997	47%
Hartford	2000	73%		<b>West Palm Beach</b>	2005	46%
Martin-St. Lucie	1999	73%		<b>Broward</b>	1997	45%
St. Louis *	1995	72%		San Francisco *	2004	45%
Minneapolis	2004	71%		Las Vegas *	1995	44%
York	1999	67%		St. Petersburg	1994	40%
St. Paul	2004	66%		<b>NJPS * <sup>1</sup></b>	2000	76%
Harrisburg	1994	66%		* Percentages are based upon the Telephone Survey, querying whether each Jewish child age 5-12 currently attends formal Jewish education. <sup>1</sup> NJPS 2000 data are for the <i>more Jewishly-connected sample</i> .		
Jacksonville	2002	66%				
Rochester	1999	62%				
Wilmington	1995	59%				
Richmond	1994	58%				

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**T**hree types of informal Jewish education of Jewish children in South Palm Beach are addressed by this study: Jewish day camp, Jewish sleep away camp, and Jewish teenage youth group.

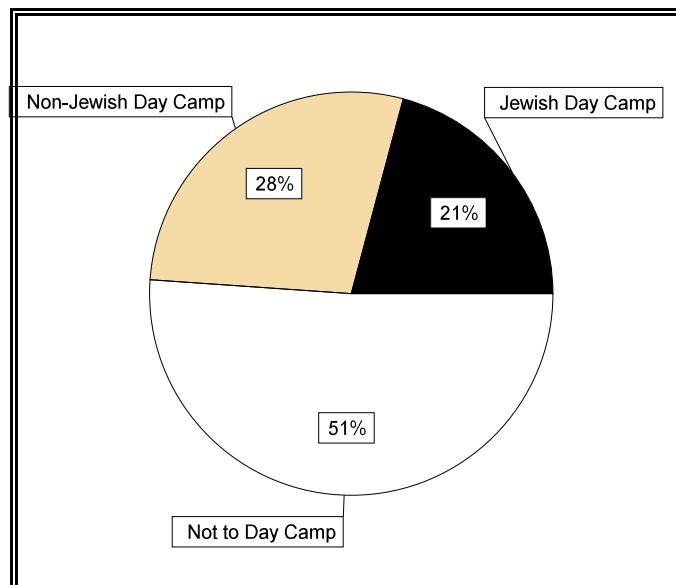
### Jewish Day Camp

▣ According to the Telephone Survey, 21% of Jewish children age 3-17 attended a Jewish day camp this past summer (the summer of 2004), 28% attended a non-Jewish day camp, and 51% did not attend a day camp. The 21% who attended a Jewish day camp this past summer is about average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 23% in Miami, 21% in West Palm Beach, and 13% in Broward. The 21% compares to 27% nationally.

▣ The *Jewish day camp market share (market share)* is defined as the percentage of Jewish children age 3-17 who attended a day camp who attended a *Jewish* day camp this past summer. The 43% market share is well below average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 68% in Miami, 51% in West Palm Beach, and 40% in Broward. The 43% compares to 56% nationally.

▣ According to the Jewish Institutions Survey, 605 Jewish children age 3-17 attended a day camp at a synagogue this past summer and 819 children attended a day camp at the Levis Jewish Community Center. In total, 1,424 Jewish children age 3-17 attended Jewish day camps this past summer.

▣ A total of 9,510 Jewish children age 3-17 live in South Palm Beach. According to the Jewish Institutions Survey, 15% of Jewish children age 3-17 attended a Jewish day camp this past summer. The 15% result from the Jewish Institutions Survey is just outside the margin of error of the 21% result from the Telephone Survey. The disparity may be attributable to Jewish children age 3-17 who attended Jewish day camps that operate outside South Palm Beach or independently run Jewish day camps that operate within South Palm Beach, as well as to respondents who interpreted “Jewish day camp” as a camp with mostly Jewish campers.



**Jewish Children Age 3-17 Who Attended Day Camp This Past Summer**

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## Jewish Sleep Away Camp

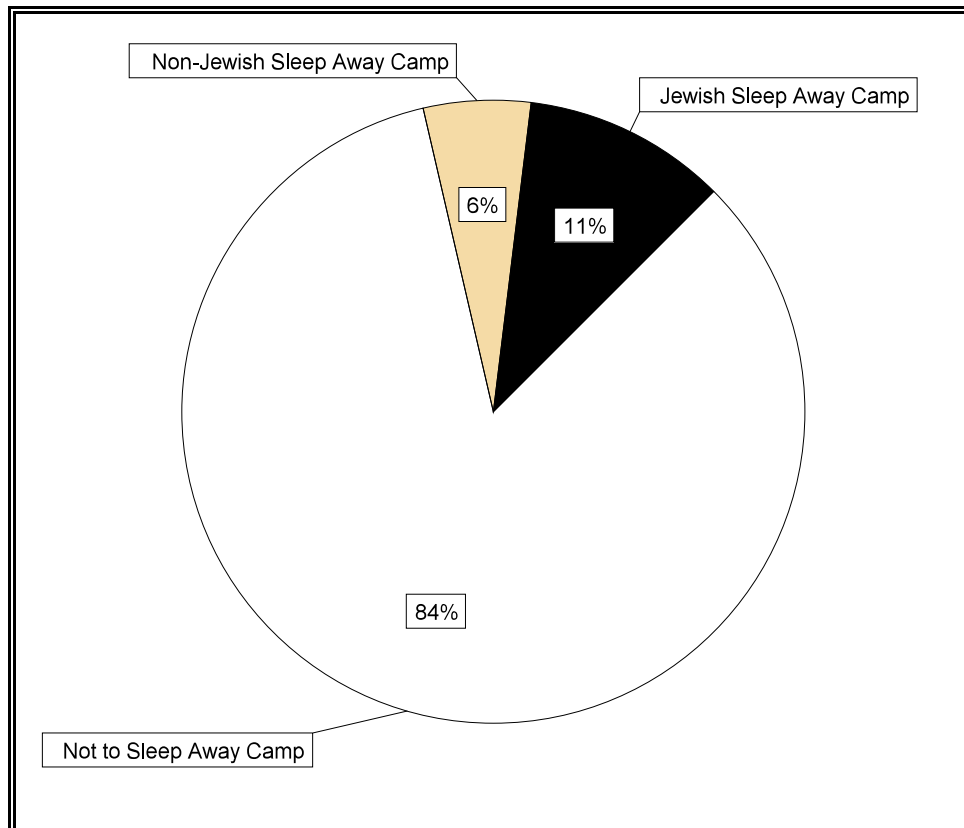
▣ 11% of Jewish children *age 6-17* attended a Jewish sleep away camp this past summer (the summer of 2004), 6% attended a non-Jewish sleep away camp, and 84% did not attend a sleep away camp.

▣ The 11% who attended a Jewish sleep away camp this past summer is about average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 26% in Miami, 9% in West Palm Beach, and 8% in Broward.

▣ The *Jewish sleep away camp market share (market share)* is defined as the percentage of Jewish children age 6-17 who attended a sleep away camp who attended a *Jewish* sleep away camp this past summer. The 67% market share is about average among about 20 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 83% in Miami, 74% in West Palm Beach, and 56% in Broward.

## Jewish Teenage Youth Group

▣ 21% of Jewish children *age 13-17* are members of a Jewish teenage youth group. The 21% is the fifth lowest of about 25 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 21% in Broward, 18% in Miami, and 17% in West Palm Beach.



**Jewish Children Age 6-17 Who Attended Sleep Away Camp  
This Past Summer**