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CLEVELAND JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS SURVEY FALL 1995

Conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland [JECC]

I. POSITIONS AND WORK SETTINGS

The questions in this section refer to the Jewish schools in which you work.

1. In how many Jewish schools do you work?

2. If you work in more than one Jewish school, do you do so to earn a suitable wage?

no	yes	n/a
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3. For each school in which you work, indicate your title, e.g., "educational director", the number of hours per week you are contracted to work, and the number of weeks per year your school is in session. If you do not know exactly, please estimate. List as "main" the position in which you work the most hours as a Jewish educational administrator.

	Your Title	Hours/Week	Weeks/Year
	Main		
	Second		
	Third		
	Fourth		
1. Please	e indicate how many years, including th	is year, you have been working	in each school:
I. Please		<i>is year</i> , you have been working	in each school: Fourth
	e indicate how many years, including th	Third	Fourth

7. What is the orientation of each school in which you work? [Check one response for each school.]

Orientation	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a. Reform				
b. Conservative				
c. Orthodox				
d. Communal				
e. Other [specify]				

8. In what type of school[s] do you work? [Check one response for each school in which you work.]

Type of School	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a. Preschool				
b. One day/week supplementary school				
c. Two or more days/week supplementary school				
d. Day school or yeshiva				
e. Adult education				
f. Other [specify]		20		

9. In addition to your work in Jewish schools, do you currently: [Check all that apply.]

a. tutor students privately in Hebrew or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

- b. lead a junior congregation?
 - c. lead or supervise a youth group?
 - d. work in any other informal Jewish educational setting [specify]?_
 - e. I do not currently work in an informal Jewish educational setting.

	Subject	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a. Hebrew	language				
b. Jewish	studies [Bible, history, holidays, etc.]				
c. Bar/Bat	Mitzvah preparation				
d. Tefillah					
e. Integrat	ed preschool or kindergarten curriculum				
f. Secular	subjects [math, reading, science, etc.]				
g. Other [s	specify]:				
n. I am no	t teaching this year				
. Please o	check the statement that best describes the c	urriculum use	d in your scho	ol.	
[Check d	check the statement that best describes the c one response.]			ol.	
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a. There is a written school philosophy	
b. The school philosophy and how the curriculum fits into it has been explained to f	faculty
c. Teachers participate in the planning and development of the school's curriculum	
d. You meet with teachers to plan lessons or units on a regular basis	
e. I have not discussed curriculum planning and development with teachers	

10. What subjects do you teach this year? [Please indicate subjects for each position.]

How did you find your current main position as a Jewish educational administrator?
 [Please check one.]

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14. Please check the statement below that best describes your work as a Jewish educator: [Please check one.]

а	. I work full time as a Jewish educator under a single contract.	
b	. I work full time as a Jewish educator under two or more contracts.	
C.	. I work part time as a Jewish educator under a single contract.	
d	. I work part time as a Jewish educator under two or more contracts.	

15. Would you consider working more hours in Jewish education if the opportunity were available to you?

yes no
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IF YOU ANSWERED "NO"" TO ITEM 15, PLEASE SKIP TO ITEM 17 BELOW.

16. From the following list, choose the three factors that would encourage you to increase your teaching hours. [Please check only three items.]

a	. Higher salary	
b	More benefits	
C.	Greater job security or tenure	
d.	An opportunity to advance your career	
e.	A greater knowledge of Judaism, teaching, or Hebrew	
f.	Need for increased income	
g.	Availability of a position in your specialty	
h.	More time available to you to work	
i.	Other [specify]:	

17. What is your annual salary as a Jewish educator? [Please check one response.]

a.	Less than \$1,000	j.	\$40,000 - \$44,999	
b.	\$1,000 - \$4,999	k.	\$45,000 - \$49,999	
C.	\$5,000 - \$9,999	I.	\$50,000 - \$54,999	
d.	\$10,000 - \$14,999	m.	\$55,000 - \$59,999	
e.	\$15,000 - \$19,999	n	\$60,000 - \$64,999	
f.	\$20,000 - \$24,999	0.	\$65,000 - \$69,999	
g.	\$25,000 - \$29,999	p.	\$70,000 - \$74,999	
h.	\$30,000 - \$34,999	q.	\$75,000 - \$79,999	
i.	\$35,000 - \$39,999	r.	Over \$80,000	

18. Which of the following benefits do you receive as an administrator in a Jewish setting? [Please check one response for each item.]

			Receive	Do Not Receive
	a.	Free or reduced tuition for your child at your school		
	b.	Free or reduced tuition for yourself at a college		
	c.	Free or reduced membership in a synagogue or JCC		
	d.	Synagogue privileges, such as High Holy Day tickets		
	e.	Personal or sick leave time		
	f.	Subsidy for continuing education or conferences		
	g.	Sabbatical leave, partially or fully compensated		
	h.	Employer contribution to a health plan		
	i.	Employer contribution to a pension		
ACTON.	j.	Employer contribution to a dental plan		
	k.	Employer contribution to a life insurance policy		
	١.	Disability benefits		
	m.	Maternity or paternity leave		
	n.	Other [specify]		

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19. Which of the following benefits are available to the teachers in your main school?

[Check one response for each item.]	Available	Not Available	l Do Not Know
a. Free or reduced tuition for your child at your school			
b. Free or reduced tuition for yourself at a college			
c. Free or reduced membership in a synagogue or JCC			
d. Synagogue privileges, such as High Holy Day tickets			
e. Personal or sick leave time			
f. Subsidy for continuing education or conferences			
g. Sabbatical leave, partially or fully compensated			
h. Employer contribution to a health plan) Eve SH		
i. Employer contribution to a pension	I DE S		
j. Employer contribution to a dental plan			
k. Employer contribution to a life insurance policy		2	
I. Disability benefits			
m. Maternity or paternity leave			
n. Other [specify]			

20. What affected your decision to work as an educational administrator in your current main setting? [Check yes or no for each item.]

a.	Hours and days available for work	yes	no
b.	Salary	yes	no
C.	Benefits	yes	no
d.	Career advancement	yes	no
e.	Location of the school	yes	no
f.	Friends who work there	yes	no
g.	Rabbi or professional staff	yes	no
h.	Reputation of the school and students	yes	no
i.	Religious orientation of school	yes	no
j.	Quality of lay leadership	yes	no
k.	School is in your synagogue	yes	no
I.	Other [specify]	yes	no

21. To what extent did you receive professional assistance from the following persons during the past 12 months?

[Check one response for each item.]	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
a. Your supervisor in your main school				
b. Colleagues in your main school				
c. Colleagues outside your school				
d. Rabbi[s]				
e. Cleveland College of Jewish Studies faculty				
f. Cleveland Fellows graduates				
g. Retreat Institute staff [JCC]				
h. Project Curriculum Renewal staff [JECC]				
i. JESP staff [JECC]				
j. Other JECC staff				
k. Other [specify]				

22. How satisfied are you with each of the following in your work as a Jewish educator in Cleveland?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Satisfied		Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
a. The salary you receive	1 2	3	4	0
b. The benefits available to you	1 2	3	4	0
c. Opportunity for professional advancement	1 2	3	4	0
d. Opportunity for professional development	1 2	3	4	0
e. Opportunity to network through Preschool Directors' Network	1 2	3	4	0
f. Opportunity to network through Jewish Educators' Council	1 2	3	4	0
g. Opportunity to network through the Day School Directors' Network	1 2	3	4	0
 Quality of lay leadership in your school or congregation 	1 2	3	4	

23. How satisfied are you with each of the following programs or services available to you in Cleveland?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Satisfied		Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
a. Quality of JECC inservice offerings	1 2	3	4	0
b. Scope of JECC inservice offerings	1 2	3	4	0
c. Quality of Retreat Institute experiences	1 2	3	4	0
d. Quality of Retreat Institute support	1 2	3	4	0
e. Quality of Project Curriculum Renewal experiences	1 2	3	4	0
 f. Quality of Project Curriculum Renewal support 	1 2	3	4	0
g. Quality of Cleveland College courses	1 2	3	4	0
h. Variety of Cleveland College offerings	1 2	3	4	0
i. Schedule of Cleveland College offerings	1 2	3	4	0
j. Quality of JECC resource centers	1 2	3	4	0

24. People choose to become educators in Jewish settings for many reasons. From the following, please check the three most important reasons you chose to become a Jewish educator. [Check three of the following responses.]

a. I was good at teaching others	
b. I felt comfortable in Jewish settings	
c. I felt it important to serve the Jewish community	
d. Opportunity to teach Torah	
e. The money I could make	
f. The professional benefits I could receive	
g. Opportunity to observe Jewish holidays	
h. The hours I could work	
i. Intellectual or spiritual growth I could experience	

25. Please indicate which three of the following resources would most enhance your overall effectiveness as an educational leader in a Jewish setting. [Please check three items.]

a.	Additional staff or clerical assistance	
b.	Additional professional staff	
C.	A change in rabbinical leadership	
d.	A change in lay leadership	
e.	Greater consulting assistance	
f.	Additional funding for personnel salaries or benefits	
g.	Additional funding for material resources	
h.	Different or more professional development opportunities	
i.	Other [specify]:	

26. Would you describe yourself as having a career in Jewish education?

yes

no

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II. EXPERIENCE

The questions in this section refer to your current and past work experience.

27. For each of the following Jewish educational settings, check the positions you have held and those you currently hold and indicate the number of years in each, including this year.

	a. Aide or Assistant	years
	b. Teacher	years
PRESCHOOL	c. Director	years
	d. Family Educator	years
	e. Department head	years
A	f. Other	years
	a. Teacher	years
	b. Educational Director	years
SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL	c. Family Educator	years
	d. Retreat Staff Member	years
	e. Department head	years
13	f. Other	years
	a. Teacher	years
	b. Family Educator	years
DAY SCHOOL	c. Principal	years
	d. Specialist	years
	e. Department head	years
	f. Other	years
	a. Counselor	years
DAY/RESIDENTIAL CAMP	b. Unit Head	years
	c. Director	years
	d. Other	years

	a. Group Leader or Teacher		years
	b. Program Director		years
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER	c. Family Educator		years
	d. Department Director	<u></u>	years
	e. Other		years
97	a. Youth Group Advisor		years
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	b. Youth Group Director		years
	c. Tefillah Leader		years
	d. Other		years
	a. Instructor		years
ADULT EDUCATION	b. Program Director		years
	c. Other		years

28. Have you ever worked in public or non-Jewish private schools? If so, for how many years including this year?

TYPE OF SCHOOL		YEARS AS TEACHER	YEARS AS ADMINISTRATOR
a. Public School	yes no	<u>. 27 -</u>	
b. Non-Jewish Private School	yes no	<u></u>	

29. In addition to your work in Jewish education, are you currently: [Check one response for each item.]

a.	a full-time teacher in a non-Jewish school?	yes	no
b.	a part-time teacher in a non-Jewish school?	yes	no
c.	engaged full time in other employment outside the home?	yes	no
d.	engaged part-time in other employment outside the home?	yes	no
e.	a full- or part-time student?	yes	no

30. In total, how many hours per week are you employed outside Jewish education?

III. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The questions in this section refer to your professional development experiences as a Jewish educator.

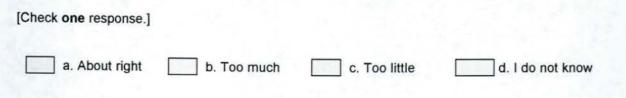
31. When you enroll in a workshop or course, what are the three most important things to you? [Please check only three items.]

а.	Opportunity to network with other Jewish educators	
b.	Content is relevant to my type of school	
C.	Opportunity to learn new ways to think about my class or school	
d.	Opportunity to learn things I can immediately use in my class	
e.	Length of sessions	
f.	Time of day or day of week of sessions	
g.	Who is teaching the session	
h.	Recommendation of principal or supervisor	
i.	Other [specify]:	

32. During the past two years, have you required your faculty to attend inservice workshops or minicourses or courses at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies [CCJS]? [Check one response for each item.]

a.	JESP-sponsored workshops or mini-courses	yes	no
b.	Other workshops or mini-courses	yes	no
C.	Education courses at CCJS	yes	no
d.	Other courses at CCJS	yes	no

33. In general, do you find expectations regarding your involvement in professional development activities:



34. Overall, how helpful to your work as a Jewish educator do you find the JECC-sponsored workshops or mini-courses and CCJS courses? [Answer each item with one rating.]

	Very Helpful		Not Helpful	Not Applicable
a. JECC workshops or mini-courses	1 2	3	4	0
b. Education courses at CCJS		3	4	0
c. Other courses at CCJS	1 2	3	4	0

35. Overall, how helpful to your teachers do you find the workshops or mini-courses and college courses? [Answer each item with one rating.]

	Very Helpful		Not Helpful	Not Applicable
a. JECC workshops or mini-courses	1 2	3	4	0
b. Education courses at CCJS	1 2	3	4	0
c. Other courses at CCJS	1 2	3	4	0

36a. In the space below, list the workshops, mini-courses, or conferences [local and national] you have attended in the past two years. Indicate the general topic, number of contact hours for each, whether each contained Jewish or teaching content, and whether it was sponsored by the JECC. If you have not attended any, check box in 36b.

торіс	CONTACT HOURS?	JEWISH CONTENT?	TEACHING CONTENT?	JECC SPONSORED?
		yes no	yes no	yes no
		yes no	yes no	yes no
	s <u></u>	yes no	yes no	yes no
		yes no	yes no	yes no
	AMERI	yes no	yes no	yes no
	$\underline{\mathbf{A}} \underline{\mathbf{R}}$	yes no	yes no	yes no
		yes no	yes no	yes no
	1-4	yes no	yes no	yes no

36b. I have not attended an educational workshop, mini-course or conference in the past two years.

37. Overall, what has been the impact of the JESP coaching process on participating faculty in your school?

[Please check one.]

a. Very helpful	b. Somewhat helpful	c. Unhelpful	d. My school did not participate
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38. To what extent has Project Curriculum Renewal [PCR] or the JECC Curriculum Department been helpful in the following areas?

[Check one response for each item.]

- a. Developing a school-wide curriculum
- b. Developing grade-specific curricula
- c. Your ability to work with teachers
- d. Increasing communication among faculty
- e. Increasing knowledge of curricular issues
- f. Broadening teachers' teaching skills
- g. Facilitating suitable curricular process
- h. Identifying curricular goals
- i. Harmonizing curriculum and school goals
- j. Increasing pupils' enthusiasm for school
- k. Increasing parents' enthusiasm for school
- Other [specify] _

Very Helpful			Not Helpful	Not Applicable
1	2	3	4	0
1	2	3	4	0
1	2	3	4	0
1	2	3	4	0
1	2	3	4	0
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1	2	3	4	0

39. How adequately do the following contribute to your curriculum planning and development efforts?

[C	check one for each item.]	Very Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Inadequate	l do not know
a.	JECC Consultants				
b.	Materials provided by your school				
c.	Materials provided at the JECC				
d.	Faculty meeting time to discuss curriculum				
e.	Your school's overall curriculum plan				
f.	Other [specify]				

If a Cleveland Fellow served your school, please answer questions 40 through 42; otherwise, go on to question 43 on the next page.

40. While the Cleveland Fellow intern or graduate worked at your school, were you his or her direct supervisor?



41. To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding the impact of the Cleveland Fellows Program?

[C	heck one response for each item]	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Not Applicable
a.	It enhanced my school's family programming				
b.	It enhanced other aspects of my school's programming				
c.	Program faculty are a resource to my staff				
d.	The placement process for interns was appropriate.				
e.	The placement process for graduates was appropriate.				
f.	The assessment process was appropriate.	5-00 <	V 🗖		

42. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements regarding the Cleveland Fellows?

[Check one response for each item]	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Did not Participate
Fellows show growth in Judaic knowledge.				
Fellows show growth in professional skills.				
Fellows work well with faculty and staff.				
Fellows work well with parents.				
Fellows work well with families.				
Fellows work well with me.				
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43. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements regarding the Cleveland Fellows Program?

[Check one response for each item]	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Do Not Know
a. Program faculty and graduates positively affect educational standards in Cleveland.				
 Program faculty and graduates positively affect family programming in Cleveland. 				
 Program faculty enhance professional development in Cleveland. 				
d. Program faculty are a resource to me.				
 a. Very qualified b. Somewhat qualified 45. In the past year, did you: [Check yes or no for e 	t,	ewhat unqualified	d. Ven	y unqualified
45. In the past year, did you: [Check yes or no for ea. Take a course at the Cleveland College of				
 b. Participate in a course sponsored by a con HaTorah, or Ohr Sameach? 			yes yes	no
c. Take a course in general education at a co	llege or univ	ersity?	yes	no
d. Study Hebrew on your own?			yes	no
e. Read one or more books on Judaism?			yes	no
f. Regularly read journals about Judaism or J	lewish educa	ition?	yes	no
g. Meet regularly to learn Torah or discuss ed	lucational iss	sues?	yes	no
h. Visit Israel?			yes	no
i. Attend three or more lectures with a Jewish	n and/or edu	cational focus?	yes	no

46.	In which three of the following areas would you most like to develop your skills further?	[Check only
	three items.]	

a. School administration	f. Working with lay leaders
b. Programming for families	g. Time management
c. Faculty evaluation or supervision	h. Faculty professional development
d. Curriculum planning or development	i. Motivating faculty to teach well
e. Public relations	j. Other [specify]:

47. In which of the following would you most like to increase your knowledge? [Check only three items.]
a. Hebrew language
b. Jewish holidays and rituals
c. Israel and Zionism
d. Jewish history
h. Other [specify]

48. How proficient are you in Hebrew? [Check one response for each category.]

		Very Proficient	Somewhat Proficient	Not at all Proficient
a.	Reading for pronunciation		20	
b.	Reading with understanding			
C.	Writing			
d.	Speaking			

IV. BACKGROUND

This set of questions asks about you.

49. Check the statement that best describes you: [Please check one.]

- a. I was raised Jewish
 - b. I am an adult convert to Judaism
- c. I am not Jewish

50. At the present time, which of the following best describes you? [Please check one.]

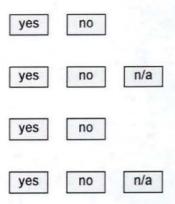


51. Are you a member of a synagogue in the Cleveland area?

52. Are you an educator in the synagogue where you are a member?

53. Have you ever been to Israel?

54. Have you ever resided in Israel for three months or more?



55. What kind of Jewish education did you receive before age thirteen? [Please check all that apply.]

a. Preschool
b. One day/week supplementary school
c. Two or more day/week supplementary school
d. Day school
e. School in Israel
f. Retreats or Shabbatonim
g. Camping with Jewish content
h. Membership in a youth group
i. Israel experience
J. None MERICAN LEWISH
k. Other [specify]:

56. Did you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony?

- 57. What kind of Jewish education did you receive between age 13 and high school graduation? [Please check all that apply.]
 - a. One day/ week supplementary school or confirmation class

yes

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- b. Two or more day/week supplementary high school
- c. Day school
- d. Yeshiva
- e. School in Israel
 - f. Retreats or Shabbatonim
 - g. Camping with Jewish content
 - h. Membership in a youth group
 - i. Israel experience
 - j. None
 - k. Other: _____

58. In which Jewish educational activities did you participate as a young adult [18 - 25]? [Check all that apply.]

a. Hillel or Chabad
b. Courses in Jewish Studies or Hebrew
c. Trip to Israel
d. Enrollment in a yeshiva or seminary
e. School or ulpan in Israel
f. Retreats or Shabbatonim
g. None
h. Other:

59. What is your age? [Check one response.]

a. less than 18	g. 46 - 50
b. 18 -25	h. 51 - 55
c. 26 - 30	i. 56 - 60
d. 31 - 35	j. 61 - 65
e. 36 - 40	k. 66 - 70
f. 41 - 45	I. over 70

60. I am

male

61. Where were you born? [Check one response.]

female

a. USA	
b. Canada	
c. Israel	
d. Other [specify country]:	A COLORADO

62. What is your marital status? [Check one response.]

		a. Single, neve	r married	
		b. Married		
		c. Separated		
		d. Divorced		
		e. Widowed		
63. Is your spouse Je	wish? yes	s no	n/a	
64. What is your total	family income? [C	heck one respon	se.]	
	a. Below \$15,000	RICAN	l 📄 l S _f .	\$55,000 - \$64,999
	b. \$15,000 - \$24,	999	g g	\$65,000 - \$74,999
	c. \$25,000 - \$34,	999	h h	\$75,000 - \$84,999
	d. \$35,000 - \$44,	999	i.	\$85,000 - \$94,999
	e. \$45,000 - \$54,	999	j.	\$95,000 or more
65. How important to [Please check one	your household is th	e income you ree	ceive from Je	wish education?
In rease check one	~I			
	a. It is the main so	urce of income		
	b. It is an importa		ional income	
	c. It is an insignifi			
	o. Kio un margini	cant source of in	come	
66. Have you earned a	any type of degree s	ince high school?	yes	no
	and the second sec			
	If you answered "	no" above, skip	to item 68 o	n next page.

67. Please list all the degrees you have earned since high school and the major[s] and minor[s] for each.

	TYPE OF DEGREE	MAJOR[S]	MINOR[S]
Two-year degrees [AA, ACD, etc.]			
Degrees from teacher seminary [non-university]			
Bachelors degrees [BA, BS, BHL, etc.]			
	AMERIC	AN JEWISH	100
Masters degrees [MA, MS, MSW, MEd, etc.]	ARCI	HIVES	
Doctorates [PhD, EdD, MD, DHL, etc.]	-111	1777 -	
Cantorial degree			
Rabbinic ordination/smicha	12	14	
Other [specify]	A.		
68. Are you currently enrolled	in a degree program	? yes no	
If yes, for what degree?	in wha	t major[s]?	

a. Jewish education: teachir	ng yes no	If yes, from where?	
b. Jewish education: princip	al yes no	If yes, from where?	
c. Jewish family education	yes no	If yes, from where?	
d. Public education: teachin	g yes no	If yes, from where?	
e. Public education: principa	al yes no	If yes, from where?	
f. Public education: speciali	st yes no	If yes, from where?	
g. Other [specify]	yes no	If yes, from where?	

70.	Do you hold a current certi	ficate or license in the following	ng areas?	[Check yes or no for each item.]
	a.	Jewish education: teaching	yes	no
	b.	Jewish education: principal	yes	no
	c.	Jewish family education	yes	no
	d.	Public education: teaching	yes	no
	e.	Public education: principal	yes	no
	f.	Public education: specialist	yes	no
	g.	Other [specify]	yes	no

71. Are you working toward a professional license or certification in: [Check yes or no for each item]:

a.	Jewish education: teaching	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
b.	Jewish education: principal	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
c.	Jewish family education	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
d.	Public education: teaching	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
e.	Public education: principal	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
f.	Public education: specialist	yes	no	If yes, from where?	
g.	Other [specify]	yes	no	If yes, from where?	

69. Have you ever held a professional license or certification in: [Check yes or no for each item]:

- 72. Which of the following best describes your career plans for the next two years? [Please check one response.]
 - a. I plan to continue what I am doing in my current school.
 - b. I plan to teach in an additional school or program.
 - c. I plan to leave my current school and work in a different school
 - d. I plan to secure a position in Jewish education, but not in a school.
 - e. I plan to seek a position outside Jewish education.
 - f. I plan not to work.
 - g. I plan to retire.
 - h. Other, please specify:
- 73. Which of the following statements best describes your current commitment to Jewish education? [Please check one response.]
 - a. I consider it a long-term full- or part-time commitment.
 - b. I consider it a short-term full- or part-time commitment that may become long-term.
- c. I consider it a short-term commitment.
- d. Other [specify]: _

If you work in a Jewish day school or yeshiva, please complete the next two pages.

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DAY SCHOOL SURVEY

If you work in a Jewish day school or yeshiva, please answer the questions on the following two pages.

1. How important are each of the following factors in your choice to work in a Jewish day school or yeshiva?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Important	Very Unimportant
a. Quality of private school students	1 2	3 4
b. Commitment to Jewish continuity	1 2	3 4
c. Opportunity to work in Jewish setting	1 2	3 4
d. Opportunity to develop spiritually	1 2	3 4
e. Personal safety while at work	1 2	3 4
f. Your qualifications are appropriate	1 2	3 4
g. Opportunity to observe Jewish holidays	1 2	3 4
h. Tuition support for children	1 2	3 4
i. Opportunity to teach Torah	1 2	3 4
j. Other [specify]	_ 1 2	3 4

2. For what reasons did you choose to work at your day school or yeshiva? [Check three responses.]

a.	Academic reputation of school and students
b.	Quality of school leadership [Headmaster or Director]
c.	Salary and benefits
d.	Friends who work there
e.	Religious orientation of school
f.	Recruited by school administrator
g.	Professionalism of faculty
h.	Location of school
i.	Suitable position became available
j.	Other [specify]

3. What circumstances would persuade you to leave work in a Jewish day school?

[Answer yes or no to each item]

- a. Suitable position becomes available in public school
- b. Suitable position becomes available in non-Jewish private school
- c. Need for increased income
- d. Change in school leadership
- e. Change in your qualifications for work outside Jewish schools
- f. Other [specify]

yes	no
yes	no

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Conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland [JECC]
I. POSITIONS AND WORK SETTINGS
The questions in this section refer to your work in Jewish schools.
n how many Jewish schools do you teach?
you teach in more than one Jewish school, do you do so to earn a suitable wage?
no yes n/a
or each school in which you teach, indicate the number of hours per week you are contracted to work the number of weeks per year you work. If you do not remember exact numbers, please estimate. Lis main" the Jewish school in which you work the most hours.
School Hours/Week Weeks/Year
Main
Second
Third
Fourth
lease indicate how many years, including this year, you have been teaching in each school:
Main Second Third Fourth
ow many years have you taught in Jewish settings in Cleveland, including this year?
ow many TOTAL years have you taught in Jewish settings both within and outside

7. What is the orientation of each school in which you teach? [Check one response for each school.]

Orientation	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a. Reform				
b. Conservative				
c. Orthodox				
d. Communal				
e. Other [specify]				

8. In what type of Jewish schools do you work? [Check one response for each school in which you work.]

Type of School	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a. Preschool				
b. One day/week supplementary school				
c. Two or more days/week supplementary school				
d. Day school or yeshiva				
e. Adult education				
f. Other [specify]				

9. In addition to your classroom teaching, do you currently: [Check all that apply]

a. tutor students privately in Hebrew or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah?	
b. lead a junior congregation?	
c. lead a youth group?	
d. work in any other informal Jewish educational setting [specify]?	
e. I do not currently work in an informal Jewish educational setting.	

10. What subjects do you teach this year? Please indicate subjects for each school in which you teach.

	Subject	Main	Second	Third	Fourth
a.	Hebrew language				
b.	Jewish studies [Bible, history, holidays, etc.]				
C.	Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation				
d.	Tefillah				
e.	Integrated preschool or kindergarten curriculum				
f.	Secular subjects [math, reading, science, etc.]				
g.	Other [specify]:				

11. Check the statement that best describes the curriculum you use in your main Jewish educational position. [Check one response.]

		a. I am given complete freedom to develop my class curriculum.
		b. I am given general topics or textbooks to cover.
		c. I am given written goals for my class[es].
		d. I work from a curriculum plan for my grade level.
		e. I work from a comprehensive curriculum plan for the entire school.
12. 1	Do you kn	now what is expected of the pupils in the grade before and/or following yours? yes no
13. 1	How did y	you first become aware of the position you hold in your main school? [Please check one.]
	a.	Through the school director or congregational rabbi
	b.	Through a friend or mentor
	C.	Local newspaper or journal advertisement
	d.	Regional or national advertisement

e. I personally contacted the school

f. Through the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, formerly the BJE

g. Other: _____

14. Please check the statement below that best describes your work as a Jewish educator:

a.	I work full time as a Jewish educator under a single contract.	
b.	I work full time as a Jewish educator under two or more contracts.	
C.	I work part time as a Jewish educator under a single contract.	
d.	I work part time as a Jewish educator under two or more contracts.	

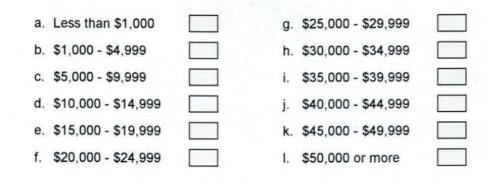
15. Would you consider working more hours in Jewish education if the opportunity were available to you?

	yes	no	
IF YOU ANSWE	RED "NO" TO ITE	M 15, PLEASE SKIP TO ITEM 1	17

 From the following list, choose the three factors that would encourage you to increase your teaching hours. [Please check only three items.]

a.	Higher salary	
b.	More benefits	
C.	Greater job security or tenure	
d.	An opportunity to advance your career	
e.	A greater knowledge of Judaism, teaching, or Hebrew	
f.	Need for increased income	
g.	Availability of a position in your specialty	
h.	More time available to you to work	
i.	Other [specify]:	

17. What is your TOTAL annual salary as a Jewish educator?



The following two questions ask you about benefits in Jewish educational settings. Question 18 asks about benefits you RECEIVE; question 19 asks about benefits that are AVAILABLE to you. Please answer BOTH questions.

18. Which of the following benefits do you receive as an educator in a Jewish setting? [Please check one response for each item.]

	Receive	Do Not Receive
a. Free or reduced tuition for your child at your school		
b. Free or reduced tuition for yourself at a college		
c. Free or reduced membership in a synagogue or JCC		
d. Synagogue privileges, such as High Holy Day tickets		
e. Personal or sick leave time		
f. Subsidy for continuing education or conferences		
g. Sabbatical leave, partially or fully compensated		
h. Employer contribution to a health plan		
i. Employer contribution to a pension		
j. Employer contribution to a dental plan		
k. Employer contribution to a life insurance policy		
I. Disability benefits		
m. Maternity or paternity leave		
n. Other [specify]		

19. Which of the following benefits are available to you in your main Jewish educational setting? If you do not know, check "Do not know." [Please answer each item.]
Not
Do Not

		Available	Available	Know
a.	Free or reduced tuition for your child at your school			
b.	Free or reduced tuition for yourself at a college			
c.	Free or reduced membership in a synagogue or JCC			
d.	Synagogue privileges, such as High Holy Day tickets			
e.	Personal or sick leave time			
f.	Subsidy for continuing education or conferences			
g.	Sabbatical leave, partially or fully compensated			
h.	Employer contribution to a health plan			
i.	Employer contribution to a pension	EVISH		
j.	Employer contribution to a dental plan			
k.	Employer contribution to a life insurance policy			
Ι.	Disability benefits			
m.	Maternity or paternity leave			
n.	Other [specify]			

20. What affected your decision to work in your main Jewish school? [Check yes or no for each item.]

a.	Hours and days available for work	yes	no
b.	Salary	yes	no
c.	Benefits	yes	no
d.	Career advancement	yes	no
e.	Location of the school	yes	no
f.	Friends who teach there	yes	no
g.	Principal, rabbi, or administrative staff	yes	no
h.	Reputation of the school and students	yes	no
i.	Religious orientation of school	yes	no
j.	School is in your synagogue	yes	no
k.	Other [specify]	yes	no

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21. To what extent have you received professional assistance from the following persons during the past twelve months?

[Check one response for each item.]	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
a. Principal or supervisor in main school				
b. Teachers in your main school				
c. Teachers outside your school				
d. Rabbi[s]				
e. Cleveland College of Jewish Studies faculty				
f. Cleveland Fellows graduates				
g. Retreat Institute staff [JCC]				
h. Curriculum Department at the JECC				
i. JESP staff [JECC]				
j. Other JECC staff				
k. Other [specify]				

22. People choose to become Jewish educators for many reasons. From the following, please check the three most important reasons you chose to become a Jewish educator. [Check only three items.]

а.	I was good at teaching others	
b.	I felt comfortable in Jewish settings	
C.	I felt it important to serve the Jewish community	
d.	Opportunity to teach Torah	
e.	The money I could make	
f.	The professional benefits I could receive	
g.	Opportunity to observe Jewish holidays	
h.	The hours I could work	
i.	Intellectual or spiritual growth I could experience	

23. How satisfied are you with each of the following in your work as an educator in a Jewish setting in Cleveland?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Satisfied		Di	Very ssatisfied	Not Applicable
a.	The salary you receive	1	2	3	4	0
b.	The benefits available to you	1	2	3	4	0
c.	Opportunity for professional advancement	1	2	3	4	0
d.	Opportunity for professional development	1	2	3	4	0
e.	Standards for becoming a Jewish educator	1	2	3	4	0
f.	Quality of JECC-sponsored in-service offerings	1	2	3	4	0
g.	Variety of JECC-sponsored in-service offerings	1	2	3	4	0
h.	Quality of Retreat Institute experiences	1	2	3	4	0
i.	Quality of Project Curriculum Renewal	1	2	3	4	0
j.	Quality of school or cong. lay leadership	1	2	3	4	0
k.	Quality of JECC resource centers	1	2	3	4	0
I.	Quality of Cleveland College courses	1	2	3	4	0
m	Variety of Cleveland College courses	1	2	3	4	0
n.	Times Cleveland College courses are offered	1	2	3	4	0
0.	Other [specify]:	1	2	3	4	0

24. Would you describe yourself as having a career in Jewish education?

yes

no

II. EXPERIENCE

The questions in this section refer to your current and past work experience.

25. For each of the following Jewish educational settings, check the positions you have held and those you currently hold and indicate the number of years in each, including this year.

	a. Aide or Assistant	years
	b. Teacher	years
PRESCHOOL	c. Director	years
	d. Family Educator	years
	e. Department head	years
A	f. Other	years
	a. Teacher	years
	b. Educational Director	years
SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL	c. Family Educator	years
	d. Retreat Staff Member	years
	e. Department head	years
V.	f. Other	years
	a. Teacher	years
	b. Family Educator	years
DAY SCHOOL	c. Principal	years
	d. Specialist	years
	e. Department head	years
	f. Other	years
	a. Counselor	years
DAY/RESIDENTIAL CAMP	b. Unit Head	years
	c. Director	years
	d. Other	years

	a. Group Leader or Teacher	years
	b. Program Director	years
EWISH COMMUNITY CENTER	c. Family Educator	years
	d. Department Director	years
	e. Other	years
1. F	a. Youth Group Advisor	years
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	b. Youth Group Director	years
	c. Tefillah Leader	years
	d. Other	years
AM	a. Instructor	years
ADULT EDUCATION	b. Program Director	years
	c. Other	years

26. Have you ever taught in public or non-Jewish private schools? If so, for how many years including this year?

TYPE OF SCHOOL			YEARS AS TEACHER
a. Public School	yes	no	
b. Non-Jewish Private School	ves	no	

27. In addition to your work in Jewish education, are you currently: [Check one response for each item.]

a.	a full-time teacher in a non-Jewish school?	yes
о.	a part-time teacher in a non-Jewish school?	yes
с.	engaged full time in other employment outside the home?	yes
t.	engaged part-time in other employment outside the home?	yes
э.	a full- or part-time student?	yes

28. In total, how many hours per week are you employed outside Jewish education?

no

no

no

no

no

III. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The questions in this section refer to your professional development experiences as a Jewish educator.

29. When you enroll in a workshop or course, what are the three most important things to you? [Please check only three items.]

а.	Opportunity to network with other Jewish educators	
b.	Content is relevant to my type of school	
C.	Opportunity to learn new ways to think about my class or school	
d.	Opportunity to learn things I can immediately use in my class	
e.	Length of sessions	
f.	Time of day or day of week of sessions	
g.	Who is teaching the session	
h.	Recommendation of principal or supervisor	
i.	Other [specify]:	

- 30. In general, do you find your school director's expectations regarding your involvement in professional development activities: [Check one response.]
 - a. About right

b. Too much

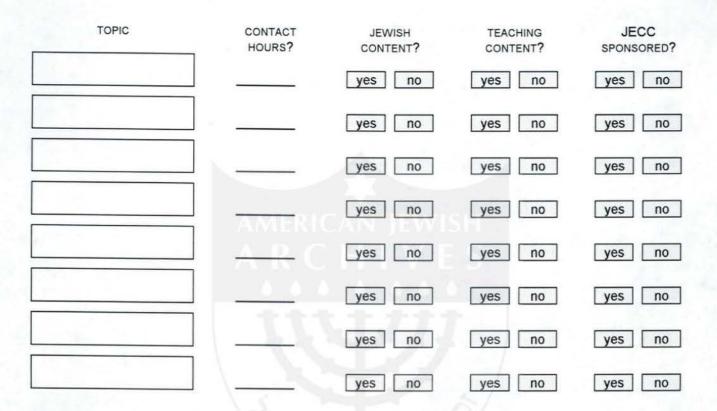
c. Too little

d. I do not know

31. Overall, how helpful to your work as an educator in a Jewish setting do you find the following experiences?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Helpful			Not Helpful	Not Applicable
a. JECC workshops or mini-courses	1	2	3	4	0
b. Education courses at CCJS	1	2	3	4	0
c. Other courses at CCJS	1	2	3	4	0
d. Coaching experiences	1	2	3	4	0

32a. In the space below, list the workshops, mini-courses, and conferences [local and national] you have attended in the past two years. Indicate the general topic, number of contact hours for each, whether each contained Jewish or teaching content, and whether it was sponsored by the JECC. If you attended none, check box in 32b.



32b. I have not attended an educational workshop, mini-course or conference in the past two years.

33. Overall, how qualified are you to teach the subjects for which you are responsible? [Check one response]

a. Very qualified

b. Somewhat gualified

c. Somewhat unqualified

d. Very unqualified

34. In the past year, did you: [Check yes or no for each item.]

a.	Take a course at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies?	yes	no
b.	Participate in a course sponsored by a congregation, JCC, kollel, Aish HaTorah, or Ohr Sameach?	yes	no
C.	Take a course in general education at a college or university?	yes	no
d.	Study Hebrew on your own?	yes	no
e.	Read one or more books on Judaism?	yes	no
f.	Regularly read journals about Judaism or Jewish education?	yes	no
g.	Meet regularly to learn Torah or discuss educational issues?	yes	no
h.	Visit Israel?	yes	no
i.	Attend three or more lectures with a Jewish and/or educational focus?	yes	no

35. In which three of the following areas would you most like to develop your skills further?

[Check only three items.]

a. Working with families of pupils		f. Teaching strategies
b. Lesson planning or curriculum dev.		g. Motivating pupils to learn
c. Child development	- 🖸	h. Helping special needs students
d. Assessing student learning		i. Classroom management
e. Assessing your own teaching		j. Other [specify]

36. In which three of the following areas would you most like to increase your knowledge? [Check only three items.]

a. Hebrew language	e. Synagogue skills and tefillah
b. Jewish holidays and rituals	f. Bible and Midrash
c. Israel and Zionism	g. Halachah, Talmud, Codes, Responsa
d. Jewish history	h. Other [specify]

37. How proficient are you in Hebrew?

[Check one for each category.]	Very Proficient	Somewhat Proficient	Not at all Proficient
a. Reading for pronunciation			
b. Reading with understanding			
c. Writing			
d. Speaking			

38. How adequately do the following contribute to your curriculum planning and development efforts?

[Check one for each item.]	Very Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Inadequate	I do not know
a. JECC Consultants				
b. Materials provided by your school				
c. Materials provided at the JECC				
d. Faculty meeting time to discuss curricul	um 🗌			
e. Your school's overall curriculum plan				
f. Your grade level's curriculum plan				
g. Other [specify]	4 - D- 2	to a		

IV. BACKGROUND

This set of questions asks about you.

39. Check the statement that best describes you: [Please check one.]
a. I was raised Jewish
b. I am an adult convert to Judaism
c. I am not Jewish

40. At the present time, which of the following best describes you? [Please check one.]

a. Reform	
b. Conservative	
c. Traditional	
d. Orthodox	
e. Reconstructionist	
f. Secular	
g. Other [specify]:	

41. Are you a member of a synagogue in the Cleveland area?	yes	no	
42. Are you an educator in the synagogue where you are a member?	yes	no	n/a
43. Have you ever been to Israel?	yes	no	
44. Have you ever resided in Israel for three months or more?	yes	no	n/a

45. What kind of Jewish education did you receive before age thirteen? [Please check all that apply.]

a. Preschool
b. One day/week supplementary school
c. Two or more day/week supplementary school
d. Day school
e. School in Israel
f. Retreats or Shabbatonim
g. Camping with Jewish content
h. Membership in a youth group
i. Israel experience
J. None MERICAN JEWISH
k. Other [specify]:

46. Did you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony?

- 47. What kind of Jewish education did you receive between age 13 and high school graduation? [Please check all that apply.]
 - a. One day/ week supplementary school or confirmation class

yes

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- b. Two or more day/week supplementary high school
- c. Day school

d. Yeshiva

- e. School in Israel
- f. Retreats or Shabbatonim
- g. Camping with Jewish content
- h. Membership in a youth group
- i. Israel experience
- j. None
- k. Other:

48. In which Jewish activities did you participate as a young adult [18 - 25 years]? [Check all that apply.]

	a. Hillel or Chabad
	b. Courses in Jewish Studies or Hebrew
	c. Trip to Israel
	d. Enrollment in a yeshiva or seminary
	e. School in Israel
	f. Ulpan
	g. Retreats or Shabbatonim
	h. None
	AiA Other: CAN JEW/ISH
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49. What is your age? Check o	ne response.
	a. less than 18 g. 46 - 50
	b. 18 -25 h. 51 - 55
	c. 26 - 30 i. 56 - 60
	d. 31 - 35 j. 61 - 65
	e. 36 - 40 k. 66 - 70
	f. 41 - 45 . over 70
50. I am female	male
51. Where were you born? [Ch	eck one response.]
	a. USA
	b. Canada

d. Other [specify country]:

c. Israel

52. What is your marital status? [Check one response.]

		a. Single, nev	er married	
		b. Married		
		c. Separated		
		d. Divorced		
		e. Widowed		
53. Is your spouse Jewish	? yes	no	n/a	
54. What is your total fam	ily income? [Chec	k one response	-IWIS	
a	. Below \$15,000			f. \$55,000 - \$64,999
b	. \$15,000 - \$24,999	9 0 0		g. \$65,000 - \$74,999
c	. \$25,000 - \$34,999	9		h. \$75,000 - \$84,999
d	. \$35,000 - \$44,999	9		i. \$85,000 - \$94,999
e	. \$45,000 - \$54,999	9		j. \$95,000 or more
55. How important to your [Please check one.]	r household is the ir	ncome you rece	eive from J	ewish education?
	a. It is the r	main source of	income.	
	b. It is an in	mportant sourc	e of additio	onal income.
	c. It is an in	nsignificant so	urce of inc	ome.
56. Have you earned any t	ype of degree since	e high school?	yes	no
	IF YOU ANSWE	RED "NO" TO 56	, SKIP TO IT	ЕМ 58.

57. Please list all the degrees you have earned since high school and the major[s] and minor[s] for each.

	TYPE OF DEGREE	MAJOR[S]	MINOR[S]
Two-year degrees [AA, ACD, etc.]			
Degrees from teacher seminary [non-university]			
Bachelors degrees [BA, BS, BHL, etc.]	ą <u></u> ą.		
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Masters degrees [MA, MS, MSW, MEd, etc.]			
Doctorates [PhD, EdD, MD, DHL, etc.]	A.R.C.I	$\frac{11VFS}{11VFS}$	
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Rabbinic ordination/smicha	111		
Other [specify]			
58. Are you currently enrolled in	a degree program?	yes no	
If yes, for what degree?	in what	major[s]?	
	1		1
59. Have you ever held a profess	sional license or c	ertification in: [Check "yes	" or "no" for each item]:
a. Jewish education: teaching	yes no	If yes, from where?	
b. Jewish education: principal	yes no	If yes, from where?	
c. Jewish family education	yes no	If yes, from where?	
d. Public education: teaching	yes no	If yes, from where?	
e. Public education: principal	yes no	If yes, from where?	1.1.1
f. Public education: specialist	yes no	If yes, from where?	
g. Other [specify]	yes no	If yes, from where?	

60. Do you hold a current certificate or license in the following areas? [Check yes or no for each item.]

a.	Jewish education: teaching	yes	no
b.	Jewish education: principal	yes	no
C.	Jewish family education	yes	no
d.	Public education: teaching	yes	no
e.	Public education: principal	yes	no
f.	Public education: specialist	yes	no
g.	Other [specify]	yes	no

61. Are you currently working toward a professional license or certification in: [Check yes or no for each item]:

a.	Jewish education: teaching	yes no	If yes, from where?	
b.	Jewish education: principal	yes no	If yes, from where?	
c.	Jewish family education	yes no	If yes, from where?	
d.	Public education: teaching	yes no	If yes, from where?	
e.	Public education: principal	yes no	If yes, from where?	
f.	Public education: specialist	yes no	If yes, from where?	
g.	Other [specify]	yes no	If yes, from where?	

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62. Which of the following best describes your career plans for the next two years? [Please check one response.]

a. I plan to continue what I am doing in my current school.
b. I plan to teach in an additional school or program.
c. I plan to leave my current school and teach in a different school
d. I plan to secure a position as an administrator in a Jewish school.
e. I plan to secure a position in Jewish education, but not in a school.
f. I plan to seek a position outside Jewish education.
g. I plan not to work.
h. I plan to retire. ERICAN JEWISH
i. Other, please specify:

63. Which of the following statements best describes your current commitment to Jewish education? [Please check one.]

a. I consider it a long-term full- or part-time commitment.
b. I consider it a short-term full- or part-time commitment that may become long-term.
c. I consider it a short-term commitment.
d. Other [specify]:

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If you work in a Jewish day school or yeshiva, please answer the questions on the following two pages.

1. How important are each of the following factors in your choice to work in a Jewish day school or yeshiva?

[Check one response for each item.]	Very Important		Very Unimportant		
a. Quality of private school students	1	2	3	4	
b. Commitment to Jewish continuity	1	2	3	4	
c. Opportunity to work in Jewish setting	1	2	3	4	
d. Opportunity to develop spiritually	1	2	3	4	
e. Personal safety while at work	1	2	3	4	
f. Your qualifications are appropriate	1	2	3	4	
g. Opportunity to observe Jewish holidays	1	2	3	4	
h. Tuition support for children	1	2	3	4	
i. Opportunity to teach Torah	1	2	3	4	
j. Other [specify]		2	3	4	

2. For what reasons did you choose to work at your day school or yeshiva? [Check three responses.]

a. ,	Academic reputation of school and students	
b. (Quality of school leadership [Headmaster or Director]	
C. 4	Salary and benefits	
d. 1	Friends who work there	
e. I	Religious orientation of school	
f. 1	Recruited by school administrator	
g. I	Professionalism of faculty	
h. I	Location of school	
i. :	Suitable position became available	
j. (Other [specify]	

3. What circumstances would persuade you to leave Jewish day school teaching?

[Answer yes or no to each item]

a. Suitable position becomes available in public school yes no b. Suitable position becomes available in non-Jewish private school yes no c. Need for increased income yes no d. Change in school leadership yes no e. Change in your qualifications for work outside Jewish schools yes no f. Other [specify] yes no



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