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VAST MAJORITY OF NEW YORK JEWS UNITED ON RISING ANTISEMITISM, DIVERGE FROM MAYOR MAMDANI

*New Poll Reveals Unified New York City Jewish Community With Clear Priorities
and Mayor Out of Step With His Own Voters*

New York, NY: A new survey of 665 Jewish voters across New York City, conducted on behalf of The Jewish Majority finds a community unified in its core convictions and sounding the alarm. Eighty-two percent of Jewish New York voters say they are concerned about the rise of antisemitism in the city – and most draw a direct line to the normalization of anti-Zionism, a view that has been amplified and legitimized by Mayor Zohran Mamdani and his coalition. In the poll's most striking finding: 84% of Mamdani's own Jewish voters support a two-state solution – the very outcome his anti-Zionism opposes.

The data reveals striking consensus across denomination, borough, and voting behavior: Jewish New Yorkers see a direct connection between the anti-Zionist rhetoric coursing through City Hall and the deteriorating environment they experience in their daily lives – and even the mayor's own Jewish supporters diverge with him significantly on Israel, placing him at odds with his own Jewish base.

Data Snapshot

- 84% of Mamdani's own Jewish voters back a two-state solution – incompatible with his anti-Zionism
- 82% of NYC Jewish voters – including nearly two-thirds of Mamdani voters – are concerned about rising antisemitism
- Of those alarmed voters, 73% hold the normalization of anti-Zionism responsible — a view shared by nearly 60% of all Jewish New Yorkers surveyed
- Jewish voters agree by 3:1 that denying Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state undermines Jewish identity
- Jewish voters believe by 4:1 that “Intifada” means violence against Jews – not protest or civil disobedience as Mamdani has claimed
- By a ratio of 3:1, Jewish voters believe Mamdani's refusal to strongly condemn “globalize the Intifada” has directly emboldened pro-Hamas protesters
- By nearly 5:1, Jewish voters reject the claim that Jews working to delegitimize or dismantle Israel, a group that includes key Mamdani allies like Jewish Voice for Peace, are acting in the best interests of the Jewish community

Antisemitism is surging – and Jewish New Yorkers know why

The numbers are unambiguous: concern about antisemitism in New York City is not a fringe position – it is the overwhelming consensus of the Jewish electorate. Eight in ten Jewish voters – 82% – describe themselves as very or somewhat concerned, a finding that cuts across political lines, denominations, and neighborhoods. It extends even to nearly two-thirds of voters who supported Mayor Mamdani. That near-universality is itself the story: there is no corner of the Jewish electorate that is not feeling this.

Critically, Jewish voters are not hedging on what is driving it. Among those who are concerned about antisemitism – themselves a large majority – 73% link the rise in antisemitism directly to the normalization of anti-Zionism. That represents 58% of the entire sample. Only one in four disagrees. By a ratio of three-to-one, Jewish voters agree that opposing Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state undermines Jewish identity itself. For most Jewish New Yorkers, debates about Israel and antisemitism are inseparable from the safety they experience in their own neighborhoods.

“This survey confirms what I have seen and heard from Jewish New Yorkers across this city, and what should be obvious to anyone paying attention. Antisemitism is surging, and our community knows exactly why. There is a direct and undeniable connection between the normalization of anti-Zionist rhetoric and the deteriorating safety environment Jews experience in their daily lives,” said **Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Senior Rabbi, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and President, New York Board of Rabbis**. “This is the view of an overwhelming majority of Jewish New Yorkers, including many who voted for this mayor. Our community is unified in its connection to Israel and its demand to be seen, heard, and protected. We will work with Mayor Mamdani where we can, but he should understand clearly that on these fundamental questions, his own Jewish constituents are not with him.”

Jewish voters diverge from their mayor on Israel and reject those trying to undermine it

Most telling: 84% of Mamdani's Jewish voters say they would support a two-state solution if it would end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – a position the mayor himself has refused to embrace. That number alone captures the scale of the disconnect between the mayor's politics and the community he governs.

By a ratio of nearly five-to-one, Jewish voters reject the idea that Jews who work to delegitimize or dismantle Israel are acting in the community's interests. By a ratio of four-to-one, they believe the term “Intifada” is about engaging in violence against Jews rather than civil disobedience or protests.

“At a time when the New York Jewish community is facing so many challenges, it is incredibly helpful to see clearly the many issues over which broad consensus still exists and to cut through the noise that focuses only on our divisions – as real as these may be,” said **Seth Pinsky, Chief Executive Officer, 92NY**. “This poll demonstrates that the picture of what Jewish New Yorkers really think is often more nuanced than conventional wisdom suggests. With that understanding, I believe our community is better equipped to work towards an improved future.”

“The Jewish community of New York City is speaking with one voice – and what they are saying is unmistakable. The vast majority of Jewish New Yorkers share a deep and abiding connection to Israel, see a rise in antisemitism, and understand exactly what is fueling it – and they are tired of being told otherwise by fringe groups that weaponize Jewish identity to advance positions this community overwhelmingly rejects,” said **Jonathan Schulman, Executive Director of The Jewish Majority**. “These are the convictions of a majority that has watched its core values get tarnished, go unrepresented, and its safety go unaddressed. Jewish New Yorkers are asking for what Jewish communities have always asked for: to be seen, to be respected, to be heard, and to be protected – just like any other group in the United States.”

Jewish New Yorkers are demanding action

Jewish New Yorkers are not simply expressing concern – they are calling for concrete government action to protect Jewish life in the city, and they are doing so with near-unanimity:

- 84% support establishing safe perimeters around houses of worship to prohibit harassment and intimidation while preserving First Amendment rights
- 85% support government funding for security enhancements at Jewish communal spaces

This data reflects what communal leaders across New York City have been seeing on the ground: that the Jewish community is not divided on these fundamental questions. Jewish New Yorkers, spanning backgrounds, denominations, and political affiliations, share deep commitments to Israel and to the safety of Jewish life in this city. They are looking to their elected officials to reflect those commitments in policy and behavior.

Methodology: The survey was conducted February 17-28, 2026 by Mercury Public Affairs. The sample included 665 New York City residents who identified as Jewish and who voted in the November 4, 2025 mayoral election. The sample covers all five boroughs and reflects voters across the ideological and denominational spectrum. The sampling includes cellphones and landlines. The margin of error for this survey at the 95% confidence level is $\pm 3.797\%$ on the overall sample.

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About The Jewish Majority: *The Jewish Majority is a nonpartisan research and advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that the authentic priorities of the Jewish community are accurately represented in public life. Through polling, education, and coalition-building, The Jewish Majority equips communal leaders with the tools to counter fringe groups that weaponize Jewish identity to advance positions the overwhelming majority of Jewish Americans reject. Learn more at jewishmajority.org.*