#### **Israel-Turkey Perception Survey Report**

The study was conducted during May 2025 through a targeted online survey among 1,001 respondents — internet users aged 18 and older, representing a representative sample of Israel's adult internet-using population. The maximum statistical margin of error for this sample is  $\pm 3.1\%$  at a 95% confidence level.

The survey results demonstrate that Turkey-related topics do not represent significant interest for the majority of Israelis. In total, 65.3% of respondents are either completely uninterested or rarely interested in this topic, while those who actively follow and regularly track Turkey-related news are nearly twice as few.

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
Not interested at all	29.1%	28.1%	30.4%	35%	30.2%	23.3%
Rarely interested	36.2%	34.3%	36.1%	38%	35.7%	39%
Follow main news	31.6%	34.6%	30%	25.2%	31.3%	33.3%
Actively follow all aspects	3.2%	3%	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%	4.4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ν	N=1001	N=399	N=280	N=163	N=841	N=159

Question 1: To what extent are you interested in news related to Turkey?



As the degree of religiosity among respondents decreases, interest in this topic increases. In the Jewish sector, where 30.2% of respondents are completely uninterested in this topic, this interest is slightly lower than in the Arab sector, where 23.3% are uninterested in this topic.

The lack of interest among respondents in this topic is partially explained by the relatively low assessment by Israelis of the threat related to the expansion of Turkey's potential influence in the Middle East: approximately 40% of respondents consider this threat significant, and roughly the same percentage consider it insignificant or not a threat at all.



# Question 2: To what extent, in your opinion, does the expansion of Turkey's potential influence in the Middle East represent a threat to Israel today?

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
Does not represent a threat at all	7.8%	3.8%	7.1%	8.6%	5.7%	18.2%
Represents an insignificant threat	37.3%	40.6%	37.9%	30.1%	37.7%	35.2%
Represents a serious threat	38.9%	42.6%	42.1%	41.7%	42.3%	20.8%
Don't know	16.1%	13%	12.9%	19.6%	14.3%	25.8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Israel's Jewish sector perceives this threat as more significant than the Arab sector. Thus, 42.5% of the former report that Turkey's expanding influence represents a serious threat, compared to 21% of the latter.



A second aspect that draws attention is related to insufficient coverage of this topic in the Israeli media space. A total of 21% of respondents report good and very good coverage, compared to 44% who claim the opposite.

Вопрос 3: Как Вы оцениваете качество освещения темы Турции в израильском общественном дискурсе?

	В целом	Светские	Соблюдающие	Религиозные	Евреи	Арабы
Очень хорошее	2.9%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	5.7%
Довольно хорошее	18.5%	18.5%	17.9%	15.3%	17.6%	22.6%
Не очень хорошее	34.5%	37.1%	32.9%	29.4%	34.2%	35.8%
Совсем плохое	9.7%	10.5%	10%	8.6%	10%	8.2%
Затрудняюсь ответить	34.5%	31.6%	36.8%	44.2%	35.8%	27.7%
Всего	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Secular Israelis are somewhat more frequently dissatisfied with the coverage of Turkeyrelated topics in Israel compared to religious respondents.



Regarding the possible impact on Israel of Turkey's "Ottoman-inspired" regional policy, it should be noted that the most frequently mentioned threat respondents consider is Turkey's support for anti-Israeli actors (such as Hamas, jihadist groups in Syria, and the Muslim Brotherhood) — 56.7% of respondents noted this aspect as significant.

In second place is Turkey's support for anti-Israeli positions in Muslim countries (for example, at the diplomatic level or in international forums). This option was chosen by 46.4% of survey participants.

Support for recognition of a Palestinian state in EU countries is viewed as a possible threat by 37.8% of respondents.

Turkey's influence on international diplomacy to promote the creation of a Palestinian state was indicated by 36.2% of respondents.

A less significant but still noticeable threat is perceived to be Israel's geopolitical isolation, which, according to 24.7% of respondents, Turkey may intensify through its regional strategy.

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
Support for anti-Israeli groups	56.7%	67.9%	56.8%	59.5%	62.7%	25.8%
Support for anti-Israeli positions in Muslim countries	46.4%	56.6%	45%	50.9%	51.7%	18.2%
Support for Palestine recognition in EU	37.8%	46.6%	36.1%	33.1%	40.5%	23.3%
Influence on international diplomacy	36.2%	46.6%	30%	35%	38.9%	22%
Israel's geopolitical isolation	24.7%	31.3%	20.7%	22.7%	26.2%	17%
Other influence	7.4%	7%	5.7%	11%	7.4%	7.5%
No influence	11.6%	6.5%	9.3%	10.4%	8.1%	29.6%
Total	220.7%	262.7%	203.6%	222.7%	235.4%	143.4%
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#### Question 4: How might Turkey's "Ottoman-inspired" regional policy affect Israel?





All threat options are more frequently noted by secular Israelis compared to religious ones, as well as by the Jewish sector compared to the Arab sector.





Half of the respondents consider statements by Turkish leadership about returning Jerusalem to the "bosom of Ottoman history" as a direct threat, with the Jewish population considering this twice as often as the Arab population (54.3% versus 24.5%). Another third view it as directed toward the Turkish public and not threatening Israel (the Arab population thinks this 1.5 times more often than the Jewish population).

# Question 5: How do you perceive statements by Turkish leadership about returning Jerusalem to the "bosom of Ottoman history"?

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
Directed at Turkish public and does not threaten Israel	33.1%	32.3%	29.3%	29.4%	30.7%	45.3%
Direct threat to Israel	49.6%	53.9%	56.4%	51.5%	54.3%	24.5%
Don't know	17.4%	13.8%	14.3%	19%	15%	30.2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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# Question 6: How do you assess Israel's ability to influence Turkey's military actions in the region that threaten Israel?

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
Israel can deter the threat	39.8%	36.8%	45.7%	54.0%	43.0%	22.0%
Israel can minimize risks	39.1%	47.4%	37.9%	28.8%	40.7%	30.8%
Israel is powerless	6.2%	4.8%	4.6%	2.5%	4.3%	16.4%
Don't know	15.0%	11%	11.8%	14.7%	12.0%	30.8%
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As the degree of religiosity increases (from 36.8% among secular to 45.7% among traditional observers and 54% among religious), respondents' confidence in Israel's ability to deter threats related to Turkey's military actions in the region that threaten Israel grows. At the same time, compared to secular respondents, their confidence in Israel's ability to minimize corresponding risks decreases from 47.4% to 28.8%.



Israel's Jewish sector more frequently states Israel's ability to deter threats and minimize risks, while the Arab sector more often believes that Israel is powerless in this context.



The majority of respondents (40.6% in total) believe that Russian military presence in Syria negatively affects Israel's position in the conflict with Turkey (compared to 24.2% of respondents who believe it strengthens it). More than a third of respondents (35.3%) find it difficult to give a definitive answer, which returns us to the question of the degree of coverage of this topic in Israeli media discourse.

#### Question 7: To what extent does the presence of Russian military bases in Syria strengthen or weaken Israel's position in the conflict with Turkey?

	Overall	Secular	Traditional	Religious	Jews	Arabs
<b>Definitely strengthens</b>	5.9%	4.8%	7.5%	4.9%	5.7%	6.9%
Rather strengthens	18.3%	18.0%	21.8%	17.8%	19.3%	13.2%
Rather weakens	31.8%	34.3%	31.4%	25.2%	31.6%	32.7%
Definitely weakens	8.8%	10.5%	8.2%	6.1%	8.9%	8.2%
Don't know	35.3%	32.3%	31.1%	46%	34.5%	39%
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