

**The Peace Index – March 2018**

(N=600)

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**1. What is your position on conducting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	22.6	56.2	28.2
Moderately in favor	37.2	16.6	33.8
Moderately opposed	18.0	6.6	16.1
Strongly opposed	13.9	16.8	14.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.2	3.8	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**2. Do you believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead in the coming years to peace between Israel and the Palestinians?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe	3.7	13.2	5.3
Moderately believe	19.1	8.1	17.2
Moderately do not believe	34.5	0.0	28.8
Do not believe at all	39.0	72.7	44.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	6.0	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**3. According to media reports, Palestinian Authority chairman Mahmoud Abbas's health is deteriorating. What, in your opinion, are the chances that when he retires or passes away, there will be a violent Palestinian eruption against Israel?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	7.0	53.3	14.7
Moderately low chances	27.3	17.0	25.6
Moderately high chances	40.4	2.8	34.1
Very high chances	7.3	14.2	8.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.0	12.7	17.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**4. What, in your opinion, are the chances that the transfer of the American embassy to Jerusalem for Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day will spark a violent Palestinian eruption against Israel?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	6.7	14.7	8.1
Moderately low chances	26.9	10.6	24.2
Moderately high chances	44.8	13.1	39.5
Very high chances	15.8	48.1	21.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.7	13.6	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**5. (Only for those who responded "Very high" or "Moderately high" chances): In light of the chances of a violent outbreak, should or should not Israel request that the United States postpone the transfer of the embassy to a different date?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	6.6	73.8	17.9
I think it should	18.5	3.7	16.0
I think it should not	31.3	6.0	27.1
I'm sure it should not	37.5	6.6	32.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	9.8	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**6. President Donald Trump was recently reported in the media to have said that "if the Palestinians refuse to return to the negotiating table, there will be no peace." In your opinion, from Israel's standpoint, how important or unimportant is it that the peace talks with the Palestinians be renewed soon?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very important	20.7	24.3	21.3
Moderately important	37.0	14.1	33.2
Not so important	21.1	12.0	19.6
Not important at all	17.2	40.7	21.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0	8.9	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**7. Among the following issues, which, in your opinion, is the most important issue that the Israeli government needs to address as top-priority?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Closing the socioeconomic gaps	44.8	23.8	41.3
The fight against corruption	19.6	41.2	23.2
The Iranian threat	17.0	2.9	14.7
The negotiations with the Palestinians	6.6	26.6	10.0
Integrating the haredim into military service/employment	7.8	1.5	6.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1	4.1	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**8. Do you support or not support the demand of the haredi parties to pass a law exempting young haredim from IDF conscription as a condition for these parties' support for the state budget that the finance minister will soon submit?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	11.1	23.0	13.1
Moderately support	6.9	5.6	6.7
Don't support so much	17.3	3.4	15.0
Don't support at all	61.1	37.9	57.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.5	30.1	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**9. Do you support or not support Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon's position that if the budget he put together for 2019 is not approved on the predetermined date, he will have no choice but to resign from the government?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	11.4	31.0	14.6
Moderately support	19.4	14.0	18.5
Don't support so much	29.4	6.6	25.6
Don't support at all	26.0	23.9	25.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.9	24.5	15.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**10. Which part of the public, in your opinion, currently supports Prime Minister Netanyahu?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
All of the public	1.4	1.4	1.4
A majority of the public	39.0	39.1	39.0
About half of the public	44.2	31.1	42.0
A considerable minority of the public	11.0	13.2	11.4
A small minority of the public	2.3	12.2	4.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	2.9	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**11. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that a plea bargain should be offered Netanyahu whereby he will be pardoned if he admits to the charges against him and resigns already at this stage?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	11.7	27.9	14.4
Moderately agree	10.8	5.4	9.9
Moderately disagree	21.8	1.4	18.4
Strongly disagree	47.6	52.3	48.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.1	13.0	8.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**12. Some claim that Prime Minister Netanyahu is allowing the conscription crisis to worsen because, in light of the progress in the investigations against him on the corruption issues, he would like to move up the elections. In your opinion, is this claim right or not right?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is right	14.8	40.6	19.1
I think it is right	28.1	24.7	27.5
I think it is not right	25.4	6.0	22.2
I'm sure it is not right	16.7	11.3	15.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.1	17.4	15.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**13. And if the elections are moved up, will you or will you not vote for the same party you voted for in the previous elections?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure I will not	10.7	17.7	11.9
I think I will not	11.9	11.9	11.9
I think I will	29.1	20.5	27.6
I'm sure I will	34.8	36.8	35.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.6	13.1	13.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**14. Do you believe Prime Minister Netanyahu's statements that "There will be nothing because there is nothing?"**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe	13.6	5.5	12.2
Moderately believe	20.0	6.4	17.7
Don't believe so much	23.3	7.3	20.7
Don't believe at all	35.8	72.1	41.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.3	8.6	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**15. According to the law, a prime minister does not have to resign even if an indictment is served against him, so long as he is not convicted in a court of law. In your opinion, what should the prime minister do if the attorney-general recommends indicting him on one or more of the issues for which he is being investigated—resign or not resign?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he should resign	31.2	62.9	36.5
I think he should resign	21.1	6.5	18.7
I think he should not resign	18.1	8.9	16.6
I'm sure he should not resign	23.8	5.1	20.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.7	16.5	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**16. Do you trust or not trust the professionalism of the police in handling the investigations of Netanyahu?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust	21.5	29.9	22.9
Moderately trust	29.0	17.5	27.1
Don't trust so much	27.2	11.0	24.5
Don't trust at all	18.2	33.2	20.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1	8.3	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**17. Do you trust or not trust the attorney-general, Mandelblit, to decide professionally when the findings of the police on the investigations of Netanyahu are presented to him?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust	17.2	24.3	18.4
Moderately trust	39.1	19.5	35.8
Don't trust so much	25.5	15.0	23.7
Don't trust at all	7.4	27.9	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.9	13.3	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**18. Do you currently trust or not trust the professionalism and honesty of the Israeli legal system?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust	20.0	40.1	23.3
Moderately trust	33.4	21.3	31.4
Don't trust so much	25.9	9.1	23.1
Don't trust at all	17.3	21.5	18.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	7.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**19. As the Passover holiday approaches, will you or will you not clean your house of all chametz? (leaven or leavened food).**

	% Jews
Yes	63.1
No	36.9
Total	100.0

**20. During the holiday, will you make sure to eat only food that is kosher for Passover even outside your home?**

	% Jews
I will	67.3
I will not	32.7
Total	100.0

**21. In your opinion, during Passover should or should not restaurants be required to refrain from serving chametz?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they should be	19.6	16.3	19.1
I think they should be	18.2	4.5	15.9
I think they should not be	26.4	16.1	24.6
I'm sure they should not be	31.9	46.9	34.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0	16.2	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0