

Owens: What is the current state of the Jewish communities in Britain and America, and how are they different?

Ierman: A good place to start is to see, because there's obviously a large discrepancy. There are about 300,000 self-identifying Jews in Britain. Most British Jews live in London. Jews spread out in all kinds of old places, such as in South Wales, in the mining villages, or in the countryside as well. About 60 percent of the Jewish population is affiliated with some kind of Jewish organization, whether it's a synagogue or a cultural association. The main synagogue group is mainstream Orthodox, called the United Synagogue. About 60-70 percent of Jews have affiliated with synagogues, are affiliated with a particular branch. Reform Jews make up about 15 or 20 percent of British Jews, and the ultra-Orthodox, who have become much more significant factors in British Jewry in recent years, make up about 10 percent of the Jewish population.

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