

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 a much more significant factor in British Jewry in recent years, make up about 10 percent of the Jewish population.

Lerman: Broadly speaking, organized British Jews are pro-Israel. I think in the last survey done of British Jews on the issue of Israel, about 80 percent said they are Zionists. However, there is a strong, albeit small, dissenting voice and

of freedom of thought and the kind of
thing. There is a time, of course, when
Israel is characterized by the ethos of
the kibbutz movement. I remember that
because I experienced it in the kind of

of his pass... mmer's con... ic in Ga... a
has p... a bi more rac ion behind ideas
hich are no... he... o-s a e sol ion. The
q... es ion hich I'll address onigh reall
is... he her... e need... o e..en o alk abo
one s a e. The problem... i h... he one-s a e
sol ion is... ha... hen polled, Pales inians
are leaning m... ch more in... ha direc ion.
Ob... io... d... Israelis are o all... agains i ,
so... o... co ld ne... er ha... e a freel chosen
one-s a e sol ion an... a . So here's an
arg men... o sa... i 's nonsense beca... se i
can' happen. Who's going... o impose i ?
The Americans aren' going... o impose i .

goldstein: Is here an... rac ion... i h
Bri ish Je r... for alking abo... a righ s-
based paradigm in... ead of a con... ersa ion
abo... one-s a e or... o-s a es?

Ierman: There is a grea... nease... i hin
he Je ish world in he UK abo... alking
abo... an hing else b... a... o-s a e sol -
ion. Un il... er... recen l... here's been... er
li le alk abo... he eq al righ s agenda.
There's a lef... -leaning organi... a ion called
Je... s for J... s ice for Pales inians. When

he... ha... e a bloc in a... si... a ion... here lo... s
of li le par ies are aro... nd. B... I'm afraid
ha... a... he end of... he da... some kind of
coali ion is going... o be formed, ei... her
i... h Ne an... ah... a... the head or... i... h Isaac
Her og, and i... o ld be... a c a e,
a... e e c... e in man... respec s.
Her og is going... o ha... e T... ipi Li... ni ne
o him holding him back if he... an ed o
make a... s ep change, and I hink here
needs... o be some kind of... s ep change. I
feel... ha... he's j... s... o, ering a kind of Ban-
s an... si... a ion as far as a Pales inian
s a e is concerned, no... one... ha... 's con ig-
o... s and independen... and so... ereign. So
he f... re does n'... lore does n... n.6(2 2 2 2 ')5.2(2
s-16.2(n)-1.5(n^2)5od of 31.14.2(n)10..2(n)

- he... of... (15d)(277.23(n)-88(4)57(9)57(n)-2423(-53(n)84