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זרעו של יעקב אבינו – היום

Yaakov's Descendants - Today



1. Read God's promise (or blessing) to Yaakov in his dream:

וְהָיָה זֶרְעְךָ כְּעֹפֶר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרִצְתָּ יָמָה וּקְדָמָה וְצָפֹנָה וְנֶגְבָּה (בראשית פרק כח פסוק יד)

“And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall gain strength westward and eastward and northward and southward.” (Beresheet, 28:14)

2. Explain God's promise to Yaakov, in your own words.

3. Do you think God's promise to Yaakov has been fulfilled? Explain.

4. Use the demographic data of the Jewish people today found in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_population_by_country to answer the following questions:

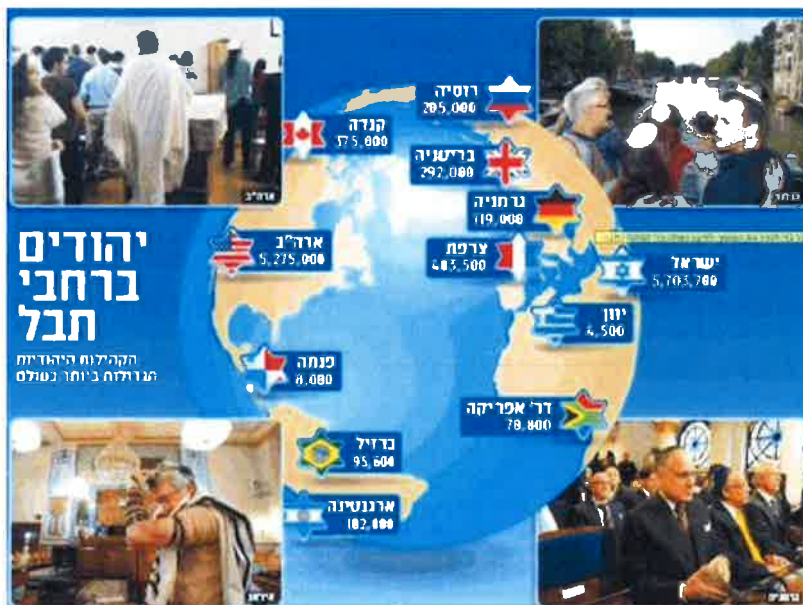
(The data is based on the research of Israeli demographer Sergio DellaPergola. It was published as a chapter named "World Jewish Population" in the American Jewish Year Book of 2014)

5. What is the estimated Jewish population in the whole world? _____
6. Which two countries have the highest Jewish population?

Country	Jewish Population

7. Choose 12 countries that represent the Jewish diaspora (West, East, North, and South). Fill in the chart below with the name of each country and its Jewish population.

		Country	Jewish Population
1	West יָמָה		
2			
3			
4	East קִדְמָה		
5			
6			
7	North צְפוֹנָה		
8			
9			
10	South נֶגְבָּה		
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12			



Based on the data above, please answer the following questions:

8. Do you think that God's promise to Yaakov has been fulfilled? Are Yaakov's descendants, the Jewish people, many as *"the dust of the earth"*? Explain.

9. Consider the other part of the promise. Have Yaakov's descendants, the Jewish people, gained strength *"westward and eastward and northward and southward"*? Explain.

