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Poll: Israelis Fear They'll Face Anti-Semitism on European Vacations

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YERUSHALAYIM – Nearly half of Israelis are concerned that they will experience anti-Semitism when vacationing in Europe, according to a poll commissioned by the Conference of European Rabbis (CER).

The poll shows that 49% of Israelis are concerned that they will experience anti-Semitism on their European vacations; 55% of parents whose children were traveling in Europe said they were concerned their children could be victims of anti-Semitism.

In addition, 71% of Israelis said that European Jews were not safe in their countries of residence – but even if they were, 91% said that they should move to Israel. Asked whether Israel was doing enough to help European Jews, 30% said yes, while 48% said more needed to be done.

“Anti-Semitic incidents across Europe are intolerable and painfully reminiscent of the dark events of the previous century. They are attacking Europe’s freedom and its values,” said CER President



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A poster reading “Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, Racism, Not in Our Name” is seen during a gathering decrying anti-Semitism at Place de la Republique in Paris, in February.

Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt. “We are waging a daily struggle for freedom of religion and against anti-Semitism and its messages of hate.”

