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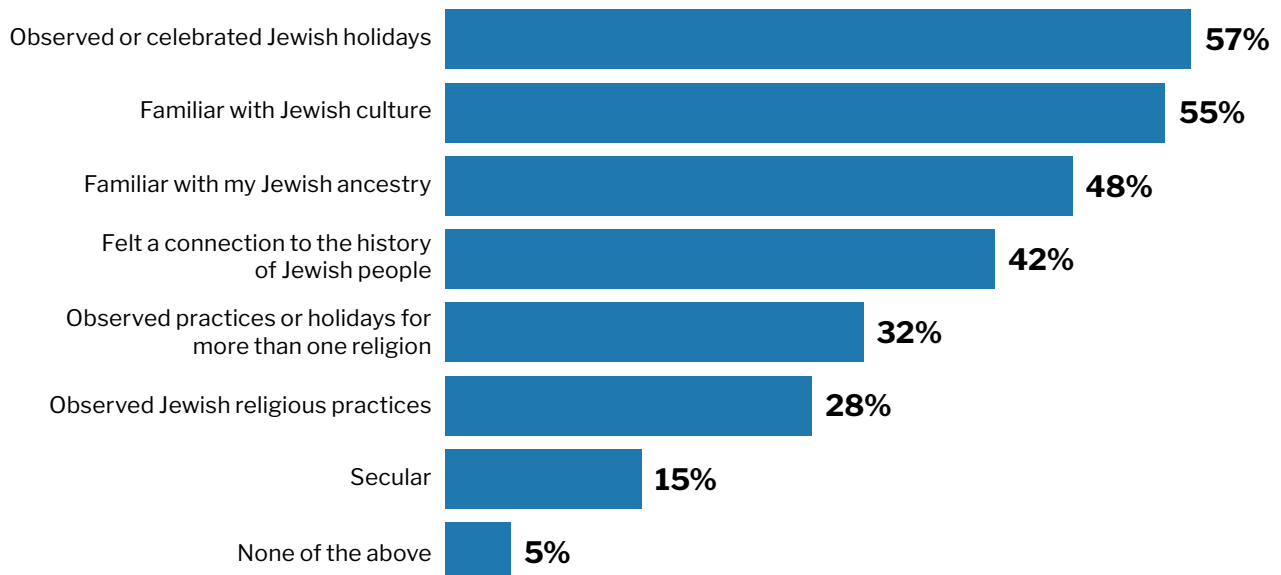
Past Jewish Experiences

I **N THIS SURVEY**, Jewish young adults are roughly evenly split between being raised by one person who is Jewish and by two Jewish people. Most look back favorably on their past Jewish experiences, and their memories are often strongly tied to interactive, relationship-oriented, and experiential Jewish activities: holidays, food, family gathering, and reuniting. As one online focus group participant described, “My most vivid memories growing up are family gatherings for the holidays and us all gathering around the table laughing and enjoying a delicious meal.”

Experiences in their youth also helped many respondents understand how they perceive what it means to be Jewish, with 30 percent saying these experiences helped a lot. Relatedly, survey respondents report relatively high rates of holiday observance (57 percent) and familiarity with Jewish culture (55 percent) when growing up. Many Jewish young adults also participated in more traditional activities such as attending services on Shabbat and holidays (48 percent) or having a bar or bat mitzvah (47 percent). As one online focus group participant summed up, “bar and bat mitzvahs were a huge part of growing up Jewish.”

Which of the following describes the household you were raised in?

Select all that apply

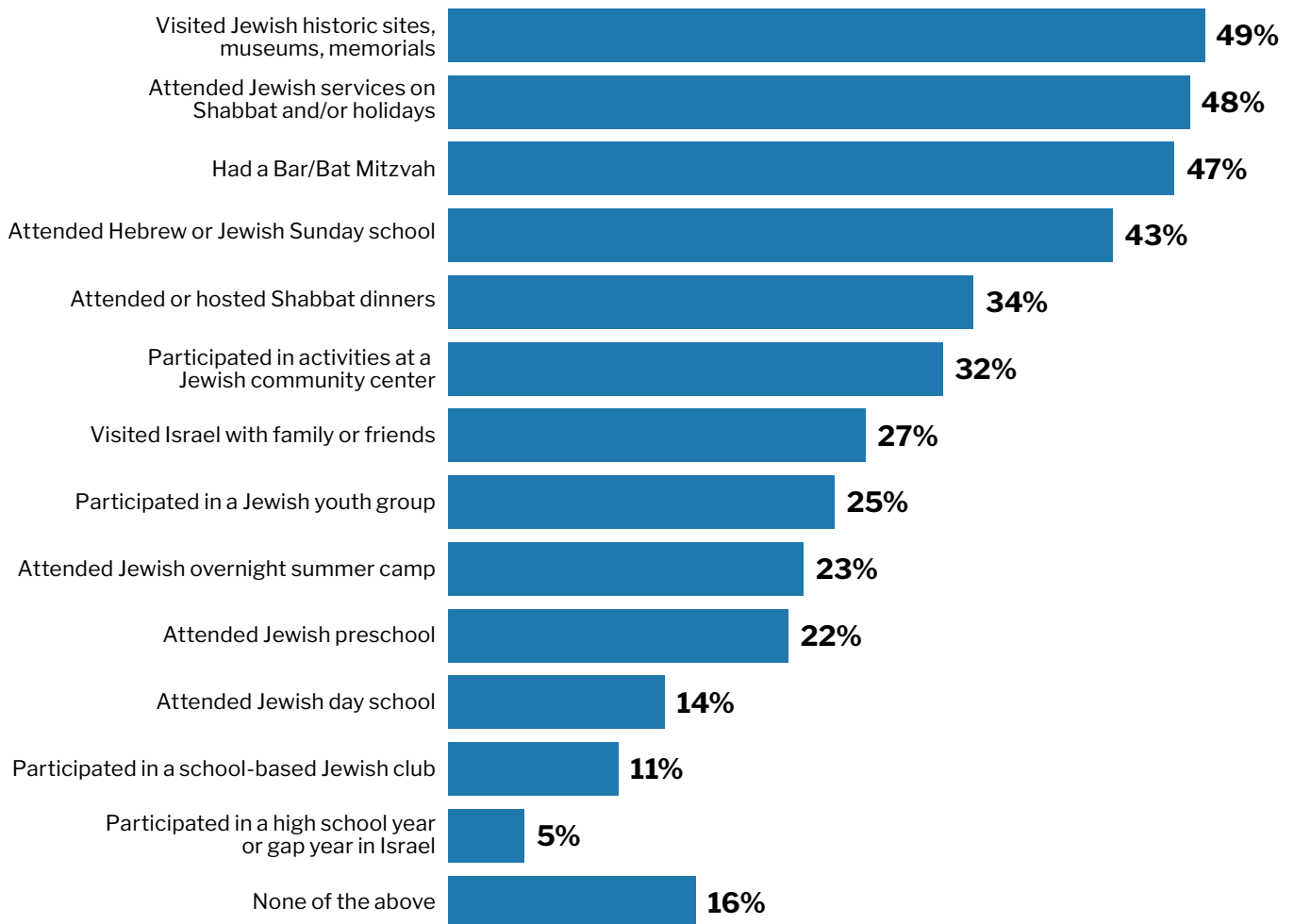


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JEWISH YOUNG ADULTS PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST TWO QUERIED JEWISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES WHEN GROWING UP

Which of the following did you do growing up?

Select all that apply



n = 1,012 (excludes those who converted or learned they were Jewish as an adult)