

**Psychologists' Circle of the Society of Friends of YIVO – Warsaw
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This questionnaire is anonymous – you need not give your name

Questionnaire

Instructions:

1. Read through all the questions carefully, before you begin to answer.
2. Do not simply answer the questions in order to be done with them; think about your answers in advance, and answer scrupulously. Keep in mind that this questionnaire has a scientific purpose, and when you answer the questions honestly and seriously, you are contributing to scientific knowledge.
3. However, if you are stuck on a question that you cannot, or do not feel comfortable answering, simply write, "I cannot answer," or "I prefer not to answer."
4. Do not simply answer "yes" or "no"; rather, your answers should be expansive and forthright.
5. If you do not have enough space on the page for your answer, please continue on a separate sheet of paper. If you do, do not forget to specify which question you are continuing from on the separate sheet, and which part; for example, 5a or 43b.

Date of birth:

Gender:

Occupation:

1.
 - a. Where do you live?
 - b. Have you always lived there?
 - c. If you moved, where do you come from?
 - d. When did you arrive?
2.
 - a. Do you live with your family, or alone?
 - b. If alone – why?
 - c. How many rooms are there in your house?
 - d. How many members of your family live in your house? Count each one separately (mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, brothers, sisters, grandparents).
 - e. Do any renters (*i.e.*, individuals renting a room in the house) live with you? How many?
3.
 - a. Are you currently learning in a school, a yeshiva, or taking courses?

- b. If so, which school, yeshiva, or courses?
 - c. What year of study?
 - d. If you are not currently a student, where did you study in the past?
 - e. How many years did you complete in each institution?
- 4.
 - a. Do you currently have a profession?
 - b. Which one?
 - c. Are you happy or unhappy in your job?
 - d. Why?
 - e. Do you earn money?
 - f. If so, how often are you paid (weekly, monthly)?
- 5.
 - a. If today you could freely choose any work, what would you choose?
 - b. Why?
- 6. Are you parents living?
- 7.
 - a. Who supports your family?
 - b. What does your father do for an occupation?
 - c. What does your mother do?
 - d. What do your brothers and sisters do?
 - e. What about other household members?
 - f. Do they belong to any organizations, professional unions, or societies? If so, which ones?
- 8.
 - a. What kind of education does your father have?
 - b. What kind of education does your mother have?
 - c. What kind of education do your brothers and sisters have?
 - d. What about other household members?
- 9.
 - a. How many brothers and sisters do you have? Please give their ages.
 - b. Where in the birth order do you fit in (are you the oldest, youngest, etc.)?
- 10.
 - a. What kind of relationship do you have with your siblings? *i.e.*, good, bad, better with the older than with the younger, better with the brothers than with the sisters, etc.
- 11.
 - a. Do you have an especially close, devoted, and trusting relationship with someone in your family? If so, with whom?
 - b. Do you have an especially close, devoted, and trusting relationship with someone outside your family? If so, with whom?
- 12.
 - a. Is your father religious?
 - b. Is your mother religious?
 - c. Are your brothers and sisters religious?

- d. What about other household members?
- e. Is yours an observant household?
- 13.
 - a. What is the relationship between your parents like?
 - b. Do they understand one another?
 - c. Are there arguments?
 - d. What are the arguments caused by?
- 14. Do your parents impose their beliefs on you, or let you go your own way?
- 15. Did your parents raise you with a particular belief system (*i.e.*, nationalist, religious, socialist, assimilationist, practical, etc.)?
- 16. What do you do in your free time, after work, or when you have nothing to do?
- 17. How do you like best to spend your free time?
- 18. Do you have any special interests or pursuits? What are they?
- 19.
 - a. Do you like to spend time in parks, going on out of town excursions, or in villages?
 - b. Do you spend your free time on this?
- 20. Do you prefer to be alone, or with others?
- 21.
 - a. What problems are most interesting to you?
 - b. Have you done any research on these problems?
 - c. If so, what kind of research? Making inquiries with organizations, reading books, listening to lectures, or speaking with others interested in the subject? Describe.
- 22.
 - a. What pastimes are your favorites (walking, sports, dance, parties, cards, chess or other games)?
 - b. Do you like going to sporting events, the circus, concerts, movies, theater?
 - c. What kinds of films or performances appeal to you?
 - d. Do you like listening to the radio?
 - e. What programs?
- 23.
 - a. Do you like going to lectures?
 - b. Which ones?
- 24.
 - a. Are you a reader?
 - b. If not, why not?
- 25.
 - a. What types of books do you like the best?
 - b. Why do you like them?
 - c. If you like scientific books, what type in particular?
 - d. If you like literature or poetry, what type specifically?
 - e. What language do you prefer to read in?
- 26.
 - a. Do you have a favorite author, or authors?

- b. Who is it/are they?
 - c. What about him, or them, do you like?
- 27.
 - a. Do you read newspapers?
 - b. If so, which ones?
 - c. Why did you choose these in particular to read?
 - d. What section of the newspaper interests you most?
- 28.
 - a. Do you belong to any social organizations?
 - b. Why, or why not?
 - c. If you do, which ones?
- 29.
 - a. What organizations do you think young people today are in most need of?
(Educational, sports, political, artistic, religious, or other organizations.)
 - b. Why?
- 30.
 - a. Do you think the world exists the way it does for a reason, or not?
 - b. Why do you think this way?
- 31.
 - a. Do you think human life makes some kind of sense, or not?
 - b. Why do you think this way?
- 32.
 - a. Do you think human beings have a particular task to accomplish in the course of world events?
 - b. If so, what does that task entail, and what would accomplishing it mean for the world?
 - c. When did you begin thinking about these kinds of questions?
- 33.
 - a. Do you think that everything in the universe happens according to a consistent set of rules or patterns?
 - b. How is this system structured, in your view?
- 34.
 - a. Do you think that human beings have free will? That is to say, are a person's desires dependent upon themselves alone, or not?
 - b. If not, what does determine a person's will?
 - c. Why do you feel this way?
- 35.
 - a. Do you think that the world has always existed, or did it come into being at a certain point?
 - b. How do you think the world did come into being?
- 36.
 - a. Do you think that there is a power running the universe?
 - b. Describe this power.
- 37.

- a. What is your perspective on human mortality?
 - b. Do you think there is a life after death?
 - c. If so, what is it like?
- 38.
- a. Do you think that human beings have a soul?
 - b. If so, describe what you think the soul is like.
- 39.
- a. Are you religious?
 - b. What does your religious practice consist of?
 - c. Has your religious practice always been this way?
- 40.
- a. If you lost your faith – or gained it – how did it happen?
 - b. How old were you when it happened?
 - c. Have your convictions in this matter changed several times, or not?
 - d. If so, how old were you each time your convictions changed?
- 41.
- a. Do you observe religious law?
 - b. What about customs and traditions?
 - c. How do you feel about these practices?
- 42.
- a. What traits in human beings do you esteem most highly, and why?
 - b. What do you judge most harshly in people, and why?
- 43.
- a. Do you agree with the principle “the end justifies the means”?
 - b. Why or why not?
- 44.
- a. In your view, what separates people from one another?
 - b. What unites people together?
- 45.
- a. What principles should a person live by in his personal life?
 - b. What principles should a person live by as a member of society?
 - c. Why these principles in particular?
- 46.
- a. How would you explain animosity between nations?
 - b. How would you explain animosity toward Jews?
 - c. How do you think people could learn to put this animosity aside?
- 47.
- a. One often hears, “man is the author of his own destiny.” Do you think this is correct, or not?
 - b. Why do you feel that way?
- 48.
- a. Is there such a thing as luck?
 - b. What do you call luck?
- 49.

- a. Do you think there is justice in the world?
 - b. Why or why not?
- 50.
 - a. What, in your opinion, is the greatest good, and why?
 - b. What is the worst evil?
- 51. How do you feel about labor and its value to society?
- 52. What is the ideal social order?
- 53.
 - a. In general, are you happy or unhappy with yourself, and your life?
 - b. Why?
- 54. Describe, if you can, who or what has had the greatest influence on your outlook on life.

Remarks: If, during the course of answering these questions, additional reflections or issues arose for you, please describe below.

Date of the answer: