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# Hundreds of French Jews Attend *Aliyah* (immigration to Israel) Fair in Central Paris



Hundreds of French Jews attended a **Jewish Agency for Israel** *Aliyah* (immigration to Israel) information fair yesterday (Sunday, January 11) under tight security in central Paris. The fair had been planned in advance of the past week's tragic events. In light of the increasing security risks to French

Jews over the past few years and the past week's terror attacks, it is anticipated that *Aliyah* from France will continue its upward trend.

According to The Jewish Agency's figures, 2014 saw a dramatic increase in *Aliyah* from France with the arrival of 7,000 new immigrants, more than double the 3,400 who arrived in 2013 and triple the 1,900 who came in 2012. In light of the recent increase in French *Aliyah*, The Jewish Agency has been working closely with the Israeli government to ease the immigration and absorption process.

At the same time, The Jewish Agency is playing an active role in providing for the physical security of Jewish communities across France. The Fund for Emergency Assistance to Jewish Communities, which was established following the attack against the Jewish school in Toulouse in 2012, has provided Jewish communal institutions in France and elsewhere with the means to install and reinforce security measures where they are most needed, in order to enable Jewish communal life to continue uninterrupted.