

Secularisation is the way of a society of people of all different beliefs and mindsets live alongside each other in a community. While some Jews ~~will~~ will openly accept this and embrace this culture, such as Reform, Liberal, Orthodox and Ultra Orthodox will withdraw from this, perhaps not in entirety but there is a rift.

Reform and Liberal Judaism have seen the changes in society and changed accordingly. Often you'll see them living within a bigger population. Some may not even be practicing kosher laws etc... Reform is key in secularisation. We saw the first woman priest in the late 90's in the Church of England. Although a long time after we see the first female Rabbi in 2014 (Reform). Similarly we see more equality between man and woman with mixed seating in synagogues, with more liberal Jews taking an egalitarian approach to Judaism (moving with the times).

Whereas in Orthodox + Ultra Orthodox there are very strict teachings and small towns with a majority of strict Jews living within. While Orthodox ~~may~~ may live in a wider society it's unlikely to see this in the Ultra-Orthodox community. There are numerous reasons that the more strict strict keeping Jews stay in communities. This can include,



fear of persecution. Throughout Jewish history it's been found that they have often been persecuted, in Egypt, in Jerusalem, and particularly in Nazi Germany in the 1930's - 40's. But even further than that, to keep all 613 mitzot would be tricky in a modern world. So to live somewhere, where all of the people around you are upholding the same beliefs and teachings and lifestyle is so much more convenient. Where your workplace will understand Shabbat and Jewish holidays, so on and so forth.

Lastly, conservative Judaism. People of the Jewish faith, who, like orthodox - believe the Torah is infallible, but can change with time. But their approach is, slowly and surely to change to keep up while still preserving their original Jewish identity.

To conclude, all denominations of Judaism have their own way of handling secularization and changes that happen in society over time. For some Jews this change never comes as the infallible Torah is never wrong, and G-D has set clear rules and guidelines to live by. While others have open areas, they want to remain a modern religion with ever changing interpretations of the Torah to allow all. Lastly, some denominations change, slowly and surely with care and preservation. There is no clear response for Jews to secularization.



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