

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY: WHAT? WHY? HOW?

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Community Resilience

The community's ability, in time of **crisis** or emergency and its aftermath, to **utilize its resources** and **adapt to changes** in the environment, **continue to function** and to **provide key communal activities**, in order to **preserve/promote** its member's **physical and psychological wellness**.

Bad things happen...



Natural and Man-Made Disasters

Europe: January 2015 – November 2016

	OCCURRENCES	FATALITIES
NATURAL:		
Floods	27	71
Climate	4	3783
Storms	3	7
Fires	1	30
Earthquakes	3	300+
MAN-MADE:		
Industrial	5	93
Transportation	37	1330
Misc.	7	159

Local Community Crises



Assets of a faith-based community in a disaster

- Mission to serve
- Trust
- Resources
- Knowledge
- Networks
- Programs
- Staying power



WHO DO YOU expect to rely on?

The first 72 hours following a disaster.

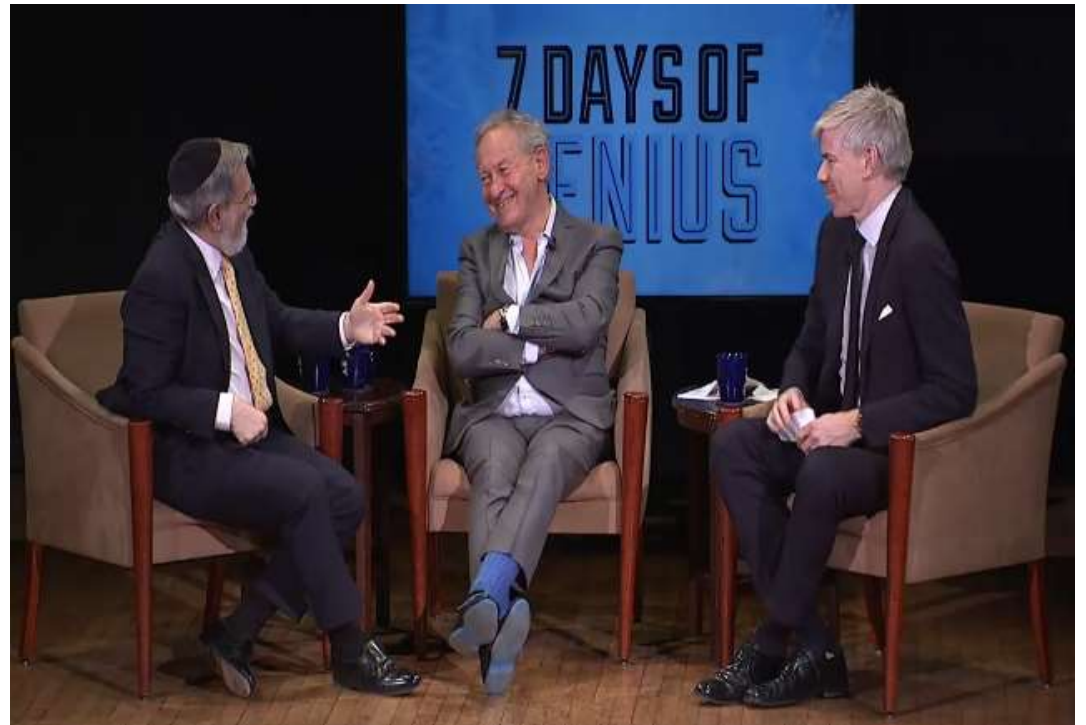
- 38% of Americans expect to rely on the faith-based community for assistance in the first 72 hours after a disaster (“Preparedness in America,” FEMA, August 2014).
- Faith-based community ranks third, following family and emergency first responders

The Jewish ingredient in community resilience

Genius and the Story of the Jews

with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks
and Prof. Simon Schama

Moderator: David Gregory



7 days of Genius (2015)



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Social Capital

- Social networks + Hubs : formal and informal
- Active participation & volunteerism
- Linkage and cooperation between organizations
- Utilization of existing community resources
- Relations with other local communities
- Relations with global Jewish communities



Social Capital



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19,097.5
Volunteer Hours
of service in 2012

21.79
Dollar value of
VOLUNTEER SERVICE
PER HOUR as assigned by
Independent Sector

9.2
FTEs or
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT
EMPLOYEES equal
to volunteer hours
of service

185
Total number of
VOLUNTEERS active
in 2012

39
AVERAGE AGE of a
National Jewish Health
volunteer in 2012

56
Percentage of active
volunteers who
are COLLEGE
GRADUATES

30
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DEPARTMENTS
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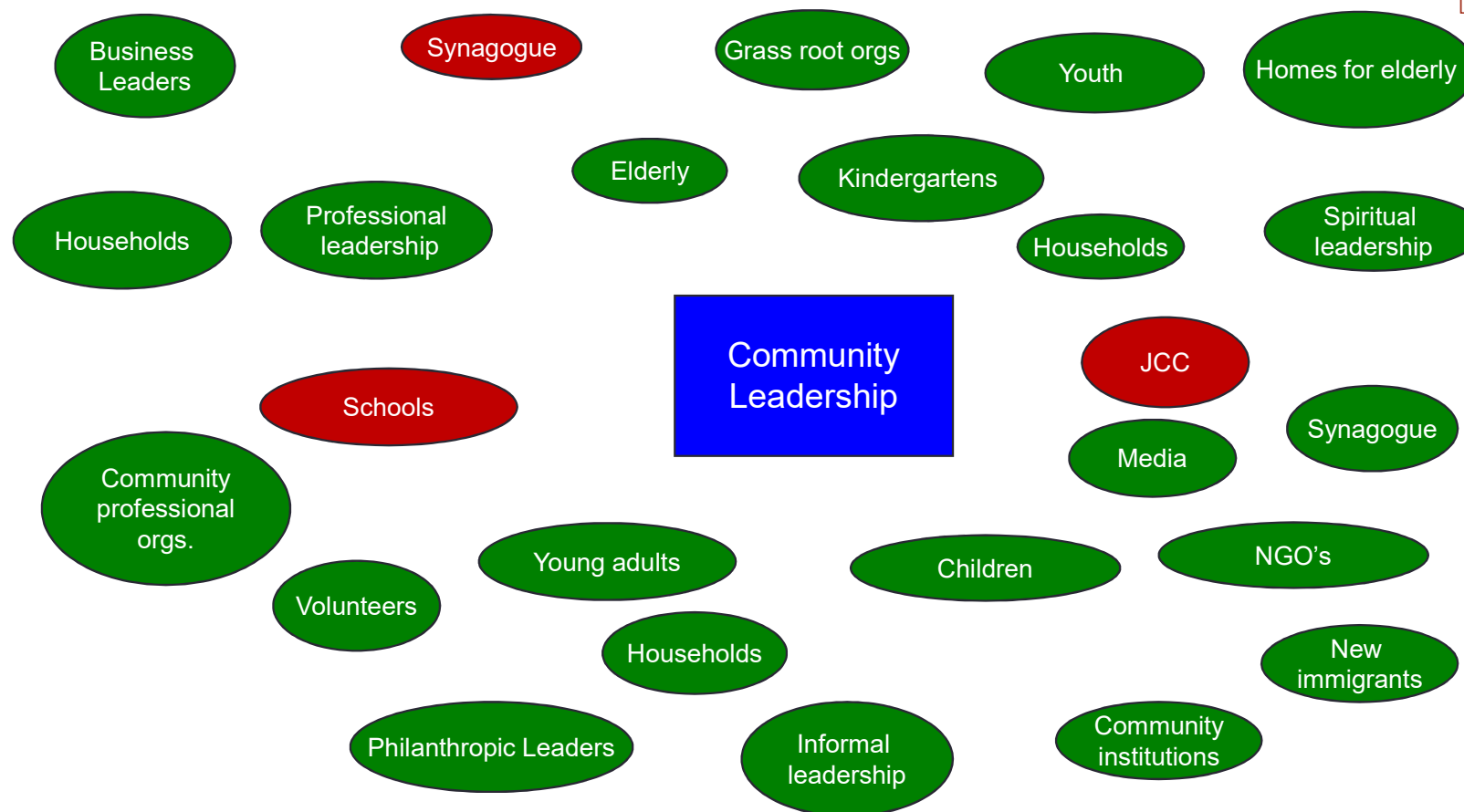


Social hubs in the Jewish Community

A community consisting of numerous sub-communities

Characteristics

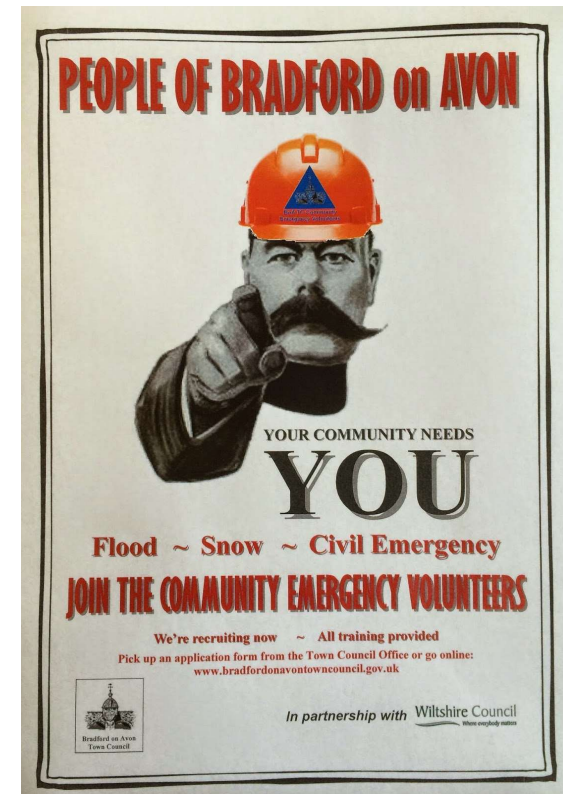
- Common Identity
- Culture, History
- Values & norms
- Social structure
- Resources



Dangers of the social hub in the times of crisis

- Expectations!
- Inability to utilize potential existing community resources
- Gap between needs and resources
- Dependency vs. Engagement
- What doesn't work day to day, will not work in a crisis

Burn out !





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Physical Security: Part of a bigger picture



Sderot children's playground

The multi-facets of community resilience



Israel 2015



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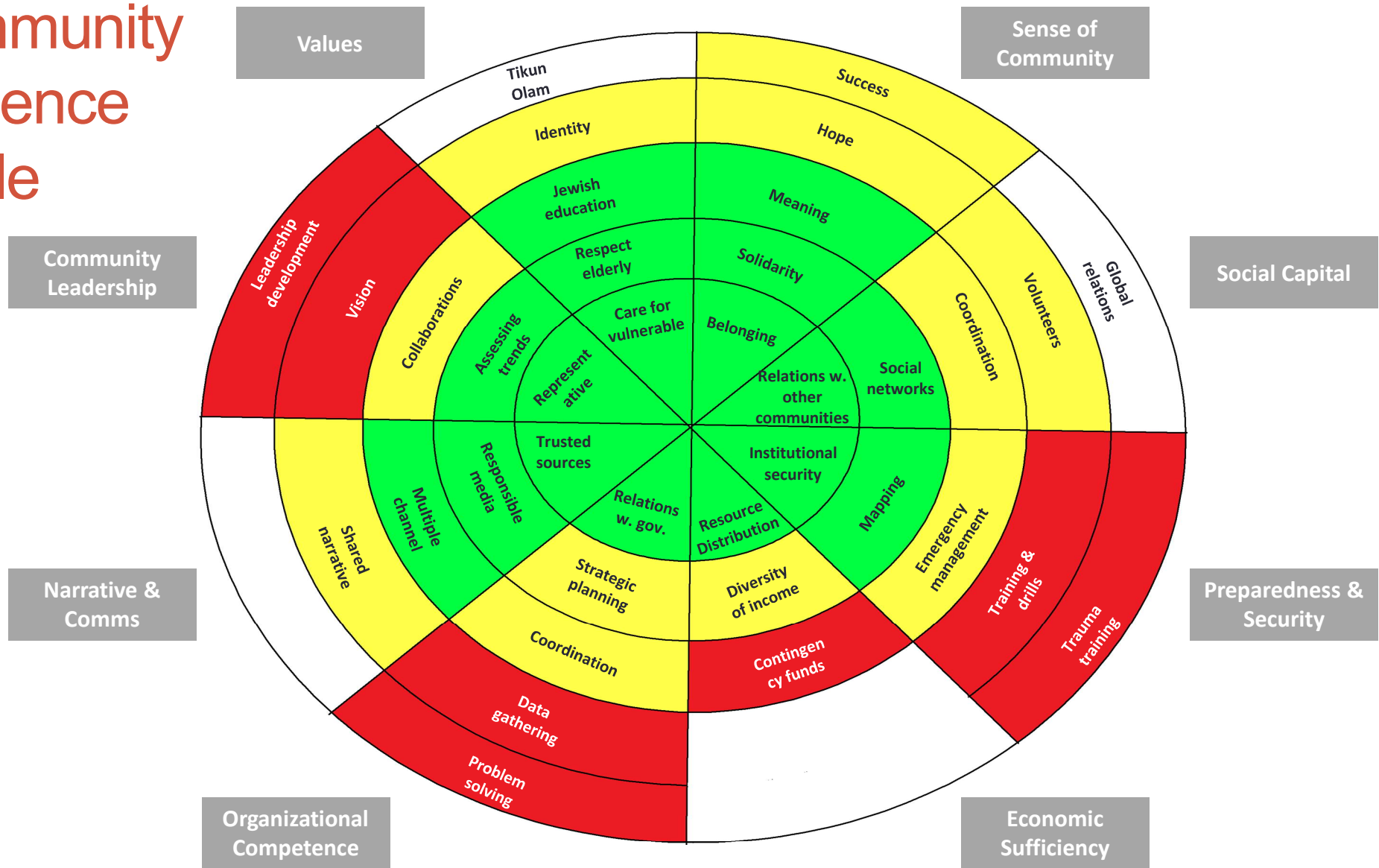
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Community resilience profile



Building Community Resilience: Principles

1. It's a **journey** – an ongoing process
2. A **multi-faceted** concept.
3. Communities are neither **0% nor 100%** resilient – take it **step by step**
5. **Leadership commitment** is critical
6. **Top down** and **bottom up**
7. **Tailor-made** to the unique community needs.
8. **Community wide approach** or Islands of resilience

Important:

What doesn't work day to day,
will not work in a crisis

Community Resilience: The Jewish way

“We are not only the people who survived, but the people who took out of every crisis some new generativity, some new creation, and out of every bad thing that happened to us we were determined to bring a blessing out of the curse”

(Rabbi Sacks, 2015)



THANK YOU!
