Opinions

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Many surveys and studies that have investigated the genealogy of the Jewish people have determined that they are the only group of human beings who have survived much oppression and managed to keep their character in the process.

According to Jewish beliefs, the present and future is guaranteed to its people. This survival has included many difficult periods, from exile in biblical times to the horrendous Holocaust and persecution by many around the world. These struggles have led to a myriad of questions including the following: Why does it seem that there is a divine right that the Jewish people survive? And what are the Jews’ methods that enable them to survive and achieve significant success in the global society? You can answer these questions by looking within various aspects of Israeli society.

The first is because of a feeling of nationalism due to the many hardships that accompanied the Jewish people in the establishment of the state (of Israel). This pride became a symbol to the Zionists in Israel through the “Seal of Solomon,” or the modern day Star of David, which can be found on the Israeli flag. Another component to this success has to do with the further protection of the Jewish people as Israel was recognized as a legitimate state. These protections enabled Israelis to take command of their land and in the process give the world a wide range of goods that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. It is partly because of these unique offerings that Israel has became a major player in the global trade and industrialization process. But it is also because of the nation’s willingness to invest heavily in infrastructure (which offers many jobs), as well as it’s constant improving of it’s educational system by establishing many prestigious educational institutions throughout the nation. These economic and educational strides are quite attractive to Jews throughout the world, who are looking to return to their homeland and often do by making Aliyah or “going home.”

Another aspect of this success can be traced back to historical scientific factors that explain why the Jewish people in general have a high degree of intelligence. Even with the Diaspora (or scattering of the Jews), there were Beit Midrash (or places of learning), where Jews could study the Torah and learn about all the different professions in life. Specific skills and practices were also taught in the Beit Midrash such as poetry, literature and art as well as accounting, science and engineering. After the establishment of Israel, there were many different Jews moving to the region from all over the world. This as many researchers have pointed to, created an even smarter generation of Jews, because their parents had combined each other’s genetic make-up to produce highly intelligent offspring.

The final of these explanations is not scientific or even logistical but it is more spiritual in meaning. According to Eran Katz’s book – “Jewish brain,” there are many methods and techniques that Jews use that can raise their intelligence and improve their memory. These practices can be traced back to ancient times from Jewish sages such as Rabbi Shimon Ben Isaac, who was involved in Midrash and Moses Maimonides, who was one of the greatest jurists and the most important philosophers of the Middle Ages. These two philosophers believed in “Protecting the Prophet,” which resided in the body of Every Jew. According to their interpretation, there is a special gene within each Jew that makes them spiritually rise above those in other religions. They said the product of this gene is superior to the Jewish soul and holds infinite wisdom.

In conclusion, it is apparent that the numerous inventions and innovations from Jewish people around the world have become commonplace and the reasons they have become so prevalent is because of the many skills they have obtained from various societies around the world. All that remains now for each Jew is to choose the correct path or skill that comes most naturally to each one of us.