

Repatriation

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**Returning to your homeland is like giving birth:
Everyone talks about it but no one talks about how hard it is afterwards.**

Sample findings Out of a survey conducted, in cooperation with social worker Einat Mizrachi, among dozens of families who returned to Israel after being relocated:

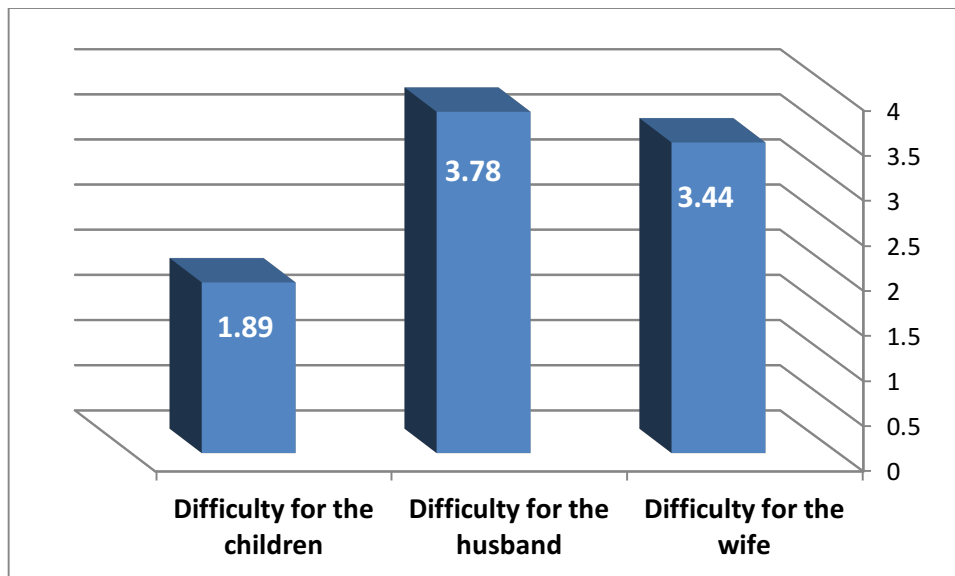
Adjustment time in Israel: About one year.

Main difficulties: Financial, mental and professional.

- **Specifically:** Finding a new job, adjusting to the decline in quality of life, Israeli culture, social and family pressure, the return to a routine including educational institutions for the children.

Degree of difficulty upon returning to Israel:

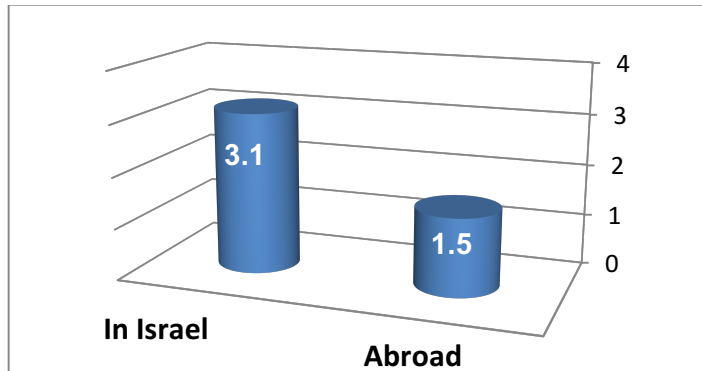
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A mother's difficulty has a tremendous impact on the rest of the family:
4.67 – in her influence on the other family members.

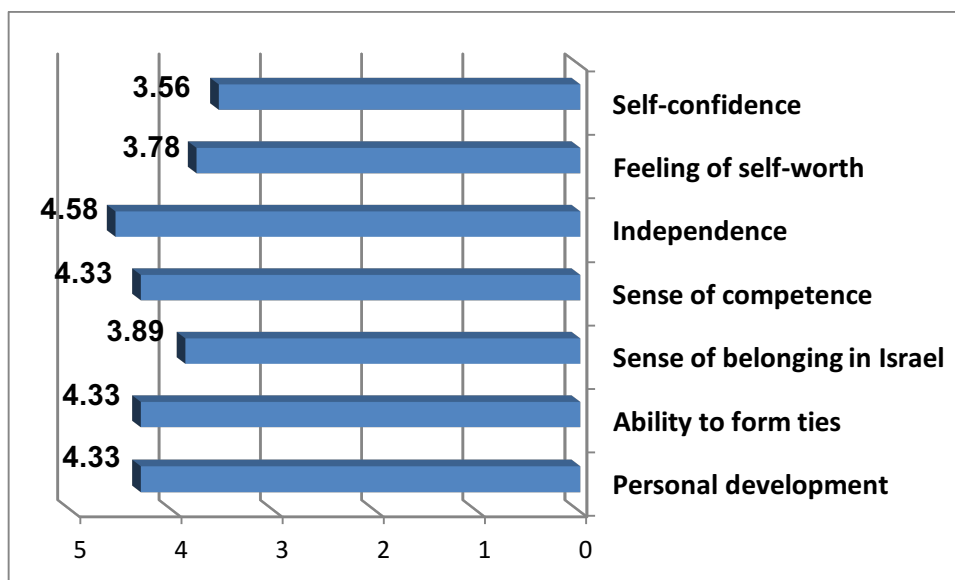
Financial difficulty in Israel vs. abroad:

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The impact of relocation on other areas:

(From 1-5, with 5 being the maximum grade).



Altogether, looking back, most of the people interviewed see relocation as an experience that greatly impacted the rest of their lives.

Recommendations:

What can you do to soften the landing in Israel?

- Clarify for yourself why you are returning.
- Understand that there's both a social and a professional price to pay for having been away.
- Know that readapting takes time.
- Come to an understanding with your extended family regarding everyone's expectations.

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