



News Release

JDate® Poll Reveals Increasing Pessimism Over Peace in the Middle East

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., January 12, 2006 – JDate, the leading Jewish online personals community, recently asked its members whether Ariel Sharon's recent illness affected their view of peace in the Middle East.

Of the over 650 respondents:

- 47% said they are less optimistic about peace in the Middle East
- 26% believe Sharon's illness will have no effect on the peace process
- 18% were undecided
- 9% were more optimistic about peace in the Middle East

"Sooner or later we will see a peace agreement in the Middle East," stated David Siminoff, president and chief executive officer of Spark Networks® plc, JDate's owner and operator. "We've seen many obstacles along the way which have typically led to increasing feelings of uncertainty. During this uncertain time, many of our members believe Ariel Sharon's sudden illness has, at least temporarily, affected the peace process."

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