

## Primary Special: Florida Jewry

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With the Florida Republican primary election less than a week away, the state of Florida finds itself in the nation's spotlight, and the political leanings of Florida's Jewish population has been much under discussion. Which candidate will Jewish Republicans back? Will President Obama retain levels of Jewish support typical for Democratic candidates?

We can't answer those questions, but we can provide a little background for those interested in reading the tea leaves regarding Florida Jewry. To wit: the resources below, a brief glance at Florida's Jews from 1989 to 2012. (Nearly all of it by **Prof. Ira Sheskin**.)

*In Florida.* Michael M. Adler, 2012

*The Fight for the Jewish Vote.* Catharine Skip, 2008

*Florida's Jewish Elderly.* Ira M. Sheskin, 2001

*A Methodology for Examining the Changing Size and Spatial Distribution of a Jewish Population: A Miami Case Study.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1998

*Florida Jewish Demography.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1996

*Florida Jewish Demography.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1994

*Jewish Identity in the Sunbelt: The Jewish Population of Orlando, Florida.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1994

*Florida Jewish Demography.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1993

*The Jews of South Florida.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1991

*A Brief History of the Jewish Community in South Florida.* Ira M. Sheskin, Stephen Fain, 1991.

*The Miami Ethnic Archipelago.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1991

*The Jews of South Florida.* Ira M. Sheskin, 1989

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**UPDATE:** Since this post went live, Prof. Sheskin has provided us with three additional slide presentations relevant to the upcoming primary:

- The most recent in his series on *The Jewish Demography of Florida*
- *Changes in American Jewish Demography: Political Implications.*
- *Recent Trends in Jewish Demographics and Their Impact on the Jewish Media.*