Jewish Communities Popping Up All Over San Francisco Area

(JTA) - Jewish neigh- regions. borhoods in the Bay all but extinct -- are corner of the region. among the top eight Jews comprise 20 per- locales in the nation, cent of the population in southwest Palo Alto and 18 percent of the Solano district of Berkeley. There are significant clusters of Jews in parts of Marin County and San Francisco as well.

Moreover, an estimated 15 percent of San Francisco's 52,126 Jews and 9 percent of the overall Bay Area Jewish population are gay. That 8,000 gay Jews in the city alone. According to demographer Gary Tobin of Brandeis University, these are the first data that "corroborate there is a gay Jewish population."

These are among the surprising preliminary findings emerging from the most comprehensive demographic survey ever made of Jews in the Bay Area, which for the study's purposes includes seven counties broken into

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The study, which Area - once considered ranks the size of the Bay Area Jewish popupopping up in every lation -- 222,852 --

shows an unexpectedly ranged from 125,000high Jewish concentration in a number of areas. Furthermore, Jews comprise 4.3 percent of the total local population, 1.3 percent higher than the national average.

Former estimates of Jewish population

Jerry Foster, just three months short of turning 20, never thought he'd have the job he has today. Neither did Marina Walton, Diane Phillips or Mike Ward. Their employer, Gordon Paulson of Data Set Cable, is pretty happy, too.

Data Set Cable and the four young adults are participants in Southern Nevada Employment and Training Program's (SNETP) Youth Program. The goal of the program is to take young people with little or no job prospects - and very often no high school diploma - and place them with employers who are willing to train them for specific positions. SNETP pre-screens potential employees and tests them to find the best suited youth for On-The-Job-Training (OJT).

For more information, contact SNETP by calling 385-6100 or stop in at 922 W. Owens.

180,000 in the seven counties surveyed: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco. and Sonoma. The preliminary

results "reflect inconsistencies you might distinctive as the Bay Area," according to

vey for the Jewish filiation Community Federation Jewish community. of San Francisco, the next month.

59,000 telephone calls munal life."

Tobin, who conducted claim strong Jewish the "Count Me In" sur-identity, but not afwith the

The implication, ac-San Mateo, Santa Clara Peninsula, Marin and cording to Tobin, is that Sonoma Countles. the "organization and Final results are due institutional Jewish network in the Bay Area The study shows that has to go to extraorexpect from a region as many of the 2,400 com- dinary efforts to involve pleted responses to Jewish people in com-







