

Ghardaia Sign Language (A Language of Isreal)

- **Alternative Names:** Algerian Jewish Sign Language
- **Language Use:** Ghardaia Sign Language is an endangered [village sign language](#) originally of [Ghardaïa](#), Algeria that is now spoken in Israel.
- **Other:** The Jewish community of Ghardaïa emigrated to France and Israel in 1966. However, because deaf Algerian Jews tended to marry deaf Israelis from other backgrounds, the language of the home became [Israeli Sign Language](#). GSL is therefore moribund, being used primarily by deaf immigrants with their siblings and parents, and ironically more widespread among hearing immigrants, who are not part of Israeli Deaf culture, than among the deaf.

Related Research

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