

## **UFO-MANIA**

**MOST** Israelis believe in UFOs. At least that's according to Dr Ariel Cohen, who heads the Hebrew University's Department of Atmospheric Studies. He puts the figure as high as 60 per cent. There has been a rash of UFO sightings in recent weeks and Dr Cohen, who does not believe in alien beings from outer space, nevertheless believes the government should investigate the phenomenon and allay anxieties.

The *London Jewish Chronicle* reports that amongst the explanations for the UFO-mania are that it's akin to "Jerusalem Syndrome" — whereby visitors to the city have visions — or, more plausibly, that Israelis live in a constant state of tension which makes them hypersensitive to their environment. Mind you, if the UFOniks are out there, do you think they follow Nusach Sfarad or Nusach Ashkenaz?

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