

## ***Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update February 9, 2018 (24<sup>th</sup> of Shvat, 5778)***

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**JERUSALEM SOON 50% ARAB:** Israel's National Security Council is weighing various options for preserving Jerusalem's shrinking Jewish majority, as experts warn that an ongoing flood of Arab migration into the city from the Palestinian Authority will completely reshape the demographic balance in the holy city. Jews have constituted a majority of Jerusalem's population going back at least to the 19th century. While Jews made up 72% of the city's population in 1980 and 68% in 2000, over the past fifteen years, the demographic shift has accelerated dramatically. From 2000 to 2015, the Jewish population increased by just 17%, due to the net migration of Jews out of the city as housing prices there skyrocketed. According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, the city's Jewish majority fell to just 61% in 2015. Senior Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs researcher Nadav Shragai warns that since 2015, that figure has fallen even further, dropping below 60%. "We're fast approaching the dangerous situation in which 50% of Jerusalem is Arab," said Shragai this week.

Shragai suggests that the unauthorized immigration of tens of thousands of Palestinian Authority residents into the city may be the primary driver of the rapid increase in the Arab population. Unencumbered by building inspectors or police interference, massive illegal housing projects have been built in Arab neighborhoods like Kafr Aqab and Shuafat, including even ten-story apartment buildings. Due to the law enforcement vacuum in the isolated neighborhoods, wildcat building projects have flourished. That has drawn a flood of immigration from the PA, with tens of thousands of Palestinian Arabs illegally residing in neighborhoods on the edge of Jerusalem – outside the security barrier but still under Israeli sovereignty and within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. Given the demographic change in the capital, Israeli political leaders have presented a series of proposals aimed at preserving Jerusalem's Jewish majority. (INN)

**TRUMP'S ENVOY: 'HAMAS CAUSES MISERY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA':** Jason Greenblatt, President Donald Trump's Special Representative for International Negotiations, blasted the Hamas terrorist group as well as Iran for sending funds to Hamas. "Hamas should be improving the lives of those it purports to govern, but instead chooses to increase violence and cause misery for the people of Gaza. Imagine what the people of Gaza could do with the \$100 million Iran gives Hamas annually that Hamas uses for weapons and tunnels to attack Israel!" Greenblatt tweeted. In subsequent tweets, this week, he turned his criticism towards Iran and wrote, "Iran spends almost a billion dollars a year sponsoring terrorism in Lebanon, Israel, Judea & Samaria and Gaza. This blood money only increases violence and does nothing to help the Palestinian people. Hamas literally undermines Gaza's chance for success. A terror tunnel costs roughly \$5.9 million to build (\$ that belongs to the people of Gaza) plus roughly \$30,000 a day in lost revenue when the crossing is closed as a result. Gaza needs options besides Hamas and its enablers," said Greenblatt. (INN)

**STATE DEPARTMENT ALARMED OVER SYRIAN CHLORINE GAS ATTACK:** The State Department this week expressed concern over reports of yet another chemical weapons attack in Syria. "The United States is gravely alarmed by continued allegations of the use of chlorine gas by the Syrian Regime said State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert. "This attack is the sixth such reported instance in the past 30 days in Syria. We implore the international community to speak with one voice, taking every opportunity to publicly pressure the Assad regime, and its supporters, to cease its use of chemical weapons and hold those responsible accountable for these brutal attacks," she added. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson "noted last month in Paris that Russia ultimately bears responsibility for the victims in East Ghouta and countless other Syrians targeted with chemical weapons since Russia became involved in Syria," said Nauert. Reports of the latest chemical weapons attack came days after the Trump administration accused Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's government of producing and using "new kinds of weapons" to deliver deadly chemicals, despite committing to abolish its chemical weapons program in 2013. President Donald Trump has not ruled out additional military action to deter attacks or punish Assad over chemical weapons attacks. (Arutz-7)

**GERMANY SELLS CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY TO IRAN FOR USE IN SYRIA AGAINST CIVILIANS:** Germany's Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control approved a license for the German company Krempel to sell military applicable technology to Iranian companies. It was subsequently used in Syrian regime chemical weapons attacks, reported the German publication Bild on 5 Feb. 2018. Bild showed photographs of the rocket remains with the German company logo of Krempel and the product signature: "Made in Germany." The rocket debris was found after two poisonous gas attacks were conducted by Syrian President Assad's regime. The chemical attacks took place on 22 January 2018 and 1 Feb. 2018. The gas attack in January resulted in 21 injuries, including many children.

Germany is Iran's largest and most important EU trade partner. German exports to Iran increased in 2017 by 19%. The British publication, Jane's Defense Weekly, reported in 2005 that the Islamic Republic would work with Syria to build an "innovative chemical warfare program." Iran's role was to build equipment to produce "hundreds of tons of precursors for VX, sarin and mustard gases." Iran reportedly sought "products and scientific knowhow for the field of developing weapons of mass destruction as well missile technology." The 181-page document cites Iran's cyberwarfare, espionage, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction procurement activities 49 times. Assad first used sarin nerve to attack the Damascus suburb of Ghouta in 2013, killing nearly 1,500 civilians, including 426 children. (J.Post)

**CANADIAN PM: SHARIA LAW IS COMPATIBLE WITH DEMOCRACY:** Canadian PM Justin Trudeau insists Islamic law isn't incompatible with democracy. The American Center for Democracy disagrees. The American Center for Democracy (ACD) quotes Imam Aasim Rashid of Vancouver, British Columbia, who spoke in October 2017 at Thompson Rivers University, explaining why the Canadian government wants to implement Sharia Law. "I'll tell you who wants to bring Sharia Law," Thompson said. "The Canadian government wants to bring in Sharia Law and this is not a joke. Why? The Canadian government wants the Muslims to be able to regulate their own issues, to solve their problems among themselves according to Sharia Law, so it is not a burden on the court system which is already so bogged down. The government told us – 'we would like you to have this system, and we would like to work on these initiatives with you.'" Canadian PM Trudeau told CBC in January 2016 that "Islam is not incompatible with Western secular democracy." (Arutz-7)

**SO WHERE IS THE COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN WESTERN DEMOCRACY AND SHARIA LAW?** Sharia is the legal code ordained by Allah for all mankind. To violate Sharia or not to accept its authority is to commit rebellion against Allah, which Allah's faithful are required to combat. There is no separation between the religious and the political in Islam; rather Islam and Sharia constitute a comprehensive means of ordering society at every level. The stoning of adulterers, execution of apostates and blasphemers, subjugation of women, repression of other religions, and a mandatory hostility toward non-Islamic nations punctuated by regular warfare is to be the norm. It seems fair then to classify Islam and its Sharia code as a form of totalitarianism. It is apparent that any meaningful application of Sharia is going to look very different from anything resembling a free or open society in the Western sense. While it is in theory possible for an Islamic society to have different outward forms - an elective system of government, a hereditary monarchy, etc. - whatever the outward structure of the government, Sharia is the prescribed content. It is this fact that puts Sharia into conflict with forms of government based on anything other than the Quran. (JNN)

**USA, ARGENTINA AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT HEZBOLLAH: BUENOS AIRES:** USA Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and his Argentine counterpart, Jorge Faurie, on 4 Feb. 2018 agreed to work together to cut off Hezbollah funding networks and money laundering to finance terrorism across Latin America, a measure well received by Jewish groups in Argentina. In Buenos Aires as part of a Latin American trip, Tillerson said in a joint news conference with Faurie: "With respect to Hezbollah, we spoke today about all of the reasons why we must jointly go after these trans-criminal organizations – narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, smuggling, money laundering – because we see the connections to terrorist financing organizations as well. We did specifically discuss the presence of Lebanese Hezbollah in this hemisphere, which is raising funds obviously to support their terrorist activities. So it is something that we jointly agree we need to attack and eliminate." Argentina is home to a large Lebanese ex-pat community and USA authorities suspect groups in that community of raising funds through organized crime to support the Iranian-backed terror organizations. On 5 Feb. 2018 the Simon Wiesenthal Center welcomed the agreement. "Hezbollah cells are lying dormant from Argentina to Venezuela as a Pan-American threat to the USA homeland. The joint declaration of the foreign ministers is a hemispheric call to action," said Shimon Samuels, director of International Relations for the center. (JTA)

**USA TROOPS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL:** With tensions high on Israel's northern and southern fronts, USA troops are in Israel and have deployed anti-missile defense systems across the country ahead of the Juniper Cobra military exercise. The large-scale, five-day drill will simulate a massive missile

attack on Israel from both fronts and will be led by the Israel Air Force, the IDF confirmed on 4 Feb. 2018. The joint exercise with the USA Army is aimed at strengthening military cooperation against regional threats and promoting long-term security for Israel. While the IDF said the drill, which has occurred every two years since 2001, is part of the training to maintain the readiness of troops, it comes amid a war of words with Hezbollah, which is thought to have an arsenal of between 100,000 and 150,000 missiles. Washington and Israel have signed an agreement which would see the USA come to assist Israel with missile defense in times of war. (J.Post)

**USA SANCTIONS SIX PEOPLE, SEVEN FIRMS UNDER RULES TARGETING TERROR GROUP HEZBOLLAH:** The Trump administration attacked Hezbollah's financial network on 2 Feb. 2018 by imposing sanctions on six people and seven entities in an effort to turn back Iran's influence in the Middle East and beyond. "The administration is determined disrupt Hezbollah's networks, including those across the Middle East and West Africa, used to fund their illicit operations," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in announcing the penalties targeting the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terrorist group. The six sanctioned individuals included five Lebanese and one Iraqi. The seven entities were firms based in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Lebanon and Ghana. Senior Trump administration officials said the sanctions were part of an aggressive move against Hezbollah to try to limit the influence of Iran, which gives the group about \$700 million a year to help finance its activities. More such targeted sanctions are expected in the months ahead, said officials. The officials said Hezbollah was already under financial strain as it continued to pay for costly operations in Syria and Yemen. The goal was to get European allies to join the United States in increasing pressure on the group, they said. As a result of the Treasury designations, all their assets subject to USA jurisdiction are blocked and Americans are prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. (Algemeiner)

**PA AUTHORITY PREPARING TO 'DISENGAGE' FROM ISRAEL:** The Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) top leadership on 3 Feb. 2018 ordered preparations for disengagement from Israel. Withdrawing the PLO's 1988 recognition would threaten decades of Israeli relations with the Palestinian leadership and raise doubts over ongoing security coordination between the two. It would also be seen as a fatal blow to the two-state solution, already on life support following the White House's December recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The PLO's Executive Committee released a statement after a three-hour weekend meeting saying it would set up a committee to study the de-recognition move.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, ordered the preparation of "plans and projects for disengagement steps with the Israeli government at the political, administrative, economic and security levels." Western countries have been lobbying senior Palestinian officials to convince them not to take such a step, multiple diplomats said. The USA considered the PLO to be a terrorist organization until 1991. In 1993, as part of the Oslo Accords, the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist in peace, accepted UN Security Council resolutions, and "rejected" "violence and terrorism." However, the PLO has not kept its promise, consistently involving itself in violence and terrorism and paying terrorists stipends in proportion to their success in murdering Jews. Abbas recently declared the Oslo Accords "dead." (Arutz-7)

**USA CLASSIFIES HAMAS CHIEF HANIYEH AS SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST:** The United States government has become the first country outside of Israel to categorize Hamas Politburo chief Ismail Haniyeh as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, Ambassador Nathan Sales, the State Department coordinator for counterterrorism, told media sources. "Ismail Haniyeh has been involved in Hamas' campaign of terrorism against Israel for years and even

decades. The United States is not fooled by any attempt by Hamas to re-brand itself. We know it for what it is, a terror organization committed to the destruction of the State of Israel.” According to Sales, the consequences of the labeling of a Specially Designated Global Terrorist under executive order 13224, which aims to impede terrorist-funding, is “significant.” “All assets belonging to Haniyeh under USA jurisdiction will be frozen,” said Sales. “This designation allows us to dry up the sources of funding and kick them out of the international financial system. We don’t want to only stop the bomber, but the person who buys the bombs.” Israeli officials have accused Iran of growing involvement in funding terrorist groups such as Hamas to carry out attacks against the Jewish state. (J.Post)

**USA DIPLOMAT: BLACKLISTING HAMAS HEAD INTENDED TO PREVENT THE NEXT WAR:** The USA decision to put the head of the Hamas terrorist organization, Ismail Haniyeh, on its terror blacklist is an essential step towards "drying up" Hamas, said USA Coordinator for Counterterrorism Nathan Sales. "It is a crime under USA law for people to engage in transactions with these designated terrorists," he said. Iran, Hamas' biggest financial supporter, will thus be declared in violation of USA Law. "The United States is under no illusions about Iran's malign intentions in the region, nor are we under any illusions about its ability to project its power and to shed blood around the world. Iran can be stopped. Iran is not invincible." Sales emphasized the importance of restricting "the ability of terrorist organizations to raise money and to inspire new recruits. We want to stop war from happening by degrading terrorist organizations and preventing them from accumulating the weapons, manpower and confidence that they would need to launch a new war." (Ynet)

**NETANYAHU SAYS ISRAEL WILL RETAIN CONTROL OVER JUDEA & SAMARIA IN ANY PEACE DEAL:** Israeli PM Netanyahu last week again asserted that in any peace deal Israel must retain security control of Judea & Samaria . Netanyahu’s statement, which was rejected out-of-hand by the Palestinian leadership, underscores the fallacy of repeating the mantra of a “two-state solution” without being specific about the details. At the moment, new lines appear to be on the table: a strong alliance between the United States and Israel on one side and the Palestinians allied with the European Union on the other. Further complicating matters is the ban on Israeli participation in the peace process that was declared by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and most recently, the meetings between Palestinian Authority PM Dr. Rami Hamdallah and American peace envoy Jason Greenblatt despite Abbas’ decree. During the media conference, Netanyahu clarified a point, saying Israel will control security west of the Jordan River – apparently including all of Judea & Samaria. Reaction from Palestinian officials was swift and unequivocal. Abbas spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina shot back with what some are viewing as a threat when he said, “Either there will be full Palestinian sovereignty or there will be no security, no peace and no stability.” (Medialine)

**AMERICAN DIPLOMATS VIOLENTLY CHASED OUT OF BETHLEHEM:** Palestinian outrage over USA President Donald Trump's support for Israel's claims to the city of Jerusalem has finally turned to violence against Americans. The USA Consulate in Jerusalem last week attempted to host a digital marketing workshop in Bethlehem. But, before the event could begin, a mob of Palestinian men busted in screaming and holding signs reading "America = ISIS = Terror." The Americans were physically shoved out of the building and told "you are not welcome." The Palestinians were then seen hurling tomatoes at and kicking the cars of the diplomats as they attempted to flee back to Jerusalem. The USA State Department issued a statement shortly after: "Though no one was hurt, the objective was clearly intimidation. The United States absolutely opposes the use of violence and intimidation to express political views." (Israel Today)

**FIRST TEMPLE-ERA RELICS OF POSSIBLE ROYAL ESTATE FOUND IN JERUSALEM HILLS:** Israeli authorities inaugurated a nature park last week near Jerusalem after five years of archaeological excavations at Ein Hanya, the second-largest spring in the Judean Hills and a key site in the history of Christianity. Along with an announcement that the park will open to the public free of charge within months, the Israel Antiquities Authority revealed some major findings at the site, including a column capital typical of royal structures from the First Temple era and one of the oldest coins ever discovered in the Jerusalem area. Israel Antiquity Authority said the most significant finding was a large Byzantine-era system of pools found at the site. (Times of Israel)

**OCTOPUS DOCTRINE NEEDED FOR IRAN:** Israel must immediately change its strategy and hold Iran responsible for attacks from terrorist group Hezbollah and Syria, according to Israel's security cabinet minister Naftali Bennett. Bennett said last week that for 30 years, Israel has made the mistake of targeting what he called "mosquitoes" and not "the swamp" and what he called "tentacles" and not "the octopus." Bennett continued that, "Our message to Iran: the era of your immunity while you send others and use your national resources to hurt Israel is over. A rocket from Lebanon will be treated like an Iranian rocket. We will not waste our resources and energy fighting in Lebanese towns while you recline your chair and watch. We will also not sit idly and watch the accumulation of accurate missiles in Lebanon. This strategy means Iran, the Quds Force and the host countries will pay a price."

Bennett said he was not necessarily referring to armed conflict with Iran and its Quds Force but a "war via diplomacy, intelligence, preemptive efforts, technological means, economic sanctions, and – if needed – other means." He also called for different strategies with Lebanon and Iranian militias in Syria. He said that unlike in the past, Hezbollah attacking Israel from Lebanon must be seen as a declaration of war by Lebanon against Israel and that "Assad will bear responsibility for actions taking place in and from his territory." Bennett added that the USA and pragmatic Arab countries understand that the center of world terror is Iran, and based on this, Israel can create a regional coalition. "I believe adopting the Octopus Doctrine, the core of which is acting against the Quds Forces and Iran, while weakening Iran's hold on Lebanon, Syria and Gaza, has the highest chances of preventing war, or shortening it if it breaks out," Bennett said. (J.Post)

**‘USA UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT IRAN’S MALICIOUS INTENT’:** A senior USA counterterrorism specialist said that the United States and Israel are working closely to combat Iran's influence in the Middle East. State Department Counterterrorism Coordinator Nathan Sales said that the United States has "no doubt that Iran is a serious threat to Israel and to the United States" and called the Islamic Republic "the common threat that has been the basis for a very fruitful cooperation in the fight against terrorism between our two countries over the years. The United States has no illusions about Iran's malicious intent in the region, or about its ability to project its power and spill blood around the world," said Sales, who is presently in Israel. "Iran can be stopped, it is not invincible," Sales added. "Iran is vulnerable because it has chosen to use illegitimate means such as terrorism to shed blood and sow disorder in the world, and we see its bloody fingerprints in the region, such as its support for Bashar Assad's regime." Israel has been actively fighting Iran's attempt to take over the Middle East and has been watching its activities in Lebanon and Syria with concern. Earlier this week, IDF Spokesperson Brigadier General Ronen Manelis published an unusual op-ed in a number of Arab-language news sites warning that Iranian attempts to produce missiles in Lebanon would spark a regional conflagration. (Ynet/Arutz-7)

**HAMAS FOUNDER DIES AFTER ‘ACCIDENTALLY’ SHOOTING HIMSELF:** A senior member of the Hamas terrorist organization has died, a Hamas spokesman said on 30 Jan. 2018, three weeks after he suffered what the terror organization claimed was an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound in the head. Hamas sources said that on 9 Jan. 2018, Imad al-Alami, one of the movement’s most senior officials, was critically wounded when his personal firearm accidentally discharged. Al-Alami, 61, was "inspecting his personal weapon in his home and is in critical condition," said the spokesman. The Hamas leader was rushed to a Gaza City hospital, where he later succumbed to his wounds. Outlawed by the USA in 2003 for his position in Hamas, al-Alami was considered one of the Gaza terror group’s most important assets, due to his extensive ties with the Iranian government – a major sponsor of Hamas – and his personal relationship with Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, himself a client of the Tehran regime. In November, 2016, al-Alami was selected as Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh’s designated successor. The shooting incident fueled a variety of conspiracy theories within the Palestinian Authority, ranging from claims al-Alami was assassinated, to suggestions he may have committed suicide following years of health problems. (INN)

**UN ENVOY: GAZA ON VERGE OF ‘TOTAL SYSTEMS COLLAPSE’:** Gaza is beyond a “humanitarian crisis” and “on the verge of a total systems failure,” UN Middle East envoy Nickolay Mladenov said last week. Mladenov defined a total systems failure as the “full collapse of the economy and social services,” with all the “political, humanitarian and security implications stemming from that. The situation in Gaza needs to be high on the agenda for the Palestinian Authority’s donor countries Mladenov said. Returning Gaza under legitimate Palestinian control and ending all the terrorist activity there is critical,” he said. “It is critical to Israel’s security, Egypt’s security, to the people of Gaza and the Palestinians in general.” The envoy said “we need to work with the Palestinian Authority, and help them develop a plan about how they are going to return to Gaza.” Without that, he said, Gaza risks “exploding in our faces again, this time in a far more violent and deadly manner than in the past”. (J.Post)

**ISRAEL SUBMITS PLAN TO HELP REBUILD GAZA:** Israel submitted a \$1 billion plan for improving Gaza's infrastructure at a meeting on Wed. 31 Jan. 2018 of donor states in Brussels. The plan includes building desalination plants, installing a new high-voltage line that would double the amount of electricity Israel supplies to Gaza, laying a natural gas pipeline from Israel to Gaza, and building a sewage purification plant and a landfill. Israel is willing to provide technology and know-how for these projects, but not to finance them. (Ha'aretz) *The Gaza Strip was devastated three times in less than a decade and billions of dollars continue to be poured into a terrorist society that uses that aid to rebuild terrorist tunnels and its arsenals against the Jewish state – rather than constructing and providing for its own people. It is a mystery that donor states carry on providing funds - without careful supervision of how those funds are used - to what is basically a violent, self-destructive society. Intercede for an alternative to Gaza’s terrorist leadership. It would be a joy to see Gaza thrive rather than wallow in the spoiled fruits of its own hatred towards Israel.*

**CHILDREN'S TV TEACHES MASS MURDERER 'A ROLE MODEL':** Palestinian children’s television has a long history of promoting violence, including a bunny character named Assud who was “martyred” after calling for the occupation of Israeli cities. “We should teach our children that we have a land to which we must return: Jaffa, Acre, Haifa, and Tel Aviv,” said the character. “We will return to all these cities, Allah willing.” Palestinian television also featured the “martyrdom” of Farfour, a Mickey Mouse-lookalike. The latest comes in the opening of a 10-minute children’s program called “From My Country.” The program declares arch-terrorist Abu Jihad, credited by the PA for the

murders of at least 125 Israelis, “is a role model to be followed.” The opening of the weekly 10 minute program, which has been broadcast twice so far, shows a cube with photos of six different Palestinian personalities. One of them is terrorist Abu Jihad, who orchestrated numerous terror attacks against Israelis, among them the Coastal Road Massacre – in which Palestinian terrorists hijacked a bus and murdered 37 civilians, among them 12 children. (WND)

**GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT HONORED FOR MOVING EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM:** The president of Guatemala was honored with an award from an international Jewish organization for his decision to move his country’s embassy to Jerusalem and for his unwavering support of Israel. Jimmy Morales received the Human Rights Award from global and regional B’nai B’rith officials during a ceremony 31 Jan. 2018 in Guatemala City. “We praised Morales for his courage and determination for the embassy announcement and for recognizing that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel,” said B’nai B’rith official Eduardo Kohn. “The Jewish people will always be grateful to Guatemala for its crucial role in Israel’s birth, and for the great role then-President Juan José Arevalo played in recognizing the Jewish state,” added the official who then gave the Central American leader a shofar and a plaque highlighting his country’s record of defending human rights. (Arutz-7)

**FAMILIES FIND 1,500-YEAR-OLD JUG DURING HIKE IN NORTH ISRAEL:** Two Israeli families, hiking near a stream in Beit She'an's National Park in northern Israel discovered a Byzantine-era pitcher. "We were hiking, and at one point stopped to rest on the slope," Tamar Armon, one of the mothers, said. "Suddenly we spotted an 'ear' - a clay handle sticking out of the ground. We were really surprised and excited to discover a complete jug, heavy and beautiful. As people who like archaeology, we read all the signs along the path, and one of them said that clay jugs had been found at that spot. And here, we ourselves found one of them, and it's about 1,500 years old." The Avidor and Armon families transferred the jug to the Israeli government, and received in return a certificate of appreciation from the Israel Antiquities Authority. (Arutz-7)

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