

## **Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update April 5, 2018 (19<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, 5778)**

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A gold menorah with seven branches and a silver watch with a Star of David on the face.

**100,000 PEOPLE TAKE PART IN PRIESTLY BLESSING AT THE WESTERN WALL:** Around 100,000 people took part in the Passover priestly blessing of the kohanim (members of the priestly line) at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on Mon. 2 April, 2018. The blessing is recited by Jewish people who are said to be descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses, and is one of the most ancient blessings in the Jewish faith. Kohanim often cover their faces when they utter the blessing, it being a long-held tradition that the face of a kohen during the blessing is awe-inspiring. The ceremony was attended by leading rabbis in Israel in addition to USA Ambassador to Israel David Friedman. The blessing is recited by kohanim at various times throughout the Jewish calendar in the diaspora, but is recited daily during prayers in Jerusalem and weekly across Israel. (J.Post) **The Priestly Blessing:** *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Num. 6:24-26*

**USA BLOCKS UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION OF GAZA BORDER VIOLENCE:** The United States blocked a UN Security Council statement calling for an investigation of Israel’s use of force against Palestinians who massed on Gaza’s border. The statement proposed on 31 March 2018 called for an investigation of the Israel Defense Forces use of live fire, rubber bullets and other crowd control methods to push back the estimated 30,000 Palestinians in six spots along the border. Some of the Palestinians threw firebombs and rocks, and planted explosives on the border, according to the IDF. “While Jews around the world gathered with their family at the Seder table to celebrate the Passover holiday, the Palestinians sunk to a new deceitful low so that they could use the UN to spread lies about Israel,” said Israel’s ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon. “This shameful exploitation of our holiday will not succeed in stopping us from speaking the truth about the Hamas terror-gatherings that aim to destabilize the region,” he added. Hamas said the lack of a resolution from the Security Council about the border clashes due to the USA rejection showed that Washington is “fully biased” for Israel. (JTA)

**ISRAELI SOLDIERS ‘DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY’ ON GAZA BORDER, DEFENSE MINISTER SAYS:** Israel’s Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman asserted that there will not be an international commission of inquiry into the Gaza border clashes that left at least 15 Palestinians dead and hundreds injured. “Israeli soldiers did what was necessary. I think all our soldiers deserve a medal,” Lieberman said on 1 April 2018. Liberman said that Israeli soldiers did not fire on peacefully protesting Palestinians and only targeted those who charged the border fence in an attempt to breach it or to plant explosives there. The defense minister also asserted that Israel would act more forcefully if the violent protests continued. On Saturday night 31 March, 2018 Liberman tweeted: “I do not understand the choir of hypocrites who are calling for a commission of inquiry. They got confused and thought Hamas organized a Woodstock festival and we had to meet them with flowers.”

This year’s Palestinian protests have been dubbed the March of Return, and are set to be followed by six weeks of protest at the border until 15 May 2018, the date marking 70 years since the establishment of the state of Israel, which the Arab world calls the Nakba, or catastrophe. It is also the date by which the Trump administration has pledged to move the USA Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. The six weeks of protest are set to include several tent camps housing thousands of protesters living near the border. The Israeli army on Saturday evening announced that at least 10 of those killed in the Friday clashes were “known terrorists with track records of terrorist activity.” (JTA)

**HAMAS LEADER TELLS GAZANS: NO MAKING PEACE WITH ‘THE ENEMY’:** Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar visited protest tents on the Israel-Gaza border on 1 April 2018. He told protesters who took part last Friday in the “March of Return” that his terror movement is with them, and that there is no making peace with the enemy. “We have come here to say that Hamas is not sitting in palaces or in tunnels, we have come to say that we are with you. We are here to remind that there is no peace with the enemy and any attempt or plan will not compel us to make peace with them,” Sinwar said, escorted by his entourage. Turning to Israel, he quipped that the rampant unemployment in Gaza had been remedied on the border with Israel. “The unemployed have found work on your borders, to burn your equipment and snipe at you at point blank range,” he said in reference to the IDF thwarting an attempt by a terror cell to carry out a shooting attack at the northern Gaza Strip on Friday evening. Head of the Hamas’ Political Bureau Ismail Haniyeh, also warned on 1 April, 2018 that the next protest in the “March of Return” will not necessarily stop at Israel’s border. (Ynet)

**NETANYAHU ANSWERS TURKEY’S ERDOGAN OVER GAZA:** Turkish President Erdogan on Sunday 1 April, 2018 said, "Israel has carried out a massacre in Gaza and Netanyahu is a terrorist." In response, Israeli PM Netanyahu said, "Anyone who occupies Northern Cyprus, invades the Kurds, and massacres civilians in Afrin shouldn't lecture us on morality and values." Earlier on Sunday he said, "The most moral army in the world will not be lectured to by someone who for years has been bombing civilian populations indiscriminately." (Ha'aretz)

**BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS OUT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN PASSOVER MESSAGE:** British PM Theresa May addressed the issue of ongoing anti-Semitism in Britain, in a holiday message she delivered to the Jewish community at the beginning of Passover. "The Exodus from Egypt did not mark the end of anti-Semitic persecution," May said in her message. For millennia, the descendants of those Moses led to freedom have continued to face hatred, discrimination and violence. It’s a situation that continues to this day, including, I’m sad to say, here in Britain. It’s something I have consistently taken action to tackle, both through investing in security to protect our Jewish communities and through education, with the creation of a national Holocaust memorial to remind us all where hatred can lead if left unchecked,” she

continued. The latest figures released by UK antisemitism watchdog the Community Security Trust found that the number of anti-Semitic hate incidents in the country reached a new high in 2017. May's message came at the end of a week in which outrage among the Jewish community and its supporters over anti-Semitic incidents in and surrounding the Labor Party bubbled to the surface, with over 2,000 people gathering outside the UK parliament to challenge Labor Party leader Jeremy Corbyn's failure to tackle the issue. (J.Post)

**ANTI-SEMITISM IS PLAGUING BRITAIN'S LABOR PARTY:** Britain's Labor Party, by its own admission, has an anti-Semitism problem. So, to some extent, does the USA Democratic Party. But in Labor's case, the problem involves the party's leader and candidate for prime minister, Jeremy Corbyn. And it goes far beyond just associating with hatemongers. Corbyn, an avowed hard-left activist, has turned a blind eye not just to anti-Jewish attacks on Israel, but to the kind of caricatures that were a staple of Nazi Germany. By a top Labor official's own account, more than 150 party officials, candidates and legislators have been expelled or forced to resign over the expression of hateful views since Corbyn took over in 2015 - and 70 more cases are outstanding. But it's Corbyn himself - and the repeated examples of his blind eye to anti-Semitism and anti-Semites - who remains most troubling.

It recently came out that in 2012 he opposed removing a mural depicting hook-nosed Jewish bankers playing Monopoly on the backs of the poor. He's been a member of five Facebook groups whose members routinely share anti-Jewish conspiracy theories. Nor is he alone: London's Sunday Times just broke fresh news of a dozen Corbyn aides who belong to Facebook groups where anti-Semitic posts are common. Moreover, a top Labor official resigned days ago after calling for reinstatement of a local candidate who'd stepped down after endorsing an article that claimed the Holocaust was a hoax. Labor MPs who've raised the issue are subjected to online abuse and an all-too-popular petition claiming they're part of a "smear campaign" controlled by a "very powerful special-interest group." A now-contrite Corbyn says it's easy to recognize anti-Semitism abroad but "harder when it is closer to home." Especially when you shut your eyes tight. (NY Post)

**TO RUN 100 TIMES FASTER:** Researchers have created technology that will enable our computers, text messages and phone calls to run 100 times faster through terahertz microchips. Until now, the major challenges that stood in the way of creating the terahertz microchip were overheating and scalability. However, following three years of extensive research, Hebrew University of Jerusalem physicist Uriel Levy and his team have shown proof of concept using flash memory technology. "This discovery could help fill the 'THz gap' and create new and more powerful wireless devices that could transmit data at significantly higher speeds than currently possible," said Levy. "In the world of high-tech advances, this is game-changing technology," he added. (Israel 21c)

**ISRAELI PASSOVER SEDER AT UN DRAWS 60 ENVOYS:** A model pre-Passover Seder conducted by Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon was attended by more than 60 ambassadors and senior diplomats from all over the world last week in honor of the Passover holiday. "While we are preparing to celebrate the Festival of Freedom and the struggle of the ancient Jews against bondage and slavery, the Iranian regime continues to threaten Israel and to spread terror throughout the Middle East," Danon told the attendees. The Seder was organized by Israel's Mission to the United Nations, in cooperation with the European Coalition for Israel, and included ambassadors from four continents. Founding Director of the European Coalition Tomas Sandell stressed the importance of the experience, noting that it would "help explain, among many other things, the long and unbroken connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel." (Algemeiner)

**HAMAS LAUNCHES CONFRONTATION CAMPAIGN ON ISRAEL'S BORDER:** Hamas and other Palestinian terror organizations have begun mobilizing the Palestinian public to participate in a series of

ongoing events that will take place over the course of six weeks. Hamas has called for thousands of Gaza residents, particularly women and children, to set up tent camps as close as they can to Israel's southern border. It is from these camps that the marched toward and conflicts at the Israeli border fence have been launched. While the campaign is being presented to the world as a peaceful enterprise, there is no doubt that this latest Hamas ploy is aimed at igniting a violent confrontation with Israel. Israel has the full right to defend its borders, protect its citizens, and prevent illegal infiltration into its territory. Responsibility for any clashes that may arise will lie solely with Hamas and the other Palestinian organizations who have manufactured this entire campaign. Israel has no territorial claims on Gaza. Israel left Gaza in 2005. There is no occupation of Gaza. Nor is there any siege on Gaza. Tons of essential goods enter Gaza from Israel on a daily basis, while Israel also continues to provide for electric power and water. Restrictions are only placed on materials used for the military build-up of Hamas and other terror groups. (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**IDF SPOKESMAN: THIS IS A DEMONSTRATION OF TERROR:** IDF Spokesman Ronen Manelis addressed on Friday afternoon 30 March, 2018 the disturbances on the Gaza border, stressing that the incident was not over. "This is a demonstration of terror in which some 30,000 demonstrators are taking part," he said. "Every time there were attempts to harm the border fence, we harmed the terrorists," continued Manelis. "There were those who were injured during terror attacks on the fence, all of whom are between the ages of 18 and 30. Most of them are known to be terrorist operatives, with one of them being a senior member of Hamas. There is information about intentions to take advantage of this incident for terrorist purposes and large forces remain in the area for this reason," the IDF Spokesman added. The protesters burned tires and threw firebombs and rocks at the border and at IDF forces. Israel expects the demonstrations to continue for weeks. We are ready for any scenario," an army official said as the Jewish holiday of Passover began Friday evening. (Arutz-7)

**WHY FOOLISH GAZA WEEPS:** About nine thousand Israeli residents within Gaza were instructed to leave the area or face eviction by the night of Tues. 9 Aug. 2005. Ariel Sharon who was then Prime Minister decided to test the hypothesis that Israelis could trade "land for peace." He ordered the evacuation of all Israelis from the Gaza Strip - forcibly removing those who refused to quietly leave homes, thriving businesses, community hubs and synagogues. He hoped Gaza would become a peaceful place for the Palestinians whose leaders would focus on economic development. Instead it led to wars between Gaza and Israel in 2008, 2012, and 2014. Gaza became a base for terrorist groups and to this day, Israel's southern and coastal communities remain victims of on-going terrorist rocket fire and terrorist tunnel threats.

Residents of Jewish communities expelled during the 2005 Gaza Disengagement lost homes, thriving greenhouses and other agricultural businesses. Many of these tragic Jewish figures are still unemployed and living with their families in cramped caravans or small crowded apartments. Jewish refugees dispelled from their land by the Sharon Administration left behind empty houses and mature enterprises for Gaza Arabs to take over. Thousands of Palestinians had years of experience working for Jewish employers. With innovation and work from Arab farmers, what the Jews left behind could have been a paradise of industry and financial support for Gazans. Instead they broke up greenhouses and sold the parts, neglected the agriculture and destroyed the houses. A few former Jewish worship centers – those that were left standing - continue to be used as terrorist training camps in which kidnapping and urban warfare is practiced. International funding, which could have helped Gaza to build, roads, parks, water facilities, schools and enterprises, have been used to purchase and smuggle military supplies to use against Israel. Gaza has torn down her own house, and her people weep. (JNN)

**DANON ON IRAN DEAL: IN 45 DAYS THE RULES OF THE GAME WILL CHANGE:** Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon has cautioned the permanent members of the Security Council on the upcoming deadline regarding the Iranian nuclear deal. "We are now at a critical juncture. It is the last chance to correct the mistakes of the past and recognize that we all must set off on a new path aimed at reining in Iran's reckless behavior. To the permanent members of this Council I have a simple message: do not miss this opportunity. In forty-five days the clock will run out and the rules of the game will change," he said at a meeting of the Security Council. "You now have a choice to make. Either decide to work with the Americans and support their genuine efforts to make the Middle East a safer place - or choose Iran and enable a dangerous regime. I urge you to make the right choice," added Danon. USA President Trump, who has blasted the 2015 nuclear deal as "the worst deal ever negotiated", recently decided to extend a waiver on nuclear sanctions that were imposed on Iran. He made clear, however, that it would be the last time he will do so and ordered European allies and Congress to work with him to fix "the disastrous flaws" in the 2015 deal or Washington would withdraw. The deadline for the European signatories to the deal to fix it is 12 May, 2018. (Arutz-7)

**CHRISTIANS FLEE PA OPPRESSION:** Dr. Ephraim Herrera, an expert on Islamic studies, explained how Muslim oppression is causing Christians to leave the city of Bethlehem, where they were once the majority. "Before the Palestinian Authority took control of these territories, about 85% of the population of Bethlehem were Christian citizens, and now they are less than 10% because the Palestinians prevent them from applying their faith and performing their customs and their prayers," said Dr. Herrera. "Therefore, they fled from here." He pointed to nearby Beit Jala, which has a predominantly Christian population. "You see Beit Jala. I used to go there and to buy from Christian's oil and eggs and we lived in peace with them. And now we cannot go there because they will kill me just for the fact I am a Jew. No Jew can live there. And the Christians are oppressed there." He said the Palestinian Authority (PA) accuses Israel of committing the very crimes the PA itself commits. "Saeb Erekat, who belongs to the Fatah committee, said that we oppress the Christians in Israel. We are the only country in which the Christians live in peace and they can have their faith and practice it in all the Middle East." (Arutz-7)

**SAUDI CROWN PRINCE HOLDS FIRST-EVER MEETINGS WITH JEWISH LEADERS:** Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman met with a number of Jewish leaders on 28 March, 2018 in New York, Bloomberg reported. The visit was the first time the crown prince has met with any Jewish leaders. "The meeting emphasized the common bond among all people, particularly people of faith, which stresses the importance of tolerance, coexistence, and working together for a better future for all of humanity," stated the Saudi Embassy. Mohammed Bin Salman has been in the United States for a three-week tour to meet with senior USA officials, including President Trump and Jared Kushner. In an interview last month with CBS, the Saudi royal vowed to build an atomic arsenal of his own should Iran get nuclear capabilities. "Saudi Arabia does not want to acquire any nuclear bombs, but without a doubt if Iran developed a nuclear bomb, we will follow suit as soon as possible," the Crown Prince said. Since his sudden appointment as Crown Prince, Prince Mohammed has consolidated power, announcing crackdowns on both terrorism and corruption. During an international business summit in Nov. 2017 he announced that the ultra-conservative kingdom would adopt a moderate and open interpretation of Islam. (Arutz-7/Blumbergs)

**ISRAELI DOCTORS PERFORM LIFESAVING SPINAL SURGERIES IN ETHIOPIA:** Eight Israeli doctors, two nurses and one physical therapist from the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem traveled on the mission last week to the city of Mekelle, in the African country's north. The Israeli medical team performed five surgeries at the Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital, which serves some 8 million patients but

does not have a spine surgeon, according to Dr. Josh Schroeder, a spine surgeon at Hadassah who led the mission. The patients, all aged 18 and under, had spine deformities so severe that they were causing potentially lethal complications, including pressure on internal organs and lung infections. The surgeries were complex, with some taking eight hours. "The problem with pediatric cases is if you don't treat them in time, they progress," he said, "and these cases were so bad that if we wouldn't have operated on these children, at least half of them would be dead by next year." In addition to performing the surgeries, the Israelis also provided medical training to Ayder staff. (JTA)

**PASSOVER 2018:** Passover, a seven day commemoration of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt, begins this year in Israel at sunset Friday, 30 March and ends at nightfall on Shabbat, 7 April. Families and friends across the country will gather in homes, halls and hotels to celebrate the annual Seder meal. Together the nation will recall in song and story the biblical deliverance, under the leadership of Moses, from the slave pits of Egypt, the ten plagues preceding it, and escapes from death because of the blood of the Passover lamb. Unleavened bread called matzos will be eaten throughout the holiday, and sweets made with matzo, corn and potato flour will accompany daily meals. Our Vision for Israel team extends warmest holiday greetings to our friends near and far.

**2,000-YEAR-OLD COINS DISCOVERED IN TIME FOR PASSOVER:** Coins dating from the Roman-Jewish War (66-73 AD) were discovered by archaeologists in a cave near the south wall of the Temple Mount on 26 March, 2018. During archaeological digs run by Dr. Eilat Mazar from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, dozens of bronze coins as well as numerous fragments of pottery, mainly jars and cooking pots, from the Great Revolt period were discovered in a large cave measuring 7 x 14 meters. The discovery of the coins, which were dated from the period of the destruction of the Second Temple, was given particular significance as they were found just before Passover, a celebration of Jewish freedom and self-determination. The coins are decorated with various Jewish emblems including a palm tree that symbolized the tribe of Judah and a cup which was used in the Temple. The coins were well preserved, Dr. Mazar said, because they were used only briefly and sheltered by the cave in which they were discovered. Another unusual phenomenon in regards to this discovery is that such a large cave, which was partly visible, remained isolated after the destruction of the Second Temple, and for thousands of years it was virtually untouched. (J.Post)

**EMBASSY MOVE: 'THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT':** Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon signed a special waiver on Wed. 28 March 2018, permitting the USA State Department to upgrade a facility designated to serve as America's interim embassy in Israel. The move comes after diplomats from both countries expressed concern that plans by the USA to relocate its embassy from Tel Aviv to the Israeli capital in time for the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Israel on 14 May 2018 were jeopardized by bureaucratic red-tape. Kahlon issued the waiver permitting the USA to upgrade its consular facility in the Arnona neighborhood of Jerusalem to an embassy. "I'm happy and proud to use my authority as Finance Minister of the State of Israel to sign this order permitting President Trump to fulfill his promise to move the USA embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," said Kahlon. "This is a historic moment we have awaited for many years. This order is now signed after a great deal of work carried out in a short period of time." (Arutz-7)

**ISRAEL IS THE STAR AT A NATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE IN MISSISSIPPI:** The International Homeland Defense and Security Summit, organized by the Mississippi state government, was held earlier this month in Biloxi. Representatives of 16 Israeli companies attended, along with a delegation from the Israel Defense Ministry. Gov. Phil Bryant told the conference, "If there's anyone that knows about homeland security, it's the Israelis. They have a tough neighborhood they live in." Companies specializing in

security technology included Smart Shooter, which promises to make guns more accurate. Magal Security Systems is a border security sensor system that's used on Israel's northern and southern frontiers. Its technology helps secure the perimeters of prisons, power plants and Secret Service sites in the USA. Beeper is a surveillance system - already deployed by the Israeli military and police departments in Baltimore and Houston - that can pinpoint where a gun is fired and instantly video who fired the weapon. Israel Aerospace Industries has two facilities in Mississippi. (JTA)

**ISRAELIS TO ENJOY ONE LESS HOUR OF WORK PER WEEK:** Overworked and underpaid Israelis will get a rare break, as the government has decided to shorten the official workweek by one hour, without cutting pay. Starting 1 April 2018 the workweek will be cut to 42 hours, after which employees will get paid overtime. This will be the first time since 1995 that the Israeli workweek has been shortened. Night workers will also benefit, as employees will not be allowed to work more than seven graveyard shifts in two weeks. Salaries are not expected to be reduced, leading to an increase in average hourly wages. Israelis tend to spend more time in the office than workers in other developed countries. In 2016, Israelis worked on average of 1,889 hours per year, higher than the OECD average of 1,763 hours. Workers in France and Denmark enjoy 35- and 37-hour workweeks, respectively, while Americans labor for 40 hours before they become eligible for overtime pay. (J.Post)

**NFL PLAYERS CHAMPION ISRAELIS WITH DISABILITIES:** A delegation of 30 football players from the National Football League came for a special visit to the Shalva National Center in Jerusalem this week. Shalva is an all-encompassing campus with a range of services for disabled individuals and their families from infancy to adulthood. The delegation of the 30 NFL players consisted of both retired and current players, including a number who wore the coveted Super Bowl Ring. Over the course of their visit, the athletes learned about various available programs and toured the different facilities. The players ended their tour by playing catch with youth at the center who had trained with representatives of the Israel football league in preparation for the NFL delegation's visit. "The NFL players' visit was very powerful and focused on the ability in the midst of disability. The Shalva youngsters greatly enjoyed the interaction while the players were inspired to further their own roles as ambassadors of change in their communities," said Shalva founder and President Kalman Samuels. (J.Post)

**ISRAELI FIRM LAUNCHES CIRCULATION – STIMULATING SMART SOCKS:** Smart socks that provide continual treatment for those suffering from poor circulation in their legs have been created by Israeli start-up Elastimed. The device uses smart materials to stimulate blood circulation, says CEO and founder Omer Zelka. "The device actually massages the patient's leg to improve circulation, helping the heart pull the blood all the way from the legs, a distance of about five feet. The way we do it is by smart material that is capable of changing its size according to an electric pulse," explains Zelka. "This electrical pulse is the main engine of the device, controlling the intensity of the compressions. Once we apply the electrical current the material expands and once we disconnect the current it contracts. When we wrap the material around the leg the contraction creates compression, so by applying three or four of these straps around the leg we can squeeze the leg upwards in a massage motion to build up circulation," Zelka explains. The company says the device is also suitable for athletes to improve their recovery after intense activity and pregnant women whose feet and legs often swell from fluid retention. The device is due to kick-off sales by mid-2019. (J.Post)

**ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY ABLE TO MAKE WATER FROM THIN AIR:** Israeli PM Netanyahu hailed an extraordinary water-generation technology invented in Israel that he declares "can change the world". In a speech to AIPAC in March, the Israeli leader told the story of an African woman who used to walk eight

hours a day to give water to her children - four hours one way to a well, four hours back. "Now, an Israeli firm has designed a device that produces clean drinking water from ambient air, literally transforming her life," said Netanyahu. He calls it "technology that improves on Moses. You remember Moses?" Netanyahu quipped. "He brought water from a rock. They bring water from thin air," he said. "They bring water to Africa, to millions of people in Africa - Israeli technology." (Newsmax)

**LIONS WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE AT THE RAMAT GAN SAFARI:** The phrase "wake up and smell the coffee" took on new meaning at the Ramat Gan Safari near Tel Aviv this week when the zoo's lions got a morning whiff of the powdered black gold. But for the predatory felines, strong-smelling coffee was something not to sip, but rather to roll around in to cover their bodily scents from prey. After their keeper, Yifat, had spread black coffee on the ground and released them from their night enclosure, the big cats spent more than a half hour making sure that they smelled of coffee. It's the same instinct that encourages domestic dogs to roll around in the stinkiest places while out on a walk. The idea was one of many that Safari staff think up to encourage the animals to behave as they would in nature. (Times of Israel)



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