

Home News

Published 00:00 10.02.05 | Latest update 00:00 10.02.05

# Soap said made from Jews in Holocaust found in Israel

By Haaretz Service and Amiram Barkat

Get Haaretz on iPhone

Get Haaretz on Android

A box of soap which, according to the Romanian Jewish community, was made from the bodies of Jews killed in the Holocaust was found Thursday in a funeral home in Magdiel in central Israel, Army Radio reported.

The box was buried under a tombstone that read "Soap of Holy People."

Sources at Yad Vashem expressed disappointment at the radio report, calling the story a "pure invention that was given a stage by the media."

A Yad Vashem spokeswoman said there is no proof the Nazis made soap from human bodies during the Holocaust.

The sources said similar claims have been made in the past regarding soap made from Jewish bodies, including soap found last year in the Nahariya cemetery. In that case the soap was determined not to have been made from human remains.

In 1990 samples from several soaps claimed to have been made from Jews were sent for DNA testing at Tel Aviv University. Likewise, those tests determined the soaps did not contain human fats.

The director of the Jewish burial society Hevra Kadisha, Moti Elbaum, informed Army Radio of the discovery.

"I was very surprised and terrified. I didn't know that in Israel there is a grave for soap that was made from saints that were placed on the fire," said Elbaum. "It is shocking and horrifying. Each time we are shocked more and more by the things that were done to our nation."

The daughter and associates of the rabbi that performed the burial ceremony said he asked to be buried in a grave next to the soap grave. His associates also expressed anger at the reaction of Yad Vashem casting doubt on the authenticity of the soap. Holocaust survivors claim that the soap was engraved with writing that said it was made from fat from Jewish bodies.

## People who read this article also read:



Scandal in Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's family rocks Shas (Haaretz - News)



Uproar after Jewish American newspaper publisher suggests Israel assassinate Barack Obama (Haaretz - News)



Human Rights Watch reports 'serious violations' in Israel, Palestinian territories (Haaretz - News)



The Comeback King: Flywheels Make a Surprise Return to the 21st Century (ecomagination)



Britain Bans Dakota Fanning's Marc Jacobs Fragrance Ad (The High Low)

## News



Israeli film 'Footnote' nominated for Oscar award

0 comments



Israel Attorney General to investigate Jerusalem mufti for incitement

0 comments



EU to push Israel, Palestinians to return to full peace talks

0 comments



Hamis leader to make historic visit to Jordan

0 comments

Print Page

Send to a friend

Share

Text Size + | -

Follow us on Twitter

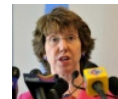
Become a Haaretz.com Facebook friend

## Haaretz Headlines



Iran: EU oil sanctions will have 'serious consequences'

12 comments



EU to push Israel, Palestinians to return to full peace talks

0 comments



Hamis leader to make historic visit to Jordan

0 comments



Israeli film 'Footnote' nominated for Oscar award

0 comments

## Most Popular

24 hours

Bedouin take control of Egypt holiday resort, demand \$660,000 ransom

42 comments

The assassination that changed Turkey's minds over Armenia

0 comments

South Korea looking to buy Israel's Iron Dome aerial defense system

18 comments

[?] Iran: EU oil sanctions will have 'serious consequences'

12 comments