

## Search for lost Bible pages accelerates

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JERUSALEM -- A global search has accelerated for missing pages of the world's oldest Hebrew Bible that disappeared 60 years ago in Syria. The Ben-Zvi Institute is enlisting the help of former residents of Aleppo, Syria, where nearly half of the pages of the ancient Bible disappeared during anti-Jewish riots, The Washington Times said. "We are appealing to the older members of Aleppo's once-great Jewish community, who are scattered throughout the world, to look for the missing fragments and bring them to us," Zvi Zameret, the institute's director, told the Times. The 1,000-year-old text is called the Aleppo Codex. "It is the most reliable version of the Old Testament," Israeli archaeologist Gabriel Barkay told the Times.

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