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## **Israel brings in 19 Yemeni Jews in final immigration push**

Israel has brought in 19 Jews from war-ravaged Yemen in what immigration officials described as the last covert operation to move members of a dwindling Jewish community dating back two millennia. According to Reuters, seventeen people arrived late on Sunday, including a man who doubled up as the rabbi and kosher butcher in the northern Yemeni town of Raydah, carrying a 500-year-old Torah scroll, said officials. Two others came in a few days earlier. The sacred manuscript's departure from Yemen marked the de facto end of a community that has lived alongside its Muslim neighbors for centuries, only to be driven out by a surge in fighting and political turmoil. "This is a moment of utmost significance for the state of Israel and Jewish immigration," the head of the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency for Israel, Natan Sharansky, said in a statement. After decades of airlifts of Yemeni Jews, the latest arrivals "brought the mission to its conclusion," he added.