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V’Achva, as well as the heads of the HSJE... that you continue in your persistent efforts, for this mitzvah is an actual redemption of captives....” Rabbi Yosef wrote.

“Our objective is very simple,” read a recent petition circulated by the HSJE. “We want to salvage our heritage before it’s too late. We want our children and grandchildren to know us better. We want to get back our life-cycle records, our genealogical records, our holy and secular books, our artifacts [and] our Torah scrolls--all the bits and pieces of our lost world that are still accessible.”
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