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News in Brief

About 164 million liters of water that could be used for drinking or irrigation are lost every day in drought-stricken Israel through leaks or failure to use treated sewage, a research institute said yesterday. According to the Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology, more potentially usable water is wasted every year than that reclaimed at sewage treatment plants. The institute, however, commended a number of municipalities; Ra'anana has been particularly good at sewage treatment. (Zafir Rinat)