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■ The town of Dimona, Israel, is now the official home of the African Hebrew Israelites, who originally settled here more than 30 years ago. The group, who immigrated to Israel from the United States and has never—until now—been recognized as Jewish by the Israeli government, has grown from 300 members to roughly 3,000. Popularly referred to as “the Black Hebrews,” the completely vegan group plans to develop a tourism-oriented holistic wellness resort complete with restaurants and health clinics on land given to them by the Israeli government. Medical researchers in the US studying the group found levels of hypertension, obesity, and high cholesterol—conditions usually common in African-American populations—to be much lower than average. *Reuters* **VN**

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