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Letters to the Editor

The continuing widely-circulated stories about your 2008 Presidential candidates, Iowa “kerry” and McCain’s anti-Israeli stances, may give people a false impression of the Jewish louse regarding treatment of world events.

The commentaries in the Postville Leader do not “require the prevention of the suffering of any creature” — they have little meaning in the faces of the old Jewish laws, which talk about sacrifice of the sick and the suffering in the world.

Believe the Jews preserved the concept of kindness to animals as a commandment 1,000 years ago, and it is mentioned throughout the entire Bible and Jewish law. Even the belief of the entire creation of the earth, which requires that farmers be kind to animals, is a commandment of the earth on day of rest on the Sabbath. So the Almighty must have felt the kindness to animals was important.

Significantly, the first commandment to humans (Genesis 1:22-25) concern the welfare and survival of animals, and the responsibilities toward them. God’s very first action in the world (Genesis 1:22) was to the birds, whales, fish and the sea, to “be fruitful and multiply” and fill the areas and the seas. His first commandment in terms of Genesis (1:28) was to “replenish the earth, and have dominion over it” (stewardship) over every living creature.

Jews are not allowed to pass by an animal in distress or ignore animals being mistreated. This is the Sabbath. Yet this is exactly what we do when we carry as客运 products animals that are treated cruelly.

It is only a “shanda,” a shameful thing, that a kosher label can appear on products resulting from the massive abuse and suffering of millions of factory-farmed creatures who spend their entire lives in misery, fear, and anxiety, and in the painful and usually bloody way, they are butchered. Our sages have said: “in cultic offerings, the concept of the name of the Lord. As an editorial in the Jewish newspaper “The Forward” on November 19, 2008 observed: “The behavior attributed to the Almighty must have felt that people would abuse people and animals in our name. That people would abuse people... The Almighty must have felt that this is behavior that Jewish people are at the forefront of... And one of the best ways to do that is behavior that Jewish people are at the forefront of... To allow our animals an entire life of his beast.”

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