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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 110**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION  
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE  
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

**LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES**

## **RAV KOOK: IT IS A TRAGEDY WHEN WE FALL IN LOVE WITH THE GALUT**

"Eretz Yisrael is the Land of our life, in every way, whether national, historical, social, or personal. Even in the aspect of our physical well-being and health. The atmosphere of Eretz Yisrael is our atmosphere. These mountains, these hills, these valleys, Jerusalem, Hevron, and Shechem, in both their spiritual and physical meanings, they are bonded to us," Rav Tzvi Yehuda said.

"And if, due to the routineness of our lives, we forget this connection - this is a catastrophe. It is a tragedy when we fall in love with the Galut. It is written in the Torah portion, Mishpatim, that after six years, a Hebrew slave must go free. If he refuses, saying, I loved my master - I won't go out to freedom, (Exodus, 21:5) this is an awful thing. Likewise, when we fall in love with the Galut, saying, 'I loved my master, the foreign nation,' this is a tragic mistake."

"We need to foster the understanding, and the feeling, that we must live in Israel, that this is our normal place, in terms of religion, and in terms of our nationhood. If we are not here, we are unhealthy. And from time to time, the gentiles remind us that we are living in their domain, in an alien land."

See the Netziv', in a discourse on the Galut, appended to his commentary to Shir HaShirim, where he writes that anti-Semitism erupts when the Jewish people forget they are Jewish, and Hashem sends the gentiles to remind them. Also, see, Meshach Chochmah, Pgs. 171-172. And, Metzudat David, on Ezekiel 20:33-34: And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered. with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with anger poured out: "By putting in the hearts of the nations that they expel them (the exiled Jews) and banish them from their lands. "

"This must be clear before anything else - no matter where a Jew is, he belongs only to Eretz Yisrael. This is his permanent home. Outside the Land, we have the status of guests. For two or three years, it is possible to be there, in order to fulfill a mitzvah, but the aim of our life is to be here."

(From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

**PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON**