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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 116**

**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

**"THE GEULA," RAV TZVI YEHUDA SAID,
"STANDS IN CONTRAST TO THE GALUT, OUR
EXILE FROM THE LAND OF ISRAEL".**

Geula is the opposite of Galut. What is Galut? An aberration. For instance, in our normal state, we need to be here, the entire nation of Israel, in the Land of Israel. And all of Eretz Yisrael needs to be in our hands. Thank G-d, Hashem's light is now shining upon us, and increasing, little by little, in gradual stages. How different things were before the establishment of the State of Israel, when we were outside the Land, and the gentiles were in it, and the possibility for a Jew to enter Eretz Yisrael rested in foreign hands. This was a time of Galut. We've progressed a bit since then and are returning to a normal condition: Eretz Yisrael is now in our hands! Jerusalem is now in our hands! And we are now independent! This process unfolds in stages. Just as Hashem can bring the redemption through miracles, He can do it without miracles, in a simpler way, through a natural process, via the conquest and settlement of Eretz Yisrael."

"The redemption which is unfolding before us appears in stages - not all at once," Rav Tzvi Yehuda said.

This was a teaching that Rabenu emphasized. The Jerusalem Talmud (Massechet Berachot) compares the redemption to a sunrise, which dawns gradually, slowly spreading its light out over the sky. We progress slowly, very slowly. Often in stages, which at first glance, seem opposed to our Holy Torah. Phenomenons like the non-religious pioneers, and Israel's present form of Statehood, must be viewed in their true light, Rav Tzvi Yehuda taught, as important, and Divinely ordained steps on the way to our true and ultimate Geula.

(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