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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 118**

**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

**WHEN THE WORLD IS VIEWED IN ITS PROPER
LIGHT - AS HASHEM'S CREATION - THEN ITS
TRUE CENTER IS ERETZ ISRAEL**

Rav Tzvi Yehuda wanted to make this point clear to the visitors in the room. He was about to move the world map around, to rearrange the pieces into their proper plan. For the students from America who had studied world history, America was the pinnacle and purpose of creation. Likewise, the textbooks of the students from England portrayed Her Majesty's Empire as the cradle of civilization, and of course, for the Frenchman, the world's *raison d'etre* was France. Israel was hardly mentioned in their readings. The Fertile Crescent had been important, and Egypt and Mesopotamia merited chapters, yet King Solomon's influence over the world was not even given a glance. Rav Tzvi Yehuda wanted us to be aware of something very different. When the world is viewed in its proper light - as Hashem's creation - then its true center is Israel! As it states in the Torah, When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the Children of Israel.(Deut. 32:8) Israel is the heart of the nations. Hashem's focus in the world is here.

"The Master of the Universe created the world and gave it to mankind. The heavens belong to Hashem, and the earth He gave to man. (Tehillim, 115:16) He divided mankind into groups and apportioned each group its country, arranging mankind in a historical, developmental order. Thus, peoples with interests in common formed into communities and nations in the lands suited to their natural needs and growth. This distribution revolved around one particular nation, a special Divine creation, distinguished from the rest. He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. (Deut. 32:8)

(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