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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 119**

**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**

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MERCY OF THE GENTILES WHEREVER WE  
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The Rosh Yeshiva wanted us to understand that Israel is truly unique, a special Divine creation, independent of the natural evolution of mankind, in effect a different species of man individuals, and yet a Divine collective. The sins which had led to the destruction of the Temple and to our national life in Israel, had interfered with our task of leading the world toward a knowledge of Hashem. Gentile nations temporarily rose in our stead, bringing a material rule to the world. In the exile, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome imposed their cultures over mankind, while Israel's great spiritual message was dimmed. We were a kingdom stripped of our glory, our pride, and our Land.

The idea that Israel was the center of the nations was a preposterous thought, as the King in the Kuzari expresses. Seemingly, we were the lowest of peoples, at the mercy of the gentiles wherever we lived. However, our glory was sure to return. If not for our sake, then for the glory of our Creator: Thus says the Lord G-d: I do not do this for your sakes, O House of Israel, but for My holy Name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned among the nations ...For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own Land. (Ezekiel, 36:22-24)

**(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**