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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 125**

**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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REFUSING TO OBEY HIS COMMAND TO GO UP AND  
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“And when the Lord sent You from Kadesh Barnea, saying, Go up and possess the Land which I gave you, and you rebelled against the Lord your G-d, and you did not believe in Me, and did not listen to My voice”. (Deut. 9:23)

They didn't listen to Hashem in conquering and possessing the Land. Possessing the Land is a mitzvah, and the opposite is a rebellion against Hashem.”

Rav Tzvi Yehuda wanted the lesson of the Spies to be clear. The Torah is eternal. The Torah doesn't change. What was true in the time of Moshe Rabenu is true for us today. The Spies rebelled against Hashem by refusing to obey His command to go up and conquer Israel. The lack of Emunah, which their mutiny expressed, (Devarim 1:32) was a sin far greater than the sin of the golden calf, where only three thousand people were punished. (Exodus 32:28. And see, Kuzari, 1:97) Because of the sin of the Spies, the entire generation of men perished in the wilderness. This great wrongdoing was not limited to the masses, but included the Gedolim of Israel, as Rav Moshe Chaim Luzzato explains in Mesillat Yesharim: "They feared a lessening of their honor, lest, upon entering the 'Land, they would no longer be princes of Israel, and others would be appointed in their place. (Mesillat Yesharim, Chapter 11, on Honor. And Zohar, Numbers, 158A)

Tragically, many of our people make the same mistake today. They don't realize that living in the Land of Israel isn't a matter of personal choice. It is the underlying basis of Torah

(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**