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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 129**

**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

**"WHO WAS IT WHO ORIGINATED ISRAEL'S MILITARY
POSTURE? MOSHE RABENU. THE STRUCTURE OF ISRAEL'S
ARMY IS FROM THE TORAH
BARUCH HASHEM, WE DON'T CHOOSE BETWEEN MITZVOT,
LIKE CERTAIN 'ORTHODOX' JEWS DO. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE
TO CONQUER THE LAND WITHOUT SPILLING BLOOD,
CERTAINLY THIS WOULD BE BETTER.**

"Who was it who originated Israel's military posture? Moshe Rabenu. The structure of Israel's army is from the Torah. As a part of his learning and teaching, Moshe was to conduct the wars of Torah. As he comes to prepare for war, Moshe orders a roll call of, All who go forth to service in Israel, Numbers, 26:2. a statistical count with the wholeness of its physical body. It encompasses the exalted spirit of Israel, and the Shekhina, together with the practical requirements of an army in its most basic sense, as the nation of Israel faces the reality of entering the Land."

When Rav Tzvi Yehuda explained these matters, you could hear a special added meaning in his tone. He spoke with his usual forcefulness and certainty, but also with a matter-of-fact straightforwardness, as if he was merely reviewing what everyone already knew. Like the need to keep kosher, or to put on Tefillin, the precept .of compulsory war is a commandment like any other. And like any other commandment, it goes without question that a Jew must strive to fulfill it, with all of its details and laws.

...In addition to being our nation's holiest Tzaddik and Talmid Chacham, Moshe Rabenu was the Commander-in Chief of the Israeli army. Out of his exalted Kedusha, he had to leave his wife and move his tent outside the camp of the people, yet he led the nation in war. (Joshua, 12:6) Rashi tells us that in the war with Amalek, Moshe's arms grew tired, and needed support in punishment for not having led the battle himself. (Exodus, 17:12) This connection between Gedolei Yisrael and the army appears again and again in our history.

(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**