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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 131**

**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 FIRST GENERATIONS WERE READY TO SACRIFICE
THEIR LIVES FOR HASHEM'S NAME, AND WE DON'T
SACRIFICE OUR LIVES FOR THE SANCTITY OF THE NAME.
(BERACHOT 20A) WHEN THERE IS A WILLINGNESS TO GIVE
UP ONES LIFE FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AS WE HAVE
WITNESSED IN OUR TIME, THEN MIRACLES OCCUR TODAY.”**

What's different about the former generations, for whom miracles were performed, and our generation, which has no miracles? The first generations of Am Yisrael merited miracles. Later generations did not. The Gemara answers, The first generations were ready to sacrifice their lives for Hashem's Name, and we don't sacrifice our lives for the sanctity of the Name. (Berachot 20A) The Rishonim were more accustomed to situations of martyrdom. In the same light, when there is a willingness to give up ones life for the State of Israel, as we have witnessed in our time, then miracles occur today.”

**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.**

...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**