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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 136**

**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 PRECEPT OF LIVING IN ISRAEL

SUMMARY

- 1. The highest sanctification of Hashem occurs through the nation of Israel in Eretz Yisrael.**
- 2. Judaism is much more than an individual's private mitzvot. It is the constitution of the Jewish nation in its Land.**
- 3. The Kedusha of the nation, and the Kedusha of the Land are two facets of a single essence.**
- 4. Avraham Avinu is the foundation for the appearance of Am Yisrael in the world.**
- 5. In the order of the Psukei D'Zimrah prayer, the chosenness of the Land of Israel precedes the chosenness of the nation.**
- 6. The Kedusha of Eretz Yisrael is intertwined with the Kedusha of the nation.**
- 7. Moshe Rabenu's explanation of the Torah starts with the command to rise up and conquer the Land of Israel.**
- 8. The Kuzari states that the Torah was given in Sinai precisely because it is in Eretz Yisrael, and not in Chutz L'Aretz.**
- 9. The Ramban established the fundamental Halachic ruling that living in the Land of Israel, and conquering the Land, are commandments of the Torah which apply in every age.**
- 10. The Ramban explains that settling in Israel is a mitzvah**
- 11. The establishment of Jewish sovereignty over Eretz Yisrael, as seen in the State of Israel, is a commandment of the Torah.**
- 12. War is also the beginning of redemption.**

13. Tzahal, the Israel Defense Forces, is a precept of Torah.
14. The Chofetz Chaim encouraged Jews to serve in the armed forces of the gentiles to prepare themselves for service in Israel's army.
15. Like the need to keep Kosher, or to put on Tefillin, the precept of compulsory war is a commandment like any other.
16. Today, in settling the Land of Israel, we are fighting a Milchemet mitzvah, according to the definitions established by the Rambam and the Ramban.
17. Previous generations did not have the technical capability to fulfill this commandment, but today, the means have returned to our hands.
18. There is no contradiction whatsoever between Yeshiva learning and the obligation to serve in the Israeli army. Yeshivot are obligated to explain the importance of the army to their students, and at the same time, to explain to the nation the importance of developing an abundance of Talmidei Chachamim.
19. We have absolutely no right to relinquish any control over any piece of Eretz Yisrael.
20. The Milchemet mitzvah of conquering Israel and keeping it in our hands comes even at the risk of one's life.
21. We must guard against language which leads to discouragement and weakness, and not be afraid in settling the Land of Israel, even in the face of opposition from all of the nations of the world.
22. When there is a willingness to sacrifice one's life for the State of Israel, miracles occur.
23. All setbacks we face in settling the Land of Israel are temporary. Because of its staggering scale, the return of the Jewish people to Israel is beset with problems, but these have no lasting significance in light of Hashem's guarantee to return our nation to Zion.

(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