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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 140**

**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 RAMBAM, WHO DIDN'T INCLUDE LIVING IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL IN THE LIST OF 613 MITZVOT, BEHOLD, THIS ISN'T BECAUSE IT HAS LESS VALUE THAN THE OTHER MITZVOT; RATHER IT IS ABOVE THE USUAL VALUE. AND ALSO BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO THE UNDERLYING FOUNDATIONS OF SEFER HAMITZVOT, PRECEPTS WHICH ENCOMPASS ALL OF THE TORAH AREN'T INCLUDED IN THE LIST.” (L'NETIVOT YISRAEL, PART 1, P.117, HARAV TZVI YEHUDA HACHOHEN KOOK. JERUSALEM, 5727)**

**Rav Tzvi Yehuda guided us through a step-by-step understanding of this very deep concept, which, "Not every rabbi knew (Rambam, Sefer HaMitzvot, Positive Commandment 153) He explained that the calculation of the new moon, and hence of the months, and the years, and the dates on which the holidays fall, can be done only in the Land of Israel. (Ibid. Also see, Berakot 63A and 63B. Sanhedrin IIB. Deut. 12:5) This was performed by witnesses, who upon observance of the new moon, would travel to Jerusalem to testify before the Beit Din.( Mishna, Rosh HaShana, 1:3-3:1.) When the Sages saw that foreign persecution and rule over Israel threatened to disrupt the line of rabbinic ordination (Smichah) handed down from Moshe to the succeeding leaders of each generation (the Beit Din,) they sanctified, for all time, the calendar which we use today. (Rambam, Laws of Sanctifying the Month, 5:3)**

**The Rambam makes clear in the Sefer HaMitzvot, concerning Positive Command 153, which deals with the establishment of the months, that this calculation can only be done in Israel: "Know! This accounting of months which we calculate today, and know from this the beginning of the months and the holidays, is not allowed to be made, except in the Land of Israel, exclusively...and here lies a very great foundation from the axioms of our belief, which was not known or understood except among the deep learners of Torah. We only make this accounting today to know the day that the Jews living in Israel established, for from their accounting we calculate and establish the months today, and not by our observation of the new moon. We base our calculation on their fixing and not upon ours. And our accounting is nothing more than the substantiation of their words (Rambam, Sefer HaMitzvot, Positive Commandment 153) (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**