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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 141**

**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 HACHOEN KOOK. JERUSALEM, 5727)

The Rambam adds, "If we could suppose, for example, that the Children of Israel disappeared from the Land of Israel; G-d forbid the Almighty ever do this, since He has already promised not to totally erase or uproot all signs of the nation - then our reckoning of the months would not help us at all, in any way whatsoever, because we are not empowered to make the reckonings outside the Land of Israel.. .as we explained, From Zion shall go forth Torah. (Rambam, Sefer HaMitzvot, Positive Commandment 153)

**THE CHATAM SOFER EXPLAINS THE DEEP IMPORT OF
WHAT THE RAMBAM IS SAYING**

"If, G-d forbid, a single Jew wasn't living in Israel, even if there were Jews living outside the Land, this would be the destruction of the entire nation, G-d forbid.

The Rambam asserted that the times of the years, and the months, and the holy days which the Rishonim calculated were valid only if there were at least vine growers and farmers in Israel who would determine when the time had arrived.. .And if this wasn't so then the reckoning and sanctification of the early Sages would have no affect, and the entire Torah would be null, G-d forbid, and there wouldn't be any nation of Israel, G-d forbid, and our existence as a nation would be utterly destroyed, G-d forbid. But our Creator promised that this would not be. Responsa, Chatam Sofer, Yoreh Deah, Responsa 234

(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