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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 143**

**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

"IN CONTRAST TO THE GALUT," RAV TZVI YEHUDA SAID, "ERETZ YISRAEL IS OUR NATURAL, NORMAL, HEALTHY PLACE. THE PRINCIPAL MANIFESTATION OF HASHEM'S PRESENCE IS IN ERETZ YISRAEL.

The principal place of prophecy is Eretz Yisrael. The principal place of Torah is Eretz Yisrael. The Chofetz Chaim stated in his practical way, that the value of a commandment which a Jew performs in the Land of Israel, like putting on Tefillin, is twenty times greater than the performance of the same precept outside of the Land. (See L'Netivot Yisrael, Part 1, Pg.197) In Israel, the performance of a commandment is natural to our lives. Even song is possible only in Eretz Yisrael, as it says, How can we sing the Lord's song on foreign soil? (Tehillim, 137:4)

Fortunately, the yearning to return to Israel is inherent in the general nation. Rav Kook writes in Orot, that even in the Exile, "The Israeli flame grows stronger (Orat, Eretz Yisrael, 8) growing toward wholeness, and toward the regathering of our nation in our Land. This is a yearning which encompasses Clal Yisrael, yet, as Rav Tzvi Yehuda explained, there are different levels in its strength. The flame of Clal Yisrael is refracted into multitudes of sparks and rays. "The rays glow with valor in the hearts of the Tzaddikim," Rav Kook writes.(Orot, Eretz Yisrael, 8) Among the Tzaddikim, the foundations of the world, (Proverbs, 10:25) the fire of Israel is revealed in all of its force. However, Rav Tzvi Yehuda wanted us to understand that the fire, the yearning for completion, also exists hidden in the nation as a whole, even, "In the heart of every vacuous soul and sinner of Israel. (Orot, Eretz Yisrael, 8) Together, we rise to rebirth; we return to our life, in all of its fullness, in the return to our Land. This yearning for fulfillment is the foundation of Zionism, even among secular Jews. When the flame of this inner, national, Israeli spirit is felt among non-observant Jews, the Zionism which awakens is expressed in secular garb, but its source is a deep Kedusha, rooted in our national essence and psyche. (Letters, HaRav Avraham Yitzhak HaCohen Kook, Part 2, Letters 473, and 546; and Part 3, Letter 871) (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