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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 144**

**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 RETURN TO ZION: A TREMENDOUS RESURGENCE  
ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THE NATION, ON ALL OF ITS  
LEVELS: AMONGST THE NON-BELIEVERS AND SINNERS;  
AMONGST ORDINARY MEN; AND AMONGST THE TZADDIKIM**

Rav Tzvi Yehuda pointed to an expression of Israel's yearning for vital fulfillment in the writings of the Gaon, Rabbi Yehoshua of Kutna. He was one of the leading Torah scholars of his generation and the compiler of numerous responses to questions of law, the Yeshuot Malko.

Regarding the return to Zion which was gaining momentum in his time, he wrote, "There is no doubting that this is a great mitzvah, for the ingathering of the exiles is the beginning of the Geula. And especially since we have now seen a tremendous yearning, both amongst non-believers, amongst ordinary men, and amongst the righteous, we are close to absolute certainty that the spirit of redemption has budded. ( Responsa, Yeshuot Malko, Section 66)

"A national movement of Clal Yisrael has budded," Rav Tzvi Yehuda explained. "A tremendous resurgence encompassing all of the nation, on all of its levels: amongst the non-believers and sinners; amongst ordinary men; and amongst the Tzaddikim. This great yearning is not a casual thing, or a fortuitous concatenation of circumstances. One must see this as something from Hashem, especially when this yearning starts with, 'the non-believers' of Israel."

The yearning to live with full vitality, which finds its expression in the return of the nation to Israel, surrounds Clal Yisrael. This is a mitzvah which unifies all of Israel, and everyone longs to fulfill it. This yearning is the source of Zionism, even among non-observant Jews. Whether aware of this holy yearning or not, everyone who comes home to Zion is not only fulfilling an age-old dream, he is fulfilling the call of our prophets, and performing a precept which is equal in scale to all of the commandments of the Torah.( Em HaBanim Simaicha, Pgs. 58-59. Rabbi Yissachar Shlomo Teichtel)

(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**