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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 145**

**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

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY
JEW WHO COMES TO LIVE IN ISRAEL IS
FULFILLING A TORAH COMMANDMENT**

(See the interview with HaRav Tzvi Yehuda, Maariv, Erev Pesach, 5723) This is true whether he is an observer of Torah, or not; whether he knows it is a mitzvah, or not; whether he comes with the intention to do the mitzvah, or not (See the article by HaRav Gantz, in Machane Haredi, 7 Sivan, 5743. Berachot 57A) Contrary to this, every Jew who dwells in the Diaspora, even if he is religious, commits a transgression, and the religious Jew's transgression is certain, because he is not acting from a lack of intention (for he knows that he is not doing a mitzvah.) (Berachot 57A Rashi, "Because the Diaspora has no merit, rather it is a sin to dwell there.")

Rav Tzvi Yehuda stressed that the duty of Aliyah and settlement in Eretz Yisrael exists in all generations, even when gentiles rule in the Land, or when the majority of Jews are not observant.

"Therefore, the first obligation before us is the ingathering of our exiles, from all of the lands of the Diaspora, and the ingathering of every Jew, whether he is healthy or ill, whether he believes in the Torah, or denies it. Being a Jew today comes with the basic requirement to be in Eretz Yisrael. (See, Responsa, Tziz Eliezer, HaRav Eliezer Waldenberg, Section 7:48, Chapter 12.) Every Jew who comes to Israel brings back to Zion an aspect of the Shekhina from the exiled nation. (Orot, Orot Yisrael, 3) Every additional Jew who comes to Israel, and every additional tree which is planted in the soil of Eretz Yisrael, is another spiritual stage and step of the Geula - in the very same way that every additional piece of Torah which is learned, and every Yeshiva which is built, is another stage in the returning of Hashem's presence 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