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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 146**

**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 YEARNING FOR
THE LAND OF ISRAEL, A NEGATIVE
PHENOMENON OF SPEAKING EVIL
ABOUT THE LAND ALSO EXISTS.**

HaRav Shmuel Mohliver, who worked fiercely for the building of Israel and for Aliyah, was a Tzaddik and a Gaon in Torah. Rav Yitzhak Nissenbaum was his secretary, and he related a story in the name of HaRav Mohliver. A certain G-d-fearing Jew abandoned the Land of Israel and was accustomed to say bad things about it. HaRav Shmuel Mohliver said, 'This does not make sense. All of the Torah is filled with praise for Eretz Yisrael. How could a G-d-fearing Jew say the opposite of what is written in the Torah?' To explain, he told a parable: A Shidduch was once arranged between two young people. Before the meeting, the girl realized that she already knew the boy, and it was clear to her that he wasn't the right partner for her. However, she didn't want to embarrass the boy by not going to meet him. So she showed up disheveled and dirty in hopes that the 'boy wouldn't like her. This is similar to our case of the Jew who was expelled by the Land. This is a sign that something was at fault with him. However, the Lord loves every Jew and does not want to humiliate someone by expelling him outright from Eretz Yisrael, so He makes the Land appear in an opposite light from what the person hopes for, (and the person seemingly decides to leave the Land on his own.) (HaRav Yitzhak Nissenbaum, "Rishonim L'Zion," The Hebrew, New York, Edition, 46, 20 Tevet, 5681)

People of this sort are expelled from the Land in a gentle fashion, Rav Tzvi Yehuda said. They believe they are rejecting the Land, and don't realize that, in truth, the Land is rejecting them.

(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