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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 148**

**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

**THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CLAIM THAT THERE ARE
APIKORSIM (HERETICS) IN ERETZ ISRAEL, AND
THEREFORE IT IS DANGEROUS TO LIVE HERE, AS IF
THEIR JUDAISM IS SECURE IN THE GALUT**

Rabbi Eliahu Klotzkin answers with the law: A Jew should always live in the Land of Israel, even in a city where the majority of residents are idol worshippers, and not live outside the Land, even in a city where the majority are Jews. (Ketubot 110b) Rav Klotzkin emphasizes that this is also the law in a location where the majority are Sadducees and Jewish transgressors. Rav Klotzkin adds, 'For one isn't to nullify the performance of a precept because one decides, in his opinion, that the doing of the precept will lead to evil results (Megilla 17B)...as if one is permitted to intellectualize over the commandments of Hashem!' We learn this from Isaiah, the prophet, who rebuked King Hezekiah because he refused to marry. Hezekiah saw with Divine Inspiration that his children would not be righteous, so he abstained from the commandment to procreate. Isaiah rebuked him, saying, 'What do you have to do with the secrets of Hashem? You have to do what is commanded of you. And what is fitting in Hashem's eyes, He will do for Himself.' (Berachot 10a)

This is also true regarding the mitzvah of living in Israel. Considerations of what the future will bring are for Hashem to decide. Our obligation is to obey the commandment. Furthermore, a Jew is not allowed to prevent others from fulfilling this mitzvah

"Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Shragai, who was responsible for matters of Aliyah in Israel, recounted that when he saw young people from North Africa and Yemen corrupted when they came to Israel, he asked the Gaon, HaRav Zvi Pesach Frank, ZTKL, Rabbi of Jerusalem, if it was worthwhile and permitted to continue to bring these Jews to Israel, or, on the contrary, to prevent them from coming. G-d forbid, HaRav Frank responded. It is an obligation to bring them. If they become corrupted, you are not the one responsible for that. First of all, Jews must come to Israel. Afterward, the proper frameworks must be provided for them. Here we have a clear Halachic decision."

(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**