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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 151**

**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

**IF THE OBLIGATION TO LIVE IN ERETZ YISRAEL IS SO
CLEAR, HOW CAN ONE EXPLAIN THE PHENOMENON THAT
THE MODERN PIONEERS OF ALIYAH AND SETTLEMENT
WERE NOT RELIGIOUS JEWS?**

RAV TZVI YEHUDA SAID THAT THIS ASSUMPTION SIMPLY WAS NOT TRUE "First of all, in the name of historical accuracy, the movement of Geula in our time did not begin with Herzl, but with (the religious group) Chibat Zion, the Lovers of Zion. At the head of this movement were Talmidei Chachamim of immense, holy stature, HaRav Tzvi Hirsh Kalisher, and HaRav Eliahu Guttmacher. Both of these men were graced with Divine spirit, and all of their words and deeds were directed toward Israel's Geula. Afterwards, when the movement spread, new spokesmen arose, and new directions developed, with a multiplicity of organizers and supporters. The Almighty brought these events about from many directions and sources. From four directions the Spirit comes.(Ezekiel, 37:9) The spirit of Hashem comes from every direction; through the physical world; through the phenomenon of anti-Semitism; through the national awakenings of foreign nations (and their wars;) and also through the secular side of Am Yisrael. "

A general lack of awareness concerning the religious beginnings of the Zionist movement has led to a distorted understanding of Zionism, and to many mistaken beliefs. Perhaps the most damaging is the belief that the leading Torah scholars of the generation opposed the return of the Jewish people to Zion. A proper investigation of this subject deserves a chapter of its own. (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

In his work, Netiv Mitzvotcha (Netiv Emunah 6:10), the holy Kabbalist, R. Isaac'l of Komarno, comments on this: "And now, my brother, take heed! If in the days of our master, the Ari, there was such an enormous intensification of the kelipot, what are we to say during these bitter times? Surely, we should embrace anyone who bears the name of Israel and invoke merit and love upon him. All of his sinful deeds are a result of the strengthening of the evil forces and are due to the hardships and suffering which have caused him to lose his understanding. I swear by the Eternal G-d that all of the wicked Jews in this country, particularly those in Germany, are like infants who were kidnapped by Gentiles. They act under duress and speak out of ignorance. In an instant, they would all be willing to spill their blood like water - with love, happiness, and joyful dancing - for the sanctification of G-d's great name."

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