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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 155**

**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

**GREAT AND HOLY RABBIS WHO SUPPORTED
THE EARLY ZIONIST MOVEMENT**

**RABBI NAFTALI TZVI YEHUDA BERLIN, KNOWN AS
THE NETZIV OF VOLOZHIN, IS THE AUTHOR OF THE
TORAH COMMENTARY, HAAMEK DAVAR.**

He was the last Rosh Yeshiva of the influential Volozhin Yeshiva and was known for his unequivocal support of Zionism. For many years, HaRav Avraham Yitzhak HaCohen Kook learned under his personal tutelage. In a letter, the Netziv writes:

"Similarly, it is the will of G-d that the Land of Israel be settled, slowly, slowly, by the outcasts of Israel. Hashem altered the heart of the Czar, may his glory be exalted, and of his ministers, to allow us to form a committee and company to gather money to support our brethren who are working the Land, and craftsmen in the Land of Israel and Syria. And the fact that this committee acts in the knowledge and accordance of the government and its laws, is a sign that it is G-d's will to make a settlement in His Holy Land. It is upon us to rise and roar, in the spirit of the Land, and to act in accordance with the will of G-d in every possible way, whether with the physical work in the Land, in business, in craftsmanship, or in spiritual endeavors, especially in printing books which will help this great matter - and we shouldn't entertain thoughts that this great matter be otherwise, as some people may imagine. And it is especially an obligation on the Gedolim to participate in the will of G-d by giving counsel to the people which G-d has blessed to donate to this matter, and to the holy committee which was appointed in charge of settling the Land, and through this, they too will merit to see Israel settle in the Land where the Almighty resides (Shivat Zion, Pg.17)

(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