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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 158**

**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 SHLOMO HACOHN OF VILNA (THE HEAD OF THE VILNA BEIT
DIN, AND AUTHOR OF THE RESPONSA. BINYAN SHLOMO) SAID THAT
HE WAS AMAZED HOW RABBI CHAIM OF BRISK AND OTHER RABBIS
WERE NOT MORE CAREFUL IN THEIR HARSH DECLARATIONS
AGAINST MASSES OF JEWS.**

"The editors of the book perpetrated a vile deed in designating as 'heretics, disbelievers, and followers of Shabbatai Zvi,' a hundred thousand men of Israel who hold to the Zionist position, among them several hundred rabbis, Gaonim, Tzaddikim, and men of learning and fear of G-d, and wise, intelligent people. Therefore, it is forbidden for any Jew to possess the book, 'Light of the Just' in his house, and thus transgress, There shall not be in your house a shameful thing. For this book is bound to inflame a blaze of shameful controversy in the tents of Yaakov, and to split the house of Israel into pieces, G-d forbid." And, "How these rabbis left their pious ways to transgress a commandment of our Sages in Avot, to be like the students of Aharon, Loving peace and pursuing peace; loving mankind, and bringing them close to Torah, to send this fire into the hands of the editors of this book, to kindle the flame of controversy in the dwellings of Yaakov. Who can envision the end? Therefore, the obligation and mitzvah rests on those rabbis to repent and nullify the words of their letters in front of the public, for the honor of Torah and its students, and for the peace of the Israeli nation." Rabbi Shlomo HaCohen of Vilna. "The Advocate", year 5650)

When Herzl came to Vilna, Rabbi Shlomo HaCohen went out to greet him with a Torah scroll and showed him the honor due to a king. HaRav Abromsky told me: 'It's well known that Rabbi Shlomo's house was filled with Zionism. "

..."The Rabbi of Ostrovtsa exclaimed, 'What is going on here?! Hashem sent His holy children to build the Holy Land, and here people condemn 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**