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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 181**

**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

**OUR SAGES SAID: THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN OUR TIMES AND THE MESSIANIC ERA,
EXCEPT CONCERNING THE SUBJUGATION TO THE
GENTILE KINGDOMS. BERACHOT 34B.
RAMBAM, LAWS OF KINGS, 12:1-2**

"To a certain extent, we have already been liberated from their rule. We have successfully conquered large portions of Eretz Yisrael. This, to a certain degree, nullifies the rule of the gentiles. Yet it isn't enough for us to be situated in our Land to be freed from Galut. That is, first we have to be here, in our normal place - but as long as we are subjugated by foreign powers, we are still, to a certain degree, in Galut. (This appeared in a newspaper interview with Rav Kook, Maariv, Erev Pesach, 5723)

Although this stage of redemption had not reached completion, the Rosh Yeshiva said that with time, and with Hashem's help, we will perfect our liberation completely. "Baruch Hashem, in our time, we have a certain degree of rule over our Land, and our hold on it is strong. In this, we have achieved an important degree of Geula. This situation is more than the Atchalta D'Geula (the beginnings of redemption). This is already a sizable antithesis of Galut."

"In its overall meaning to Clal Yisrael, the ingathering of the exiles, the building of Eretz Yisrael, and the establishment of the State of Israel, have substantially erased the blemish of Galut. The Geula is confronting the Galut and overcoming it. We have already reached a degree of redemption, though it is not complete. The imperfection of Galut cannot be nullified by fighting directly against it. Galut resembles a shadow which can only be erased with light. The more we establish the light of Geula here, with a mighty Kedusha, with spiritual

...The Rabbi of Ostrovtza 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