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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 187**

**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**

**IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT OUR STATEHOOD DOES NOT START  
FROM THE PROCLAMATION IN THE TEL AVIV MUSEUM. RATHER, IT  
EVOLVES FROM THE HOLY WORDS OF THE RAMBAN THAT WE ARE  
COMMANDED BY THE TORAH TO POSSESS AND DWELL IN THIS LAND."**

Rabbi Kook taught that Hashem is restoring the nation of Israel to its Land. In contrast to the voices which sought to find fault with the Zionist State and its secular character, Rav Tzvi Yehuda guided us to see the events of our time with an enlightened understanding of our history...

...."Secularism doesn't lessen the essential Kedusha of the State (Chatam Sofer, Responsa, Vol. 6:190, Hashmatot, Rabbi Moshe Sopher: "And Eliyahu the prophet ran before Achav who transgressed the entire Torah (to honor him), and even so, it is incumbent to grant him (Ahav) exceptional respect, for this is a mitzvah which transcends rational comprehension (to honor even an unrighteous leader of Israel) and one who transgresses this is considered a sinner, like a person who doesn't wear Tefillin.") he said. "In the Gemara, our Sages explain that all of the material used in building the Temple became sanctified only after it was set into place. We build with the secular, and sanctify afterward. (Meilah 14A and 14B) Why is this? Because the Torah was not given to the Ministering Angels. Rashi explains that when they were constructing the Temple, they would buy all of the building materials with non-holy currency; or they would take all of the building requirements on credit, and, after the construction was finished, they made everything Kadosh.( Meilah 14A and 14B) This was enacted because our Sages realized that during the construction, workers would sit in the shade of the building to rest from the sun, and thus (improperly) benefit from something which had been dedicated exclusively to the use of the Sanctuary."

..."The Temple was built in this fashion, and this is the way the redemption of Israel develops, in stages, little by little.(Yerushalmi Berachot 1:1) Just as the stones used in building the Temple were not sanctified, so too, the building of Eretz Yisrael is accomplished by every segment of the nation of Israel; by the righteous, and by the less righteous. We build with the non-holy, even though this causes complications and problems, and, little by little, all of the various problems will vanish, and the sanctification of Hashem will appear in more and more light."

**(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**