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*"DWELLING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS EQUIVALENT TO
ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFREI, PARASHAT REE)*

**BEING IN THE GALUT NOWADAYS IS A GREAT
FAULT FOR JEWS. PERIOD**

Again and again, Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld exhorted the Jews of chutz la'Aretz to come to Eretz Israel. "Whoever has the means to come live in Eretz Israel and does not, will have to answer for it in Heaven," he would say. (Halsh Al HaChoma, II, 149)

"This must be clear before anything else - no matter where a Jew is, he belongs only to Eretz Israel. This is his permanent home. Outside the Land, we have the status of guests. For two or three years, it is possible to be there, in order to fulfill a mitzvah, but the aim of our life is to be here." (Rabbi Tzvi Yehuda HaKohen Kook TZK'L)

"It is important to understand that every Jew who comes to live in Israel is fulfilling a Torah commandment. This is true whether he is an observer of Torah, or not; whether he knows it is a mitzvah, or not; whether he comes with the intention to do the mitzvah, or not. Contrary to this, every Jew who dwells in the Diaspora, even if he is religious, commits a transgression, and the religious Jew's transgression is certain, because he is not acting from a lack of intention (for he knows that he is not doing a mitzvah.)" (Rav Tzvi Yehuda Kook quoted in Sefer Torat Eretz Israel)

Anyone who leaves Eretz Israel and resides outside of it, will be in your eyes as one who worships idols Massechet Ketuvot 110b

Every Jew has to resolve in his heart to go up to live in Eretz Israel...And truthfully it is an astonishment upon Israel that in every place Jews were stringent regarding the details of various Mitzvot, they spend great amounts of money in order to observe the Mitzvot, and why do you delay and abandon this beloved Mitzvah, a handle on which all the Torah depends?

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Please Hashem, Be good to Me according to Your will, and grant me with compassion and kindness and as a free gift, that I will soon merit to come to Eretz Israel, to the Eretz ha Keddosha, the Land our forefathers inherited, the Land which all the authentic Tzaddikim, wished with all their soul and desired to be there, and most of them came there... (Tefillah of Rebbe Nachman of Bresslov)