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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 193**

**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

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REWARD IS VERY GREAT, FOR THE SAKE OF G-D, I BEG THEM
NOT TO LEAVE ERETZ ISRAEL! G-D WILL HELP THEM. THE
MAIN THING IS NOT TO DESPAIR OR LOSE TRUST IN G-D.**

R' Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld was an ardent supporter of Poalei Agudath Israel. We would constantly seek his advice concerning the incessant stream of problems and disappointments that plagued us ... He was always encouraging and stressed that it was forbidden to fall victim to despair. On these occasions, he would recount to us his journey to the Holy Land - the grave peril of the frail ship and his inability to obtain even a roof over his head once he finally reached these shores. His young wife once complained of the constant hardships for which they had traded the years of guaranteed support in her father's house. 'That is precisely why we came here! In order to suffer the pains of acquiring Eretz Israel,' R' Yosef Chaim would comfort her.

...In the midst of one long conversation, R' Yosef Chaim suddenly became very serious and jumped up and exclaimed, 'So tell your friends [here in Eretz Israel] that their reward is very great. Their personal toil and effort on behalf of the Holy Land are as important as any of the institutions here, because they are creating the foundation of a religious settlement in Eretz Israel. Go and tell your friends in my name that for the sake of G-d, I beg them not to leave Eretz Israel! G-d will help them. The main thing is not to despair or lose trust in G-d. One of this age's biggest problems is that people have grown accustomed to comfort and are not trained to bear hardship. For example, not long ago a young man came to me and explained that he was being compelled to leave Eretz Israel because he was unable to earn more than one pound a week. This is the tragedy of our youth! I, Baruch Hashem, live on sixty cents a week and do not need more. Yet this young man is forced" to leave because he cannot earn more than a pound! There have been people who have offered me all sorts of jobs at which I could earn a comfortable living, but I have refused. Others have offered me spacious, even luxurious, living quarters, but how could even contemplate such thoughts while G-d's Holy Temple lies in ruins? It is best for me to live in these modest quarters where I can always look out upon the Temple Mount and mourn the destruction and exile. FROM SEFER HA ISH AL HA CHOMA

**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**