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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 202**

**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

**IN OUR MODEM ERA, WAR IS LOOKED UPON AS A
DEBASING ENDEAVOR. AN ENLIGHTENED
PERSONALITY IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH WAR.**

**MANY JEWS, RABBIS AND YESHIVA STUDENTS
AMONG THEM, SEE MILITARISM AS SOMETHING
IRRELEVANT TO THEIR LIVES. BUT WHEN WE LOOK
UPON THE HOLY HEROES OF OUR PAST, WE SEE
THAT THIS IS NOT SO.**

Avraham Avinu, who symbolizes kindness and oneness with Hashem, is the same Avraham who leads a small group of students to war against the four most powerful kings of his time. The same Yaakov who learned for 14 years without sleep in the Academy of Shem lifts a boulder which takes many strong shepherds to raise, and overcomes an angel in a hand-to-hand battle. Moshe Rabbenu, the humblest of men, and the most erudite in Torah, leads Israel to war against the Amorites and personally slays Og, King of Bashan, a mighty giant. Joshua, who never left off studying Torah in the tent of Moshe's yeshiva, leads the armies of Israel against Amalek, and against the seven nations in the conquest of Canaan. Samson, a Nazir from birth, and a prophet, decimates the Philistine enemy with the jawbone of an ass, The prophet Samuel, the spiritual giant who held the nation together in the troublesome days of Israel's first Kingdom, equal in stature to both Moshe and Aharon together, is also no stranger to valor. When King Saul fails to annihilate the nation of Amalek completely, Samuel takes a sword and rends Agag, the Amalek leader, asunder. And King David, the sweet singer of Israel, author of Psalms and rhapsodies to Hashem, slices off the foreskins of two-hundred Philistines to win the King's daughter.

**FROM WAR AND PEACE, THE TEACHINGS OF RAV AVRAHAM YTZCHAK
HAKOHEN KOOK ZTKL**

**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**