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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 212**

**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**

**A DIVINE GUIDANCE IS ACCOMPANYING US BACK TO  
JERUSALEM. OUR NATIONAL SUBCONSCIOUS, KNESSET  
YISRAEL, IS DEMANDING FULL EXPRESSION.**

The Zionist pioneers may have their own reasons for returning to Zion, but on the deepest of levels they are aligned with G-d's Will. The rebuilding of the nation is paving the way for Geula. The vehicle of Redemption, the national life of the Jewish people in Israel, is starting to take form. The participants in this drama may not be aware of the spiritual roots of this process; they may even deny it exists; but when the time for Redemption arrives, all of the nation and all of the world are enlisted in its service, whether they are conscious of their contribution or not

The deterministic force behind all of history - the development and revelation of Kneset Yisrael - is speeding up and taking physical expression in the Zionist movement. But Rabbi Kook is teaching us something more. This very force which is pushing Israel forward is forcing the development of all of the world.

"According to the magnitude of the yearning and attachment of a person to Eretz Yisrael, behold, his conceptualizations become clear from the foundation of the air of Eretz Yisrael which hovers over all who yearn to see her." (Orot, Eretz Yisrael, Ch. 4)

This keener wisdom comes not only to the settlers of Israel, but, in the words of the Gemara, to "All who yearn to see her." (Ketubot 75A) In their yearning for Israel, the Zionists are leading us to know who we are. First, we are discovering ourselves as a nation, and not merely as individual Jews. Instead of being Frenchmen, and Germans, and Russians of the Mosaic persuasion, we want our own national identity and homeland. Instead of seeing ourselves as being ever-beholden to the goyim, we demand our own statehood. We begin to see ourselves, not as the eternal victim of Galut, but as a proud, independent people. The "bilbul" of Babel - the confusion which arose from our life amongst the nations, influenced by their cultures, their languages, and impure ways, is giving way to a clearer wisdom. And the first sign of our new intelligence is understanding that we do not belong amongst the gentiles. (Or HaChaim, Leviticus, 25:25)

**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**