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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 213**

**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

**“AND AMONG THESE NATIONS YOU WILL FIND NO EASE,
NEITHER WILL THE SOUL OF YOUR FOOT FIND REST; BUT THE
L-RD WILL GIVE YOU A TREMBLING HEART, AND FAILING OF
EYES, AND DESPAIR OF MIND, AND YOUR LIFE WILL HANG IN
DOUBT BEFORE YOU; AND YOU WILL FEAR DAY AND NIGHT,
AND HAVE NO ASSURANCE OF YOUR LIFE” (DEUT 28:65-66)**

This nightmare is the norm of Galut. Our life is a struggle of survival which we can never win, an existence of worry, and a sycophantic fear of the goyim. Periods of calm appear now and then, times of assimilation, material success, and social acceptance by the gentiles, but the cloud of anti-Semitism is never far away, reminding us that foreign lands can never be our home.

Suddenly, this psychology of fear is transforming into a new Israeli psychology and a new type of Jew. Our valor is returning. From a homeless, gypsy people, we discover we have a land. Jews filled with a pioneer spirit sail off to conquer Zion. We are ready to fight, ready to die, ready to step into malaria-filled swamps to rebuild our Land and our nation. Not only do we stand up to our enemies, we return blow for blow, and put them, for a change, on the run. Impossibly outnumbered, one Israeli soldier causes a thousand Arabs to flee. (Joshua 23:10) In his connection to the Land, the Jew discovers undreamed of courage, not only physical prowess, but great strength of conviction and thought. In the face of almost certain destruction, a Jew in Tel Aviv stands up and declares Israel a free Jewish State. (David Ben Gurion) Medinat Yisrael and a new type of valorous Jew is born.

Another color of our nation is Yosher, which can be translated as straightforwardness or honesty. In the Galut, Jews are bent over from the fear of the gentile. We have a crooked world-view, where the gentile is on top and the Jew is on the bottom. The world of Galut is a world upside down, false, distorted, deceptive. The values are gentile values. The material world reigns supreme. Even in religious circles, the focus is on a person's private, individual life, and not on the nation.

**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**