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

**THE MAGGID OF THE BEIT YOSEF, RABBI YOSEF KARO
EXHORTED THE TALMIDE CHACHAMIM WHO STUDIED
TOGETHER WITH THE BET YOSEF TO GO UP TO ERETZ
ISRAEL AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT MATERIAL THINGS**

...They continued to study the Mishnah, and once again they heard the voice speaking to them:

“Go up to Eretz Israel, because not all times are equal, and there is no hindrance to saving, whether many or few. Do not care for your possessions, because you will eat of the bounty of the upper earth. Therefore make haste and go up, for I provide your livelihood and I will continue to provide your livelihood, and all will be well with you, with your homes, and with all that is yours.” When the voice ceased speaking, silence reigned, and then all those assembled burst into tears of joy....

....And now do not make light, strengthen yourselves and rejoice; a thread of lovingkindness is drawn about you every day. You will see that you are intoxicated from the delights of the world; Awaken, you intoxicated ones, because behold, a day is coming when man will remove the idols of his money and the delight in the pleasures of this world and the idols of his gold, the joy of money, and go up to Eretz Israel, for it is within your power, only you are stamped with the clay of the joy of the world and its vanities, and whoever leaves you does so at his own risk. See what you have merited, which others have not merited.”

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? Rabbi Yaakov Emden

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)