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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 226**

**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

**THE MAGGID OF THE BET YOSEF: GO UP
TO ERETZ YISRAEL**

On Shavuot the sages gathered in the study hall of Rabbi Yosef Taitazak, planning to study the entire night. Rabbi Yosef and Rabbi Shmuel were there, along with Rabbi Shimo Alkabez, Rabbi Yosef Karo, and other scholars. They read from the Torah, the haftarot, Psalms, the Song of Songs, the Book of Ruth, the last verses from the Book of Chronicles. They learned with a special melody. They studied the entire Order of Zeraim in the Mishnah. An atmosphere of holiness filled the air. The greatest scholars of the generation were studying together. After they completed two tractates of the Mishnah, the air resounded, and the light dimmed. A great sound was heard in the study hall, as if the very letters were breaking open. The voice became stronger, and a great fear fell upon those in the study hall. The words of the voice were perfectly clear. This is what it said to them:

“My friends, the finest of the fine, my friends and lovers, greetings to you, happy are you and happy is the one who has given birth to you. Happy are you in this world, and happy are you in the World to Come, who have taken upon yourselves to adorn me this night. For many years my head has fallen and there is no solace for me. I am cast in the dust, and embrace refuse heaps, and now you have returned my former glory. Be strong, my friends, be of good courage, my lovers... 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.

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