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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 227**

**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 II**

The voice began to speak, and it grew louder and louder: “Ask your father and he will tell you, your elder, and they will say to you. From now on let your eyes be open to your way, and each man will help his fellow, and to his brother he shall say, ‘Be strong!’ and the weak will say, ‘I am strong.’ Account yourselves as great ones, because you are dwellers of the castle of the King, who has caused you to enter the vestibule. Attempt to enter the banquet hall, without leaving the vestibule, because whoever leaves the entrance of the vestibule does so at his own risk. Awaken, my sons, and see that I speak to you. Awaken, my friends, be of good courage and be men of valor. 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.”

...A new spirit filled the band of scholars and Kabbalists ever since they had heard the words of the spirit of the Mishnah which had appeared at midnight. They intended to do as it had commanded and go up to Eretz Israel.

The Maggid instructed them that they should not eat any cooked food, not even of lentils, on the entire day before Tisha BeAv, and at the concluding meal before the fast they should eat dry bread and a cup of water. “Have consideration for the honor of your Creator,” it told them, “give him honor, and take care not to be consoled.” It concluded by saying, “May I merit to be united with you on the Holy Land, to serve Him together with you, Amen.” The words of the Maggid accompanied them day and night.

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