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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 231**

**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

**FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL
HOW I REJECT THOSE WHO RATIONALIZE THEIR
REFUSAL TO COME LIVE IN ISRAEL BECAUSE OF ITS
SPIRITUAL FAILINGS! HOW HYPOCRITICAL ARE
THOSE WHO BEMOAN THE LACK OF G-D IN ISRAEL
AS THEIR REASON FOR REMAINING IN THE
SPIRITUALLY IMPOVERISHED AMERICA.**

How I know that their piety cloaks a refusal to sacrifice their material pleasures, their fear of having their children serve their country, their willingness to tear out a mitzvah of Judaism known as "mitzvat yishuv ha'aretz," the commandment of settling in the land. How I know that the state they so blithely condemn could have been a Jewish state had they and people such as they come here in the beginning. "Next Year in Jerusalem!" And next year we shall still be here in exile.

What is wrong with us? Do we not understand what is happening and will yet happen to us in exile? Do we not realize that remaining in the Diaspora is equivalent to making a decision to assimilate, either for ourselves or for our children, and do we not know that if we do not return to the Jewish homeland our children's Jewish identity may be swallowed up in the self-delusion of alien philosophies?

Do we not see the assimilation, the intermarriage, the alienation of our young? Do we not see the murder of their souls and their identity, the tragedy of their wanderings in a culture that is not theirs and in a world in which they are strangers, rootless and a minority? It is unnatural to be a minority. It is abnormal. One cannot grow up normal and healthy when one is a stranger and different. And we are strangers in this land and we are different. Do we not realize what is happening to us and do we not behold the spiritual and cultural genocide into which we are walking? Are our children and our children's children that unimportant to us that we ply them with material gifts and let them die of spiritual starvation?

Are the fleshpots and the good life more important than the preservation of our children as Jews and the guarantee that they will marry Jews, have Jewish children of their own and live in a Jewish atmosphere that breeds confidence, normalcy and mental, spiritual, and physical strength!

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