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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 235**

**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

"YOU SAY: 'I AM INNOCENT! SURELY HIS ANGER IS TURNED AWAY FROM ME!' BEHOLD, I WILL JUDGE YOU BECAUSE YOU SAY: 'I HAVE NOT SINNED.' "(JEREMIAH 2:35) OF COURSE, THAT IS WHY HE IS GUILTY OF THE UNPARDONABLE SIN OF VAYIMASU B'ERETZ CHEMDA, ("AND THEY DESPISED THE DESIRED LAND' TEHILLIM 106:25).

The mitzvah of living in the Land of Israel is one that has been blotted out by the fleshpots of the Exile, the luxurious way of life. The cynical and nauseating attempt to rationalize this selfish, greedy trampling of this pillar of Judaism through halacha only adds to the gravity of the sin. The descent into the joys of materialism must inevitably destroy the Jew, turn him from a religious one into a mere Orthodox one. The mitzvah trees that he plants become more and more barren of fruit and meaning as his entire sense of values becomes distorted and perverted. "And Yeshurun grew fat and rebelled." (Devarim 32). "And I multiplied unto her silver and gold, which they used for Baal." (Hosea 2).

... And is it not time for us to look at ourselves closely and see the terrible blemishes and warps and sins that have sprouted as they were nourished by the rains of materialism, wealth, ease and greed? Is it not long overdue for us to look at the perversion of values that is taking place, and all under the guise of Torah-true Jewish communities?...

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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