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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 238**

**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

**REMOVING THE EXILE FROM ISRAEL IS TEN TIMES
HARDER THAN REMOVING ISRAEL FROM THE EXILE,
AND THIS IS THE REASON THAT EVEN IN THE LAND
OF ISRAEL A NATION HAS ARISEN THAT TREMBLES
AT FLESH-AND-BLOOD GENTILES, A NATION
LACKING TRUST IN G-D. TO OUR SORROW, THIS
DISEASE HAS EVEN SMITTEN TORAH SCHOLARS.**

...To our great chagrin, this fear of mortal man and lack of trust in G-d has received new impetus and permeated the Jewish people like a contagious disease. The curse of the exile has transformed the Jewish soul into that of a slave who refuses freedom. We have become a nation that fears its present and former masters, and non-Jews in general, a nation incapable of freeing itself from fear of the non-Jew to confront him with trust in G-d. This lack of bitachon has left large parts of the Jewish People with slavish spirits. First Israel entered the exile, and then, as a result of our lowliness there, the exile entered Israel.

...We bear witness to the spiritual destruction of Israel, including of those whose piety centers on the rituals which brought tranquility in the impure lands of the exile. That complacent tranquility caused the Land of Israel, the Jews' one and only home, Land of Delight where it is a duty to live, to be forgotten. Israel in exile sank into the bestial mire of the nations. Each tranquil year not only made them more impure and assimilated, but weakened their power of self-sacrifice and their ability to be magnified and sanctified through self-sacrifice, as we shall write about in the chapter on exile.

**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**