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**ERETZ ISRAEL
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**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**

THE EXILE IS THE PINNACLE AND ESSENCE OF CHILUL HASHEM

There is no lowliness, defeat, withdrawal or shame more severe. It has no parallel for instilling the nations with the "certainty" that G-d has become weak, that He does not exist altogether! The exile is the precise opposite of Kiddush Hashem, the great contradiction to the existence of the world. Indeed, the liquidation of the exile is a Kiddush Hashem, and regarding this mitzvah all of Israel are commanded.

Now, we finally understand the true meaning of the exile and its Chilul Hashem of national dimensions, and most of all, the reason for the rebirth of the Jewish state in our day. "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations" (Ezek. 36:22). Not because the Jewish People were worthy of it did the State of Israel rise up and come into being. Spiritually, the vast majority of Jews remained as before or were even worse off. The leaders of the people and the State did not even contemplate repentance, remaining confirmed heretics and rebels against G-d. Yet, this alters nothing, for the State was not established as a reward for Israel's righteousness or good deeds.

The exile and everything bound up with it - Israel's abject state, their defeats and persecutions, the gathering of crumbs from the table of others, and the incalculable bloodshed suffered by our fellow Jews - constitute a Chilul Hashem, a blasphemous mockery of Hashem, the G-d of Israel, for His "weakness and inability" to aid His people. Therefore, the Jewish state - the result of the return to Zion and the ingathering of the exiles, which affords the Jew a home, a majority in his land, sovereignty, an army, retribution to Israel's enemies, and the exalting of His glory on the battlefield - constitutes the exact opposite, Kiddush Hashem! This is the proof, the renewed confirmation of G-d's existence and of His dominion, of Divine Providence over the universe and over all His creations: "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all the countries, and bring you into your own land" (Ezek. 36:24).

"Where is their G-d?" Here He is, in all His splendor and majesty! In the return of a wandering people from the four comers of the earth to their land, in the revival of Israel's military might, so shocking to all the nations of the world, in their valor and in their explosive, shining victories - here is their G-d! Here is Kiddush Hashem!

"I shall be sanctified through you" (Ezek. 36:23). Through the sanctification of the Jew, G-d's name is sanctified as well, and through the exaltation of the Jewish People, G-d's name is exalted. This is the meaning of the creation and rising up of the Jewish state. This is Kiddush Hashem. This is the beginning of the complete redemption. This State of Israel is the beginning of G-d's wrath against the nations who do not know Him and who have profaned His name with scorn and derision.

REMOVING THE EXILE FROM ISRAEL IS TEN TIMES HARDER THAN REMOVING ISRAEL FROM THE EXILE

TO OUR SORROW, THIS DISEASE HAS EVEN SMITTEN TORAH SCHOLARS.

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