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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 30**

**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)**

**OUR MASTER, MAHARAM CHAGIZ, DISCUSSES THE GREAT
PUNISHMENT THAT AWAITS THOSE WHO SLANDER THE
INHABITANTS OF *ERETZ YISRAEL*:**

HaShem decreed that just as all the men who have seen My glory (BeMidbar 14:22) - meaning, the generation of the spies will not see the Land, the same is true of future generations. Anyone who spreads an evil report about the Land will be stricken and will receive the punishment of the spies. This is the meaning of [the next verse] And all who provoke Me shall not see it (ibid. 14:23), which refers to the future

Sefat Emet (Vilna, 5636 [1876]), p. 32b

...Now, what will the Orthodox say? I do not know if they will ever be able to vindicate themselves before the heavenly court for not participating in the movement to rebuild the Land, and for not heeding the call of these tzaddikim of the generation (Those religious Jews who advocated Aliyah and participation in the rebuilding of the Land). These tzaddikim were renowned as completely selfless, holy men of G-d, and all of their utterances were as complete and true as the Torah of Moshe from the Almighty. And since this awakening came from such holy mouths, they should have listened and joined in this sacred task. Had the G-d-fearing, religious Jews been involved in this undertaking, our Holy Land would have a completely different, more sanctified, appearance and form than it has now. In truth, though, our Father in Heaven desires and is pleased with the current appearance and form (as I will explain later on, based on unequivocal proofs from Chazal). All agree, however, that if the Orthodox would have cooperated with and participated in the building effort, it would have been exceedingly lofty and holy. Now that they kept themselves at a distance, they should not wonder or question the situation, for they are at fault...

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

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