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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 321**

**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 BOOK ZION TODAY**

**SINCE THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ORTHODOXY AND SECULAR ZIONISM, VOICES PRAISING THE GREATNESS AND SANCTITY OF THE HOLY LAND HAVE BECOME STILL. BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN. HOW MUCH DOES EVEN A BEN-TORAH TODAY KNOW ABOUT THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF ERETZ ISRAEL, OF THE MITZVOS OF THE LAND? EVEN THE MOST OBSERVANT TAKE TRIPS TO CHUTZ LA'ARETZ, SOMETHING THE HALACHA FORBIDS. COULD THERE BE GREATER IRONY THAN THIS: THE TORAH COMMUNITY, WHICH CHERISHED THE MEMORY OF ERETZ ISRAEL SO THROUGHOUT THE AGES, NOW LEAVES LOVE OF ZION TO THE "SECULAR"?**

**"Why did all our forefathers request and prize burial in Eretz Israel? Rabbi Elazar said, there is a secret to it. Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi said, what is the secret? 'I will walk before G-d in the land of the living' (Tehillim 116). Our Rabbis said in the name of Rabbi Chelbo: Why did they cherish the holiness of Eretz Israel? Because the dead people of Eretz Israel are the first to come to life in the days of Mashiach... Rabbi Chanina said, one who dies in chutz la'Aretz and is buried there has died two deaths. This is why Yaakov said to Yosef, 'please do not bury me in Egypt' (Bereishis 47). Rabbi Shimon said, if so, the righteous people who are buried outside the Land lose out. What does G-d do? He makes underground tunnels and they roll through them until they reach Eretz Israel. G-d gives them life and spirit and they stand. How do we know this? Because it is written, 'Behold I will open your graves and make you come up out of your graves and bring you to the Land of Israel', and afterwards, 'and I will put My spirit in you and you will live" (Yehezkel 37). "It is explained that Eretz Israel is called the 'Land of life' because it is the place where souls descend to earth and ascend to Heaven. They were first created in Eretz Israel, because that is where the first man was made. The earthly 'Land of life' corresponds to the heavenly 'Land of life'. At the time of the Revival of the Dead they will descend from there again (Maharsha, Kesubos 111).**

**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**