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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 355**

**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"?

With regard to Eretz Yisroel, this phenomenon is also apparent. There are many Jews who are far from Torah and mitzvos, but who nevertheless have strong emotional ties to Eretz Yisroel. These include Jews who don't see Eretz Yisroel as their homeland. But even though they stay in chutz la'Aretz, they remain tied to the Land in countless ways. Even the most secular manifestation of Zionism could not in the end exchange Eretz Yisroel for Uganda. It was impossible to rally the Jewish people around any land but Eretz Yisroel. Similarly, attempts to settle Jews in Argentina or Birobizan, Russia, were doomed to failure. Throughout the generations, anti-semites have accused the Jews of double loyalties. Their suspicions are well-founded. Even totally assimilated Jews, living in the farthest corners of the earth, loyal though they may be to the land they inhabit still feel the pull of that faraway Land. Always, from anywhere, a Jews' thoughts are directed to events in Eretz Yisroel.

...One who loves G-d will automatically love the Land "which G-d inquires after."

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