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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 45**

**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)**

**THE CHATAM SOFER SAYS: THE HEIGHT OF OUR EVIL LOT
IS DISPERSION AND EXILE**

The height of our evil lot is dispersion and exile. For even though the Beit HaMikdash was destroyed, had we remained in Eretz Yisrael matters would not have been so bad. Similarly, the Rambam writes, "The murder of Gedalyah ben Achikam caused the flame of Israel to be extinguished and the Jews to be dispersed among the exiles, due to our numerous sins."

Derashot Chatam Sofer, vol. 3, p. 299

Now, I already mentioned that our Sages in the Zohar, Midrash, and Yerushalmi assert that the redemption will progress gradually, not all at once. Therefore, the ingathering of the Jews to Eretz Yisrael must precede the true redemption. First, they must leave the state of absolute evil, which is dispersion and exile, and proceed to the middle level of evil, which is when the people of Israel are in their Land but the Temple is in ruins. After this, peace will prevail among the Jews and there will be hope for the future, as the Chatam Sofer writes (ibid.). By virtue of this peace, the sons will return to their borders, the Beit HaMikdash will be rebuilt...

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

**SO INSTEAD OF JUDGING AND CRITIZING THE RULERS OF ERETZ ISRAEL,
DO YOUR PART AND HELP BETTER THE LAND AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND
MOVE THERE AND LIVE THERE, AND THROUGH THIS YOU WILL BE HONORING
HA KADDOSH BARUCH HU**

**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**