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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 48**

**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 AHAVAT YONATAN (HAFTARAT BALAK) WRITES THAT
OUR VERY RETURN TO ERETZ YISRAEL IS CONSIDERED
REPENTANCE, AND IT IS, IN FACT, THE ESSENCE OF
REPENTANCE:**

“When numerous troubles will befall the Jews and, despite this, they will not forsake HaShem nor their inheritance – i.e., the Holy Land (may it speedily be rebuilt), their primary repentance will be achieved. For, repentance must be performed in the same place and concerning the same act. Now, their main transgression at the time of the Beit HaMikdash was their descent to Egypt, as the verse says, Woe to those who go down to Egypt (Yeshayah 31:1). This gave rise to grave sins. Therefore, their future repentance will be that they will not forsake their inheritance”

Now, today, when even the lowest Jews have decided to return to our inheritance, and they dedicate their lives to it, refusing to covet any other land, the Holy One Blessed be He certainly considers this repentance. The fact that they do not fulfill the commandments of the Torah is because they were not raised and educated in this spirit. They are like infants who were kidnapped by Gentiles, as the Rambam writes. But, the act of aliyah is undoubtedly considered repentance, and through it they fulfill the positive commandment of teshuvah (repentance).

(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**