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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 49**

**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)**

**THOSE WHO FOUNDED THE STATE IN ERETZ YISRAEL CAN
NOT COMPARE TO THOSE WHO SINNED IN THE TIME WHEN
THE SANHEDRIN AND THE PROPHETS WERE THERE TO
ADMONISH THEM**

“Today's situation cannot be compared to that of the Temple era, when the Jews dwelt in their Land. At that time, the members of the Sanhedrin - who sat upon the thrones of judgment, in Torah, and piety - showed and taught them the ways of the Torah. Yet, the Jews rejected the Sanhedrin and HaShem's Torah. They did not listen to the voices of the prophets, therefore they were exiled. The people of our generation, however, were born in exile, and they assimilated with the Gentiles. They did not see or hear [the ways of the Torah], nor experience HaShem's honor. Therefore, the fact that they do not follow the ways of the Torah is no proof that they detest it. They have simply been blackened by the conduct of the Gentiles...

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**