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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 50**

**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**

The Midrash comments on the verse “The House of Israel dwell on their Land, and they have defiled it” (Yechezkel36:17): “The Holy One Blessed be He said, 'If only My children were with Me in Eretz Yisrael, even though they defile the Land'” (Yalkut Shimoni 2:1038). This Midrash expresses the same idea I just mentioned. Since they have spent so much time among the Gentiles, they are unaware of the severity of the prohibitions that they transgress, and all of their actions are under duress. Thus, they cannot be compared to the sinners of the Temple era.

Moreover, they cherish the Land and refuse to desire any other land besides that of their forefathers. They sacrifice their lives for it, as is well known. Many have even died for the sake of the Land. We heard that during the Arab uprisings, many Jews who were killed in battle said with their last breaths, “There is nothing better than to die for the sake of our Land.”

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**