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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 51**

**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 SAME IS TRUE OF REBUILDING THE LAND. A
PERSON "MUST FULFILL HIS OBLIGATION TO G-D;
AND NO EXCUSE OR RATIONALE CAN EXEMPT HIM
FROM THIS. AND IF HE NEGLECTS IT, HE WILL BE
SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT, G-D FORBID.**

The great zealot, our brilliant and righteous master, R. Akiva Yosef Schlesinger Z"l concurs with this in his wondrous work, Tosafot Ben Yechiel, a commentary on Tana De Vei Eliyahu. Tana De Vei Eliyahu states, "Blessed is the Omnipresent, blessed is He and blessed is His name, for He is entirely impartial. Since Israel wept without cause [in the episode of the spies], He decreed upon them eternal weeping" (Eliyahu Rabbah 8:3-4). R. Akiva Yosef comments:

Indeed, there is no wisdom, counsel, or understanding against the Lord. All of their wise and logical arguments against Eretz Yisrael are null and void, like the counsel of the spies. We must simply do the will of our Creator in accordance with His commandments. For the Lord has chosen Zion, and the Land is exceedingly good, both materially and spiritually. He who keeps the commandment will know no evil, since he enters there [Eretz Yisrael] "like the Lord my God commanded me. "I will keep the word of the King of kings, the Holy One Blessed be He

(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**