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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 57**

**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)**

**ALL JEWS MUST CONTRIBUTE IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BET HA MIKDASH**

The Ezrat Kohanim writes: Undoubtedly, all of Israel, together as one, is responsible to build the Beit HaMikdash. Everyone has an equal share, and it is invalid if an individual does it. It is the community's task, and everyone is obligated [to participate]. The Rambam states, "Everyone, both men and women, are obligated to build and support it with their very selves and their money." (Hilchot bet ha Bechira) We also find that King David collected money from all the tribes of Israel to buy the site of the Beit Ha Mikdash. He specifically wanted the foundations of the building to come from all of Israel, together. The essential component is the land; once the land belongs to everyone, so does the entire edifice.

The author wondrously explains that every Jew must strive to come to Eretz Yisrael, so that he can merit to build the Beit HaMikdash. He writes that the [story of] creation alludes to the fact that this is Israel's main prayer and hope. Chazal comment on the verse No plant of the field was yet on the earth (BeReishit 2:5): "All of Israel's prayers are for the Beit HaMikdash. O Master, when will the Beit HaMikdash be built" (BeReishit Rabbah 13:2).<sup>11</sup> Chazal further state that the Holy One Himself has prayed for the building of the Beit HaMikdash since the days of Avraham, and even before (BeReishit Rabbah 56:10)

The Midrash states, "The Holy One Blessed be He said, 'If one of them lost a chicken, he would search for it extensively. But, My Ark is in the fields of the Philistines for seven months and they pay no attention... I will attend to it'" (BeReishit Rabbah 54:4). Now, all of this was said of the Ark itself, without the Tablets (as will be explained below). Certainly, then, we must search for the entire Beit HaMikdash, with the Tablets and all of its holy vessels

(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**