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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 61**

**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)**

**LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE
FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES
THE JEWISH PEOPLE WOULD BE DESTROYED, G-D FORBID,
IF THEY WOULD NOT DWELL IN ERETZ YISRAEL**

The Rambam writes in Sefer HaMitzvot, Positive Commandments 153

I will explain further. Let us suppose, for example, that there would be no Jews living in Eretz Yisrael – G-d forbid that He should do such a thing, for He has promised not to destroy the remnants of the nation completely. [Let us suppose] also that there would be no Jewish court (beit din) there, and that there would be no beit din in the Diaspora which was ordained in Eretz Yisrael. [Under these circumstances], our calculations would not help us at all. For we may not calculate the months or establish leap years in the Diaspora, unless we fulfill the conditions mentioned above. For, out of Zion the Torah will go forth (Yeshayah 2:3).

...I will now strengthen this position with the words of our mentor, the Chatam Sofer. He also cites the Rambam's comments in Hilchot Kiddush HaChodesh and explains (Teshuvot Chatam Sofer, Orach Chayim 203): Even though Hillel and his colleagues sanctified all of the months and years until the coming of Mashiach, this will not help unless one Jew lives in Eretz Yisrael. Hillel and his colleagues - the last men to receive traditional ordination calculated and sanctified [the months and years] for this one Jew, and the sanctity emanates from there [Eretz Yisrael] to all of Israel. However, if the settlement in Eretz Yisrael would cease to exist in our days (G-d forbid), this sanctification (kiddush) would become null and void, and most of the mitzvot would dissolve, G-d forbid. Therefore, we must support [Jewish] settlement [in the Land] with all of our strength

...In my opinion, this is so because Eretz Yisrael is the heart of the nation, as our mentor, the godly man from Cordovero, writes in his holy work, Or Ne'erav. The Chacham Tzvi writes that no creature can live without a heart. Therefore, when the Jewish nation is not in Eretz Yisrael, it is as if its heart is removed and its entire life force is abolished.

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

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