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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 70**

**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 LAND WAS BUILT ONCE BEFORE THROUGH
IRRELIGIOUS JEWS, WHILE THE RELIGIOUS ONES
PREFERRED TO STAY IN EXILE
THE FIRST OLIM IMITATED HASHEM BY ENTERING THE
LAND AND PLANTING TREES**

WHO HAS THE ARROGANCE TO CALL THEM EVIL SINNERS?

R. Yehudah ben R. Simon began: You shall follow the Lord your God (Devarim 13:5). Is it possible for flesh and blood to follow the Holy One Blessed be He...? Rather, at the beginning of creation the Holy One Blessed be He engaged in planting, as it is written, Hashem G-d planted a garden in Eden (BeReishit 2:8). Similarly, when you enter the Land engage in planting first, as it is written, When you shall come into the Land, and you shall plant (VaYikra 19:23). (VaYikra Rabbah 25:3)

...We derive from all of this that when a Jew comes to the Holy Land and works the sacred soil, by planting trees, building houses, or doing anything that is vital for its settlement, he causes the Land to become sanctified with the holiness of G-d's sacred name. This is true even if he has no intention whatsoever to do this. We can support this with the Shach's ruling that it is forbidden to erase any name of G-d, even if it was written unintentionally.

...Behold, who in our days is noble or arrogant enough to call today's olim "ugly" or "wicked" (God forbid)? Who can condemn their actions or denigrate and slander them? With true self-sacrifice they have succeeded in building a flourishing Land. Unwittingly, they have fulfilled the great, positive commandment of You shall possess it and dwell in it (Devarim 17:14, 26:1), with all of its revealed and hidden rectifications, as I proved in the foreword. I say unhesitatingly that their deeds are becoming to the Holy One Blessed be He and their reward is exceedingly great. I only wish that my lot could be with theirs in this matter.

(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