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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 71**

**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 REBBE OF GUR ZTK´L SUPPORTED EARLY  
ALIYAH TO ERETZ YISRAEL**

I found the following in Osef Michtavim, 312 a collection of letters from the Rebbe of Gur shlita:

This indeed is my opinion. The mitzvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael, which our holy Torah commands us, does not depend on a specific time, only on capabilities and opportunities. Therefore, we must take advantage of today's opportunities and exert all of our strengths [for this mitzvah]. The more Orthodox Jews that ascend to Eretz Yisrael, the greater their influence will be, and this will help preserve the holiness of the Land... In this way, Orthodox Judaism's influence will grow, and the settlement of the Holy Land will be founded on the spirit of our holy, written and oral Torah.

The Rebbe of Gur, shlita, intimates that when there are many God-fearing people in a particular place, they influence their surroundings even if they do nothing. Their influence comes automatically. I believe that the words of the Ramban clearly prove this. He asks: Why is it that wherever Avraham and Yitzchak went they called aloud in the name of HaShem (as it is written, And he called in the name of HaShem [BeReishit 12:8]), but Yaakov did not? He answers that Avraham and Yitzchak were [leaders of] a small group, and those who surrounded them did not recognize the work they did for HaShem. Therefore, it was essential for them to call aloud. Yaakov, on the other hand, had twelve married sons who each had children. His family was already a large group, a multitude of people.

...My close friend, R. Natan Tzvi Brisk, also told me that his father, our brilliant and righteous master, R. Yehoshua zt"l, heard directly from the holy mouth of his teacher, our master from Liska, that he sent money to Eretz Yisrael to buy a portion of land. He said that every Jew is obligated to ensure that our Holy Land is settled by the people of Israel and filled with houses, fields, and vineyards.

(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**