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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 74**

**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
WE HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH IN THE LANDS OF
EXILE, LET’S GO BACK HOME**

The same is true today. We have experienced the true nature of our stepmother, the lands of exile, in the fullest measure. She has placed her cup of poison before us in all the countries of Europe, and we have drunk and drained its sediments. Therefore, every Jew will undoubtedly wake up from his slumber and intensify his aspiration and yearning for his true and proper mother, our Holy Land. He will refuse to stay in the Diaspora any longer, even in exchange for all of the treasures in the world. He will strive with all his might, with all his heart and soul, and with all his wealth to return to his mother's bosom as soon as possible. He will say what Avraham Avinu said when he longed to return to Eretz Yisrael, "It is preferable to dwell in the deserts of Eretz Yisrael than the palaces of Chutz LaAretz" (BeReishit Rabbah 39:8). The Midrash states [the same idea] on the verse Better is a dry piece of bread with tranquillity in it than a house full of quarrelsome feasts (Mishle 17:1):

Better is a dry piece of bread with tranquillity in it: R. Yochanan said, "This refers to Eretz Yisrael, for even if a person eats (dry) bread and salt every day while dwelling in Eretz Yisrael, he is assured a portion in the World to Come. Than a house full of quarrelsome feasts: This refers to Chutz LaAretz, which is full of violence and robbery." (Yalkut Shimoni 2:956)

...Realize this, o fellow Jew! From now on do not seek rest anywhere except by your true mother, Eretz Yisrael. Only our true mother will console us after all of the severe hardships that have befallen us, and after all of the pain that the stepmother has inflicted upon us. The prophet says, Like a man whose mother consoles him, so will I console you, and in Jerusalem you will be consoled (Yeshayah 66:13). That is, we will only find safety and consolation by our true mother, Eretz Yisrael. Thus, the prophet says, And in Jerusalem, which represents all of Eretz Yisrael, you will be consoled. Let us no longer put our faith in our stepmother and, thereby, remain in the lands of exile.

(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