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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 75**

**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**

**IT IS FORBIDDEN FOR US TO DERIVE BENEFIT FROM THESE
COUNTRIES ANYMORE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE CAUSED
KLAL YISRAEL TREMENDOUS MISFORTUNE**

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 45b) and the Rambam determine that one is forbidden to derive benefit from a sword with which a person was executed, even though it helped fulfill the mitzvah of You shall destroy the evil from your midst (Devarim 13:6). It is completely forbidden since a man was killed with it. All the more so, one is forbidden to derive any benefit from a sword that was used in a murder.

Thus, the Torah says that something which causes a man to stumble or which might cause people to say, "This is what caused so-and-so to be stoned," is completely forbidden.

Therefore, it is forbidden for us to derive benefit from these countries anymore, because they have caused Klal Yisrael tremendous misfortune, especially in our times. Moreover, how can we continue to walk around these countries and say, "Here and there so-and-so and so-and-so were killed, burned, stoned, plundered, and abducted." There is not a single Jewish family in which one of its members was not ensnared in their trap: a father, brother, son, or daughter. Hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands [have perished], as is well known throughout the world. How is it possible to look at these places anymore? How can anyone with any pure emotions associate with such places after they poured contempt and disgrace upon us? They afflicted us so intensely that nothing in our entire history can compare to it. We must mention this and similar ideas to the survivors of this exile, in order to awaken them.

Furthermore, it is well known that a mark remains on a place where a person was killed or injured. An evil spirit rests there and lies in wait for other human souls.

(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