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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 81**

**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

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OF PERFECTION NEEDED TO RECTIFY (TIKKUN) THE
SUPERNAL WORLDS, OUTSIDE THE HOLY LAND**

The Chatam Sofer writes:

The Torah states, The Lord our God spoke to us in Chorev saying, "You have dwelt long enough at this mountain, turn and take your journey and come to the mountain of the Amorite... Behold, I have set the land before you, come and possess the Land which the Lord swore to your forefathers...to give to them and their seed after them" (Devarim 1:6-8). After asking several questions on these verses, the Chatam Sofer explains: On the day the Torah was given, Israel gained the right to inherit the entire world and subjugate the nations. For on that day, the foundations of the earth collapsed, and if not for that momentous revelation, the world would have reverted to nothingness. Thus, the entire world exists for Israel's sake. This is true even if we do not fulfill Torah and mitzvot, for [Chazal] say "Had He brought us near to Mount Sinai, but not given us the Torah, it would have been sufficient for us" (Pesach Haggadah). Thus, this momentous revelation, in and of itself, is worthy of sustaining the world.

Accordingly, we have the right to choose a nice portion in which to dwell [from anywhere] in the world, and the nations must accept us based on the preceding logic. But, why should we sustain other nations with our [efforts], while we lack everything and are starving and thirsty? The entire world subsists for the sake of HaShem's nation, but we have no portion nor inheritance in this world, [besides Eretz Yisrael]. Furthermore, it is unimaginable that we could reach the level of perfection needed to rectify (tikkun) the supernal worlds, outside the Holy Land. Therefore, when we neglect to acquire true perfection, the tables are turned and we bring calamity to the entire world.

(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