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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 86**

**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 ARE ONLY ONE NATION WHEN WE SETTLE  
IN ERETZ YISRAEL, OTHERWISE WE ARE NEVER  
CALLED ONE NATION, SO OUR UNION LIES IN  
STRENGTHENING THE MITZVAH OF YISHUV  
ERETZ YISRAEL**

We should choose the positive commandment of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael not only because it is equal to all other mitzvot, but also because we who dwell in Chutz LaAretz cannot become one nation without it. Our holy mentor, the author of Sefer Chareidim, cites the great Tana, R. Shimon bar Yochai, (Zohar 3:93b) who says that we are one nation only in Eretz Yisrael. Thus, the verse says, And who is like Your people, Israel, one nation in the land (II Shmuel 7:23). Understand this literally: We become one nation only in the Land.( Sefer Chareidim, Mitzvat Yishuv Eretz Yisrael, chap. 2) Thus, it is impossible to attain the status of "one nation" in Chutz LaAretz. Besides this, the brilliant Rabbeinu Chayim, brother of the Maharal of Prague, writes that if a person constantly anticipates ascending to Eretz Yisrael, setting his eyes and heart there all the time, he is considered as if he resides there. Chazal say that people who die outside the Land will be resurrected only after suffering the pain of rolling through underground tunnels (Ketuvot 111a). R. Chayim explains that this refers only to those who do not cherish the Land. However, those who cherish the Land and anticipate redemption during their lifetimes, will not, after their deaths, be separated from that holiness which was etched and engraved on the tablets of their hearts.

...I will add that this is true even of completely wicked people. The Midrash states that the children of Efrayim were wicked (Shemot Rabbah 20:11). Nonetheless, they deserved to be resurrected because they wanted to ascend to Eretz Yisrael.

(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**