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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 87**

**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

**TO RECTIFY THE SIN OF THE SPIES WE MUST
PROMOTE SETTLING IN ERETZ YISRAEL**

As I already mentioned, the angel of the holy volume, Maggid Meisharim, told our master, the Beit Yosef, that Moshe Rabbeinu sent the spies expecting that they would return and extol Eretz Yisrael and its special qualities. This would arouse within the hearts of Israel a burning desire and an intense yearning to enter Eretz Yisrael as soon as possible. This burning desire would make the Jews worthy of inheriting the Land, even though they were not worthy of it on their own merit. However, because of their selfish motives, the spies did exactly the opposite. Using various methods and expending much effort, they caused the nation to hate and abhor Eretz Yisrael, as I explained above.

Thus, if we want to rectify this sin, we must strive to arouse the Children of Israel, wherever they may be, to love and desire the desirable Land of our forefathers. Then, a fire will burn within them to come and inherit the Holy Land, and they will desire it more than anything in the world. This will be the complete rectification of the great sin mentioned above. In this way, we will pay off the ancient debt that we incurred at the inception of our nation, the debt which causes us, to this very day, such diverse and frequent troubles that we have practically perished, God forbid.

When we complete this rectification, our bill of debt will be torn up and the day of salvation will arrive with great wonders and grandeur. This is the day for which we have waited, let us exult and rejoice in His salvation, speedily in our days. Amen.

However, my dear brother, you must be aware of what Chazal say in the Midrash: Righteous people rectify their sins in the same manner that they commit them (Tanchuma, BeShalach 24). Therefore, we must inspire the hearts of Israel and kindle within them the fire of desire for Eretz Yisrael using the same methods that our ancestors used to undermine Israel's desire for the Land. The generation of the spies united the entire congregation against Eretz Yisrael and put a great deal of effort into propaganda. They established an entire propaganda organization - what we would call today a propaganda department - which organized people to convince others to oppose Eretz Yisrael. Similarly, we must establish a propaganda apparatus which will permeate every Jewish home and try to convince every Jewish soul to support 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