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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 93**

**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

**I AM EXTREMELY SADDENED THAT THERE ARE STILL
PEOPLE AMONG US WHO PUBLICLY CONDEMN AND
ANTAGONIZE THE BUILDERS AND SETTLERS OF THE LAND**

**Do not be surprised that righteous and distinguished men
speak ignorantly, for I will show you an even greater
[example] of this.**

I already stated that the angel of Maggid Meisharim told our mentor, the Beit Yosef, that Moshe chose the wisest and most righteous men to be the spies. Nonetheless, the Midrash refers to them as "foolish messengers," since they spread an evil report about the Land (BeMidbar Rabbah 16:3; Tanchuma, Shelach 2). The same is true today. Our tzaddikim are certainly no more righteous or learned than the spies were. Even R. Zeira, who was very careful about his speech,¹³² called the Babylonians "foolish" (Beitzah 16a). He did so even though they were gedolei Torah, because they did not ascend to Eretz Yisrael at the time of Ezra. Furthermore, now that we have remained few in number, due to our numerous sins, and we are the survivors of the sword, logic dictates that we embrace each other and extend a hand to one another

Therefore, my friends and brothers, do not pay any attention to those who slander the Land, even if they are truly righteous. For, I mentioned above that the brilliant mentor of Eretz Yisrael, R. Yosef Chayim Sonnenfeld z"l, derived from the words of the Shelah that even tzaddikim can be spies. Realize that all those who oppose aliyah and the building and resettlement of the Land belong to the camp of the spies. But, all those who choose aliyah belong to Yehoshua and Calev's camp.

(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**