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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 94**

**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**

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"R. Yehoshua ben Levi said, 'Conquering Eretz Yisrael precedes the destruction of idolatry' (Avodah Zarah 45b). Rashi explains, "After conquering [the Land], they will search [for idols] in order to uproot and destroy them." In my opinion, this is why Ezra did not separate the people of his generation from their abominations [- idols] immediately upon entering the Land. He did so only twenty years after he built the Beit HaMikdash and Jerusalem, because he did not want to cause strife and condemnation while he conquered and built the Land. He fulfilled R. Yehoshua ben Levi's rule that conquering Eretz Yisrael precedes the destruction of idolatry. The same applies to us. We need all the strengths of our holy nation for the sacred task of building the Land. We must proceed arm in arm, and then the Holy One Blessed be He will accept the work of our hands and bring it to a successful end. The complete redemption will develop from this, speedily in our days. Amen

...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**