## BS'D ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 10

"DWELLING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS EQUIVALENT TO ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFREI, PARASHAT REE)

## HASHEM LOVES MORE THAN ANYTHING THE JEWS OF ERETZ ISRAEL

Said the Holy One Blessed be He: A small group in the Land of Israel is dearer to Me than a full Sanhedrin outside the Land. (Yerushalmi, Sanhedrin 86)

One should always live in the Land of Israel, even in a city where the majority are idol worshippers, and not in chutz laAretz, even in a city where the majority are Jews. (Kesubos 110); also included in the Rambam (Hilchos Melachim Chapter 5)

Rav Zera said: "Even the conversation of the sons of Eretz Israel is Torah" (Vayikra Rabba 34)

All who live in Eretz Israel reside without sin (Ketuvot 101)

"It is preferable to dwell in the deserts of Eretz Israel than the palaces of Chutz La Aretz" (Bereshit Rabba 39:8).

There's no happiness except in dwelling in Eretz Israel (Ohr ha Chayyim ha Kaddosh Devarim 26:I)

The Holy One Blessed be He said: "Eretz Israel is more beloved to Me than anything. Why? Because I spied it out..." This teaches that there is no love like the love for Eretz Israel. The Holy One Blessed be He said to Moshe: "The Land is beloved to Me, as it says, A Land that the Lord your G-d constantly seeks out (Devarim 11:12); and the people of Israel are beloved to Me, as it says, Rather, because of the Lord's love for you (ibid. 7:8). I will bring the people of Israel, who are beloved to Me, into Eretz Israel, which is beloved to Me, as it says, When you come into the Land of Canaan (Bamidbar 34:2)." (Bamidbar Rabba 23:7)

Please Hashem, Be good to Me according to Your will, and grant me with compassion and kindness and as a free gift, that I will soon merit to come to Eretz Israel, to the Eretz ha Keddosha, the Land our forefathers inherited, the Land which all the authentic Tzaddikim, wished with all their soul and desired to be there, and most of them came there... (Tefillah of Rebbe Nachman of Bresslov)