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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 103

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

RAV TZVI YEHUDA KOOK ZTK'L TAUGHT US TO SEE THE CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THE WORDS OF OUR PROPHETS AND SAGES IN THE EVENTS WE WERE EXPERIENCING IN ERETZ ISRAEL TODAY

## Rav Tzvi Yehuda explained that the special relationship between the Jewish people and Eretz Yisrael was made clear with Hashem's first revelation to Avraham

"Hashem says to Avraham, Get yourself forth...Avraham Avinu was commanded to journey to a specific place, To the Land 1 will show you. Usually, a person knows his destination when he begins a journey, but Avraham wasn't told where to go. He was to discover this only during the trip. In this we can see the greatness of Avraham, The greatest man among the giants.47 Even without knowing where he was going, Avraham picked up his family and went to find the place where he was to serve Hashem."

There's an expression in Latin - Ex orient lux - the light comes from the East. So too, spiritual Light comes to the world from the East, from our Middle East. From this spot on earth, Hashem educates mankind. To do this, Hashem wants us here in Israel. We don't belong in other places. Haven't we already sufficiently tasted the life in Europe and Auschwitz?"

(From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

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