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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 114

## 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

## THIS LAND WHICH WAS DESOLATE HAS BECOME LIKE A GARDEN OF EDEN. (EZEKIEL, 36:35)

"Our expulsion from Eretz Yisrael wasn't a pleasant matter, neither for us, nor for Hashem (Berachot 3A, beginning, Woe to the father who exiled his children...) but the exile is not forever. Hashem's wrath must subside. The, Strong hand...and anger poured out, (Ezekiel, 20:33-34) which we experienced in our time (in the Holocaust,) were a part of the Divine order of history to turn us away from the wilderness of the Galut, back home toward Jerusalem, The place which I have prepared. (Exodus, 23:20).

"There was a Divine need for the anger which scattered us amidst the impure, and a Divine reason for the awesome wrath and curse which lay on the Land. Only a short time ago, Israel was infested with malaria and diseases. Medical experts said it was impossible to live here. Yet Petach Tikva and Hadera rose out of the swamps. Now, with Hashem's blessing, This Land which was desolate has become like a Garden of Eden. (Ezekiel, 36:35) This has happened physically - in Israel's technological development and agricultural rebirth, and spiritually - in the flourishing of Yeshivot and Torah. The Lord was well pleased for His righteousness sake to magnify and glorify Torah. (Isaiah, 42:21)

..."We need to foster the understanding, and the feeling, that we must live in Israel, that this is our normal place, in terms of religion, and in terms of our nationhood. If we are not here, we are unhealthy. And from time to time, the gentiles remind us that we are living in their domain, in an alien land."

"This must be clear before anything else - no matter where a Jew is, he belongs only to Eretz Yisrael. This is his permanent home. Outside the Land, we have the status of guests.

(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