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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 159

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

## GREAT AND HOLY RABBIS WHO SUPPORTED THE EARLY ZIONIST MOVEMENT

THE ADMOR OF GUR, THE SFAT EMET, ALSO SHARES WITH US A CLOSENESS OF THOUGHT, AND A CLOSENESS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP TO ERETZ YISRAEL. UPON HIS URGING, MANY HAREDIM MADE ALIYAH TO ISRAEL AND EVEN FOUNDED SETTLEMENTS.

He always emphasized that there was a mitzvah to live in the Land of Israel. The Hasidim of Gur were at the head of all the Hasidim when it carne to the settlement of Israel. Also in the dynasty of Rezin, many pleasant and important things were said about Eretz Yisrael, but it never reached actualization in deeds - theirs was a type of platonic love - in contrast to the Rebbe of Gur, who was a doer and who fostered the settlement of the Land. If there had been many like him, the situation today in Israel would look entirely different. "

## ..."The Rabbi of Ostrovtza exclaimed, 'What is going on here?! Hashem sent His holy children to build the Holy Land, and here people condemn them!"

(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