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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 171**

**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**

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR SUFFERINGS IN EXILE  
AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TO ERETZ YISRAEL**

Rav Tzvi Yehuda did not base this relationship between the Holocaust and the redemption of Israel from the witness of history alone. Everything he said was founded on the words of the Rabbis and Sages before him. It is worthwhile to cite just a few.

Another student of the Gaon of Vilna wrote, "This prophetic speech, that a refuge would be found in Zion and Jerusalem, (Yoel, 3:5: For in Mount Zion and Jerusalem there will be those who escape. Also, Ovadiah, 1:17) extremely worried our teacher, HaGra, since, according to this, the time of the Footsteps of Mashiach, would bring the ingathering of the exiles in a path of refugees, with tribulations and harsh decrees, and only remnants of the refugees would reach Zion and Jerusalem."

Ten years before the destruction of Europe, when Hitler, may his name be erased, rose to prominence, the Chofetz Chaim said that the surviving camp for refugees would be in Eretz Yisrael, as is written, For on the mountain of Zion, there will be a refuge (The book, Chofetz Chaim, P. 73)

And finally, several years before the Holocaust, HaRav Avraham Yitzhak HaCohen Kook foresaw the horror which was coming. In a speech delivered in the Churvah synagogue in Jerusalem, on Rosh Hashana, in the year 5694 - 1933, several years before the Second World War, he said: "If there will cease the holy fervor, and the desire for exalted redemption which stems from it; and if the natural, human feeling for nationality, and the yearning for the honorable life of the nation, will disappear - the enemies of Israel will come and blow a shofar in our ears which calls for our redemption. They force us to hear the voice of the shofar. They sound an alarm, and set off a cannon in our ears, and don't grant us rest in the Galut. This shofar of an impure beast will be transformed into the shofar of Mashiach. Amalek, Hitler, and others like them, awaken the redemption. And he... who didn't want to hear, because his ears had become blocked, he will hear... out of absolute coercion, he will listen (The Essays of Rav Avraham Yitzhak HaCohen Kook, P.269. See also, L'Netivot Yisrael, Part 1, Pgs. 36, 47, 55, 56, 74, 89, 97, 106, 128, 177. Ezekiel, 36:8.) (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**