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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 186

## 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

IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT OUR STATEHOOD DOES NOT START FROM THE PROCLAMATION IN THE TEL AVIV MUSEUM. RATHER, IT EVOLVES FROM THE HOLY WORDS OF THE RAMBAN THAT WE ARE COMMANDED BY THE TORAH TO POSSESS AND DWELL IN THIS LAND."

"Yom Haatzmaut is the celebration of the existence of our State. This State, which was proclaimed in the Tel Aviv Museum, has its share of problems, and, certainly, there are matters which demand correction. However, it must be remembered that our Statehood does not start from the proclamation in the Tel Aviv Museum. Rather, it evolves from the holy words of the Ramban that we are commanded by the Torah to possess and dwell in this Land."

"I heard from Rabbi Aryeh Leib, the son of the Chofetz Chaim, that when his father heard about the settlements which had been founded in Eretz Yisrael; in Rehovot, Rishon L'Zion, and Gedera, he said in Yiddish, 'Behold, the thing (Geula) has already begun.' The Chofetz Chaim was a Gaon and holy man, and, along with this, he was alert and awake to every matter. He knew the spiritual level of a portion of the settlers in the new villages. Yet nonetheless, he recognized that the new settlement in Eretz Yisrael belonged to the process of redemption."

...In the era of the Second Temple, the Almighty used a gentile king to return His exiled children to Zion. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight his ways. He shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives (Isaiah, 45:13) There were people who didn't agree with this way of restoring things. They thought the Geula should come in a holier way, and that the Temple be built in a more suitable manner. However, the Lord has many Shlichim, and He does what He wants. King Herod, a gentile, usurped the throne of Israel by force, murdered all of the Rabbis, save Rabbi Baba ben Buta, whom he only blinded, (Baba Batra 3B-4A.) and yet Hashem allowed him to reconstruct the Second Temple and to rebuild the city of Jerusalem (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