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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 38

## 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)

## IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT APARENTLY GOOD KOSHER, RELIGIOUS JEWS REFUSE TO RETURN TO ERETZ ISRAEL AND CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN EXILE

Tzefanyah states, And I will punish the men who sit complacently, who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor evil." And their wealth will become a plunder, and their houses a desolation; they will build houses, but will not dwell in them; they will plant vineyards, but will not drink their wine (Tzefanyah 1:12-13). Indeed all of this has occurred in our days in nearly all of the countries of Europe, because the Jews disregard aliyah to Eretz Yisrael, as the Tanchuma demonstrates.

The brilliant Ya' avetz also bemoans our lack of interest in returning to and dwelling in Eretz Yisrael. Since we subsist peacefully outside the Land, we imagine that we have already found a different Eretz Yisrael and Jerusalem. This caused great misfortune to the Jews who dwelt comfortably in Spain (and other lands), and they were expelled. There is no remnant of the Jewish people left in that land. HaShem is righteous, for they completely forgot that they were in exile, and they assimilated among the nations. All of this has happened because we neglected to return to our homeland, the Land of the Deer.

...There is no doubt that my words will fall upon fertile ground and awaken the hearts of our Jewish brethren in exile to long and yearn to return to the desirable Land of our forefathers. They will realize that there is no blessing in all of their endeavors here in exile, for the fruits of their labor are snatched by Eisav. Not only does he steal their money and property, but also their bodies, their very lives (as is well known from current events throughout Europe). During such times, they will surely listen to me...

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

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