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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 214**

**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**

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FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH IS ACCEPTED BY ALL - THE NATION  
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When the mystical, abstract force driving Knesset Yisrael begins demanding full expression, Jews the world over are becoming hungry for truth. The search for truth takes many directions, but underneath them all, the nation is feeling that ghetto Judaism is not enough to contain our awakening souls. Elsewhere in OROT, Rabbi Kook writes that at the foundation of the Israeli soul lies the longing for universality. Some Jews turn to Communism, others to art. Some exceptionally sensitive souls turn to psychology, humanitarianism, philosophy, and many, searching for universality, abandon the Jewish people completely, never having discovered that true universalism can only be found through Torah. The healthiest souls turned toward Zion for truth, some to establish a moral kibbutz society, and others to realize the prophesied Torah ideal. Rabbi Kook also writes that the nation returns to an inner purity. As we learn in his essays on Eretz Yisrael, the lands of the nations are filled with physical, spiritual, and cultural pollution. Because of the impurity, thoughts and emotions become distorted, ugly, and confused. Even the learning of Torah is affected in a negative way. By turning toward the holy air and Land of Israel, the nation slowly begins to return to its original purity.

Another color of our nation is Yosher, which can be translated as straightforwardness or honesty. In the Galut, Jews are bent over from the fear of the gentile. We have a crooked world-view, where the gentile is on top and the Jew is on the bottom. The world of Galut is a world upside down, false, distorted, deceptive. The values are gentile values. The material world reigns supreme. Even in religious circles, the focus is on a person's private, individual life, and not on the nation. For those who come to Israel, the yosher and straight thinking is all the more clear. Though ideologies and opinions conflict, a fundamental truth is accepted by all - the nation needs to be built. This common cause, and its spirit of self-sacrifice, unites the nation and makes the people strong. Whether or not they were aware of the Divine roots of their mandate, the Zionist pioneers were honestly expressing a deep inner essence of Knesset Israel. FROM WAR AND PEACE, THE TEACHINGS OF RAV AVRAHAM YTZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK ZTKL

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