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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 83**

**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**

**WE DO NOT LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO OUR  
ORIGINAL PLACE IN EXILE, BUT TO OUR FOREFATHERS'  
LAND, WHICH IS THE DESIRABLE LAND**

Tangentially, I will cite here a short letter I recently received from the brilliant and holy rabbi of a large city here in Hungary. A student of mine fell ill while serving in the army and was taken to the local hospital. I asked this rabbi to keep a watchful eye over him. He responded: After conferring greetings and blessings, I will now respond to his honorable letter. I immediately sent someone over to the hospital, but even after a thorough investigation, your student's whereabouts are regrettably unknown. I sincerely share in his honor's sorrow and in the pain of thousands and tens of thousands of Jews who have been exiled from their homes. The Talmud states: "And my eye will weep sorely and run down with tears (Yirmiyah 13:17). Why three tears? One for the First Temple, one for the Second Temple, and one for the Jews who were exiled from their place" (Chagigah 5b). Woe to us that this has occurred in our times. May HaShem have mercy on the survivors and gather our dispersed ones, not to their original place in exile, but to our forefathers' Land, which is the desirable Land.

This gaon's words, which came from the depths of his pure heart, effected my emotions so much that I wept sorely, and my eyes shed endless tears. Observe his closing remark: We do not look forward to returning to our original place in exile, but to our forefathers' Land, which is the desirable Land. Our wounds will not be healed any other way, and our nation, which has been broken into many pieces, will not be cured simply by remaining in its original place, hidden in the shadows of exile. King David referred to this when he said, The Lord is the Builder of Jerusalem, He will gather the outcasts of Israel. He is the Healer of the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Tehillim 147:2-3). That is to say, only building Jerusalem and ingathering the outcasts of Israel will cure the brokenhearted of Israel and bind up their wounds. Subsequently, I found this stated in Midrash Tehillim (17:4).

**(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**