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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 104**

**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

**RAV TZVI YEHUDA KOOK ZTK'L TAUGHT US TO SEE THE CONCRETE
EXPRESSION OF THE WORDS OF OUR PROPHETS AND SAGES IN THE
EVENTS WE WERE EXPERIENCING IN ERETZ ISRAEL TODAY**

**"It is sometimes erroneously thought that living in
Israel, conquering her, settling the Land, and keeping
her under Jewish sovereignty, are only the means for
observing a Torah lifestyle in Israel.**

This is a mistake. The precept of conquering and settling the Land is, in itself, a mitzvah prescribed by the Torah - to settle the Land so that it will not lay in desolation."

"In Judaism, it is accepted that, among the Rishonim, second in importance to the Rambam (Maimonides) is his near contemporary, the Ramban (Nachmanides,) one of the most outstanding sages and Kabbalists, two things which go hand in hand. The Ramban concluded that the commandment to settle the Land of Israel is a positive mitzvah of the 613 commandments in the Torah. (See his commentary to the Torah - Numbers, 33:53) He based his decision on the language of the verse, And you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the Land and dwell in it, (Numbers, 33:53) which is stated in the language of a command. We are enjoined with two tasks: first, to possess the Land through conquest; and, secondly, to dwell in the Land."

"The Ramban clearly establishes that this Land, which Hashem promised our forefathers, must be kept under our control, and not under the control of any other nation. This is clearly meant in a national sense, for everyone understands that ruling a land means the establishment of a state in that land. The establishment of Jewish sovereignty over the Land of Israel is a fundamental precept of the Torah. To ensure that the Land does not remain desolate, we must actively promote the development and settlement of the Land, in every sphere possible."

(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**