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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

Rav Tzvi Yehuda wanted students to know that there was absolutely no question of a Jew's duty to live in Eretz Yisrael

The conquering of Israel, and the settlement of the Land, was a commandment of the Torah. This was clearly explained by the Ramban, and all of the Rishonim and Achronim who decided Halacha agreed. This obligation to live in Israel rests both on the individual, and on the nation as a whole. While there were Orthodox communities who opposed the modern Jewish State, Rav Tzvi Yehuda taught us the opposite. Medinat Yisrael was Kadosh in its fulfillment of this national mitzvah. It is the vehicle Hashem is using to enable us to actualize this commandment, which is equal in value to all of the precepts of the Torah.(Sifre, Parashat Ree)

The following is a partial list of the Halachic authorities who state that the obligation to live in Israel is a Torah commandment binding in all times:

Rambam, Laws of Marriage, Ch. 3:20; Laws of Slaves, Ch. 8:39. Ramban commentary to the Torah - Numbers, 33:53, Sefer Haredim, Ch.7. Maharit, Responsa, 2:28. Rashbash, 1. Knesset Gedolah, Even HaEzer, 75, Notes to the Beit Yosef, 25. Gaon of Vilna, Yoreh Deah, 267:161. Avne Nezer, Yoreh Deah, 454. M'il Tzedakah, Responsa, 26. Rav Yaacov Emden, Mor Uktziah, Section 1, Pg.16. Chida, Responsa, Yosef Ometz, 52, and Ya'ir Ozen, 10:5. Chachmat Adam, Shar Mishpatei HaAretz, 11:3. Paat HaShulchan, Ch.1, Beit Yisrael, 14. Chatam Sofer, Responsa, Yoreh Deah, 233,234. Rav Haim Palagi, Responsa, Nishmat Kol Chai, Yoreh Deah, 48. Rav Shlomo from Lublin, in his introduction to the book Mitzvah Yishuv HaAretz. Maharam Shik, Yoreh Deah, 225. Ohr Somayach, Letter for the book Shivat Zion, printed in Kol Yisrael, 5687. Rav Yitzhak Elchanan Spector, Letters, Shivat Zion. Chazon Ish, Letters, 175. (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