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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 169**

**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**

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR SUFFERINGS IN EXILE  
AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TO ERETZ YISRAEL**

Rav Tzvi Yehuda did not base this relationship between the Holocaust and the redemption of Israel from the witness of history alone. Everything he said was founded on the words of the Rabbis and Sages before him. It is worthwhile to cite just a few.

Rabbi Yaacov Emden writes in the introduction to his scholarly Siddur, Beit Yaacov, "When it seems to us, in our present peaceful existence outside of the Land of Israel, that we have found another Eretz Yisrael and Jerusalem, this, to me, is the greatest, deepest, most obvious, and direct cause of all of the awesome, frightening, monstrous, unimaginable destructions that we have experienced in the Diaspora.( Siddur, Beit Yaacov, Introduction, P.13)

Rabbi Yehuda Chai Alkalai writes in Kol Korai, "Because Israel didn't rise up to return to our Land, and to the inheritance of our forefathers, the decrees began, the expulsions and slaughters, for the matter is dependent on the repentance of returning to Eretz Yisrael.,,( Kol Korai, Rabbi Yehuda Chai Alkalai. The Writings of Rav Alkalai)

In Chapter One of the book, Em Habanim Semaicha, an interesting analogy is brought in the name of Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Pashischa. He compares the situation of Geula to the two ways which an animal is acquired: a person calls to the animal, and it follows after him; or he hits it with a stick, and it runs in front of him. Therefore, he says, we must return to the Land of Israel by ourselves, and not wait until Hashem hits us with a stick. (Em Habanim Semaicha Ch 1)

The Meshech Chochmah, written by the Ohr Somayach, Rav Meir Simcha HaCohen from Dvinsk, states that, "If a Jew thinks that Berlin is Jerusalem... then a raging storm wind will uproot him by his trunk, a tempest will arise and spread its roaring waves, and swallow, and destroy, and flood forth without pity. (Meshech Chochmah, P.191-2) (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**