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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 365**

**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
FROM THE BOOK ZION TODAY**

In Em Habanim Smeicha the point is reiterated and emphasized: the initial awakening for the Redemption (geula) is destined to come from us, here on earth.

The Chafetz Chaim in 1890 observed signs of such an awakening in the purchase (by Jews expelled from Moscow) of large parcels of land in Eretz Yisroel, and their subsequent aliya. He urged his family, if at all possible, to buy land and move to Eretz Yisroel, because the times appear to be those preceding the advent of Mashiach. (Michtevei heChafetz Chaim, p. 44)

The Chazon Ish also perceived in the settling of the Land, a movement to expedite Redemption. (See Igros Chazon Ish, 10 Tammuz 5700)

...'She is Zion and no one asks for her' (Yirmiyahu 30). The implication is that Zion needs to be asked for." (Rosh Hashana 30)."Happy is he who waits to arrive and see the rise of your light, over him your dawns shall break" (from Rabbi Yehuda Halevi's "Zion Won't You Inquire", lamentations for Tisha B'Av).

..."Consider the bravery of the seven bnei yeshiva who founded Nachlat Shiva in the western part of Yerushalayim. They were surrounded by wild animals and thieves. What of Meah Shearim, in the city's north and Beis Yisroel, Mishkenos, Even Yisroel to the east? And the tremendous courage to found the first colony, Petach Tikva, out in the barren wilderness, until then home only to wild beasts and bandits.

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