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Update from our new English-language department

Inspirational words from a *shiur* of Rav Mendel Weinbach *zt"l*, Rosh Yeshivas Ohr Somayach, follow this update.

Parshas Balak

The English-language department at Agudas Kedushas Tzion is now actively involved in helping those interested in immigrating to and settling in Eretz Yisroel.

This past week we have been busy assisting people with helpful information for their immigration process. We have been in touch with political contacts to assist people who have various bureaucratic obstacles, such as issues with the army, visa, etc.

Our volunteer activists are now working closely with the Naava Kodesh organization which connects those interested in living in Eretz Yisroel with people from similar backgrounds, occupations and lifestyles as their own who have already made the move to Eretz Yisroel. We are working together to expand their volunteer database and to create a listing of jobs available here.

There are other projects in the works, including putting together pamphlets with informational and educational materials for distribution in the U.S., and setting up a website—encyclopedia style—with informational articles to cover everything about *frum* living in Eretz Yisroel, including information on communities and *kehillas*, *chinuch* options, types of employment opportunities, and more.

Of course, we will continue generating the Eretz Chemdah articles about life in Eretz Yisroel – a joint project with Avira D'Eretz Yisroel.

Send a request to yberman613@gmail.com to be added to the English-language Kedushas Tzion mailing list, and let me know if you want to join this effort in facilitating *yishuv Eretz Yisroel* in any way.

Good Shabbos,
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Transcribed from a *shiur* by **Rav Mendel Weinbach zt"l**,
Rosh Yeshivas Ohr Somayach –

We have R' Zeira, in a scene entering Eretz Yisroel, walking along a rickety primitive bridge and being accused of impulsiveness; he doesn't wait for the ferry to come.

The Jew is being accused of being not careful in his thinking, of being impulsive.

You know what R' Zeira answers when the guy told him,
“You're impulsive, why didn't you wait for the ferry?”

R' Zeira said to him -
“*duchta deMoshe veAharon lo zachu,*”

“Do you know what you're talking about?” he says,
“Where do you think I'm going?”

I'm going to Uganda?
I'm going to the United States?
I'm going to South Africa?

I'm going to **Eretz Yisroel!**”

Eretz Yisroel is a place that the **greatest people in our history – Moshe Rabbeinu and Aharon HaKohen** – didn't enter it. They were buried outside of Eretz Yisroel.

“*Mi yeimar,*” says Rav Zeira,
“Who says that if I delay **one minute more**,
who says that I will **ever** merit entering that land?”

I can't wait – the opportunity has come;
I have to grab it right now!”

Now that *gemara* always reminds me of my own situation years ago when first planning to move with my family to Eretz Yisroel.

Not an easy matter – my wife, a child, a second child on the way;

Very established already in my professional life, my personal life;
the country that I had grown up all those years.

It was a very difficult move to make,
and many things kept coming up.

Even though my wife and I already had made
a commitment to come to Eretz Yisroel,

there were always reasons for putting it off.

Everybody has reasons for putting it off; that's why
there are so many people who are still in *chutz*
laAretz.

And there were personal reasons;
Should we better wait for the child there and come
afterwards?
Professionally – all the positions that I held then.

There were so many reasons for putting it off.

And every time those reasons began to mount, and
present a barrier, you know what I used to do?

I used to go take open a *gemora* Kesuvos, turn to the
end of *gemora* Kesuvos and read that story of R'
Zeira,

then I would go and reconfirm my booking for a flight
on El Al.

Every time, those words just hit me like a bomb –
Duchta deMoshe veAharon lo zachu – a place that
Moshe and Aharon didn't make it.

**Who says that if you put it off any longer, you'll
ever make it?**

What kind of a *zechus* does it require to be able to
make it to come to Eretz Yisroel?

That's what R' Zeira answered.
