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The Kdushas Tzion has been distributing a monthly Alon (pamphlet) to Yeshiva's and Chareidi communities throughout Israel, as well as via email. Our alon focuses on what we refer to as "Drishas Tzion Aml Tahras Hakodesh", or basically, a complete Torah approach on topics such as Yishuv Eretz Yisroel, the movement of the Talmidei Hagra"h (Geulah Bderech Hateva and Moshiach Ben Yosef) and our obligation to work towards the establishment of a Torah based government here in Israel. For around the past two years, our alon has been distributed in Hebrew only, and despite efforts to cater to the English speaking crowd, whether here or abroad, nothing really took off. Recently, we decided that until we have the capabilities to distribute an entire alon in english, we can at least translate little "tidbits" from the Hebrew alon and share them with those who would otherwise not be able to enjoy our content. We will Iy"h distribute each week a translation of a selected piece from the Hebrew monthly alon, as well as any other english material we have related to the subjects we discuss. Bezras Hashem, this is the first week we are launching this initiative and **we would be very grateful if you could pass it on to anyone else that would perhaps take interest!** Also, any feedback or ideas for expansion are more than welcome. For any other questions about the alon, to join the email list or in order to donate, feel free to contact me via mail [yrabin620@gmail.com] or cellphone at 0536237128. Sincerely, Yosef Sholom Rabin, Member of the Hanhalah at Agudas Kdushas Tzion.

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Regarding the *mitzvah* of conquering the seven nations, as well as any milchemes mitzvah, the מנחת חינוך (מצוה תכה) writes:

“It is true that all *mitzvohs* are overridden because of a *sakoneh*, in any case, the Torah commanded one to fight for this *mitzvah*. It is known that the Torah does not require fulfillment of its laws based on miracles, as explained in the רמב"ן, and it is the normal occurrence that people are killed from both sides during a war. Therefore, the Torah foretells a decree to fight with them, even though it is a dangerous situation. If so, there is a danger here as well, and there is a *mitzvah* to kill even though it is dangerous.”

Our current topic (in the קדושת ציון pamphlet) has been discussing the mitzvah of *mesiras nefesh* for *kibush Eretz Yisroel*. So far, we have brought seventeen sources from *chazal* for this discussion. In this edition, we bring some more sources for this mitzvah.

Rabbi Yosef Chaim Zonnenfeld *zt”l* who was a pillar of the foundation in the Old Yishuv writes:

“We that fear the word of Hashem*,* hold the Yishuv dear, and we give our lives for its sake.”

“These zealous Jews that laid the foundation for the existing settlement are the same ones that gave their lives for it and are the same individuals that are prepared to give their lives for the sake of its future and existence on a strong and firm foundation.” (qtd. in קדושת ציון pg.7 from האיש על החומה ח"ג עמ' 340)

Additionally, we learn such lessons for Rav Yosef Chaim’s own actions. One time, Rav Yosef Chaim was invited to a *bris* outside his neighborhood in Old City. While wearing his *tallis* and *tefillin*, he walked towards *Sha’ar-Schechem* (also known as the Damascus Gate in the Moslem Quarter of the Old City) even though this was a most dangerous route. This is because, “it is forbidden to give up any sector or any alcove in *Yerushalayim* out of fear.” (qtd. in קדושת ציון pg.7 from ח"ב עמ' 173 האיש על החומה)

Fear hinders one’s ability to accomplish many things. Additionally, it takes much courage to overcome. However, fear is not an excuse for the inability to follow a just path, especially regarding our sacred duty of fulfilling the *mitzvohs*. Moreover, if by not fulfilling a *mitzvah* there will be unprecedented consequences for *Klall* *Yisroel* as a whole, surely, we cannot let any hurdle cross our path and block us from the commitment to this sacred duty. This is especially true regarding the *mitzvah* of requiring one to be *moser* *nefesh* for living in *Eretz Yisroel*.

Therefore, because of the importance of this *mitzvah* and because of the consequences that can take place if one does not heed to this doctrine, it is essential that every devout Jew from all corners of the earth give whatever they can of themselves to support the *yishuv* in *Eretz Yisroel*. Additionally, it is of utmost importance to aid those that reside in those so-called “dangerous areas” to keep the *yishuv* in the proper hands. In no manner shall anyone condemn such individuals and their families for putting their lives at risk. They are being *moser nefesh* for a great *mitzvah*, and we should learn from them and of their utmost devotion.

Here at Kdushas Tzion, we believe that it is our obligation to do our utmost in order to maintain Jewish sovereignty over ALL parts of Eretz Yisroel. The poskim do make a clear differentiation between a "sakanah kiyumis" (existential threat) versus a "sakanah regilah" (regular danger), however, it would seem that traveling or living in the "Shtachim" today do not come under this catergory (Sakanah Keyumis). Obviously, this is not at all a comprehensive discussion on the matter and is meant merely to give a glimpse of Rav Zonnenfelds perspective.