



### How do we fix the sin of the spies?

We recently read the parsha of Shelach where ten of the spies reject the promised land of Israel. Only Caleb and Joshua insist that the land can be settled as G-d has commanded.

This event happened on the 9th of Av.



Since the people wept for no reason Hashem let many tragedies in Jewish History happen on that day. Like the destruction of both temples in the land of Israel, the Expulsion of Jews from Spain, and in 2005 from Gush Katif.

Chazal say we are still paying for the sin of the Spies until today!

So... how do we fix this incredible national mistake???

The answer is to do the opposite! **Embrace the Land!** We need to heed the call of leaders like Joshua and Calev Ben Yefune who said

*עליה נעלם ונירשנו אפקה כי יכול נובל לה*

*"We can surely go up and take possession of it, for we can indeed overcome it."\**



### Planting Trees in Netzer Hazani helping fix the sin of the spies!



*The Catton family from NY planting a grove of trees in the new community of Netzer Hazani*

Last week David Catton and his family visiting Israel from New York, donated a grove of Avocado trees to the new community of **Netzer Hazani** near Moshav Yesodot, which was originally in **Gush Katif** before they were expelled in 2005. David showed his family how to roll up their sleeves and settle the land by planting a whole grove of fruit trees with their own hands.

## Planting an Avocado grove in Netzer Hazani



*Shlomo Walfish of Zo Artzeinu with Anita Tucker founder and spokes person for Gush Katif*





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Thanks again to the Catton family and everyone else who donated trees which all help fix the sin of the spies by helping settle the promised land.



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