**The Historic Connection between the Rabbinic Leaders of Algeria and Eretz Yisrael in the Era of Change (1830-1962)**

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The rabbinic sages of Eretz Yisrael provided a unique contribution and had a profound influence on the rabbinic leaders of Algeria. This assisted them in stabilizing and maintaining their positions during the 19th and 20th centuries. This contribution and influence came in the form of the introduction of the Hebrew press in Algeria. During this period of transition, the press served as a bridge between the Algerian sages and the manifestations of modernity.

Under the guidance of those sages this press navigated the complexities of Halachah during those turbulent times. It served as a source of their authority and support in their controversial religious decision-making processes, as well as assisting them in quelling localized squabbles. The press laid down an ideological foundation for the philosophy underlying religious Zionism across its entire spectrum. It took a position against all forms of assimilation, becoming a stabilizing factor in communities which were undergoing unrest and discontent.

In the period following 1841, when Jewish religious judicial autonomy was taken away, and its religious authority was no longer supported by the central government, the sages of *Eretz Yisrael* filled the void and became the font of wisdom, guidance, and inspiration.

The Algerian sages found an alternative source of religious authority in their *Eretz Yisrael* counterparts. This period of historic cooperation between the sages of Algeria and those of Eretz *Yisrael* represented their finest hour during these turbulent and ever-changing times.