

# Israel Honors Nazi Victims

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Premier David Ben-Gurion declared tonight that the memory of the Warsaw uprising was in effect a reminder to Jews everywhere that their best hope lay in a return to Zion.

The Premier spoke at a solemn ceremony closing Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day, marking the Warsaw tragedy and the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews by the Nazis in World War II.

The day of mourning began at 8 A. M. with the sounding of sirens, followed by a cessation of all traffic throughout Israel and two minutes of silence. Flags flew at half staff. A brief memorial session was held by the Knesset (Parliament), and memorial assemblies were conducted in 230 rural settlements.

Mr. Ben-Gurion referred in his memorial address tonight to a pamphlet written more than 80 years ago by Leon Pinsker dealing with the question of the Jewish people in the Diaspora—that is, Jews dispersed around the world. Among the passages he quoted from the pamphlet was this:

“Jews are in truth a separate element in the midst of the peoples among whom they live—an element that cannot be completely absorbed by any nation—and for this reason no nation can calmly tolerate it in its midst. What is required is therefore to find a means by which this separate element will be enabled to enter into the family of nations in a way that will forever remove the basis of the Jewish question.”

The Premier said that “no matter how much our brethren in the Diaspora hide their heads in the sand,” Pinsker’s analysis was still correct.

Anti-Semitism has not disappeared and will not, he asserted, “until a fundamental change takes place in the position of our people—namely, until a large part of our people is assembled in its liberated homeland and until this homeland is secure.”

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