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“I am deeply moved”, said the speaker, “and my heart is overfilled at this moment, when I meet together with my friends and acquaintances from Częstochowa, all of whom have gone through the most horrific of all eras. Of what can we speak and what can we say, when all of our hearts are filled with such agony? I have, more than once, thought as to how can we honour our martyrs, besides just, occasionally, at a ceremony?”

“What I think is simple – we must remain national [viz. Zionist] and traditional Jews. That will be the best ‘Yizkor’ for our dearest ones, who breathed their last breath with ‘Sh’ma Yisrael’ on their lips.”

The speaker stressed that he could not say that, if someone emigrated to anywhere other than the Land of Israel, that he could not fulfil his obligation towards the martyrs. But, in the Land of Israel, more so than in another country because, there, it would be possible to erect a holy monument as they deserved.