

## Dr Szmul Gringauz

*“On behalf of the Landsberg Jewish Kehilla, on behalf of the Council of the Surviving Remnant and on behalf of every Jew, wherever he may be, I bow my head together with you, those assembled here, before the unknown grave of the great Cześćochowa Jewish community.”*

The speaker [then] expanded on how, eighteen centuries ago, the first Jews set foot on the European soil. Over the course of this long epoch, Jews walked the roads of Europe, forming cultural centres and establishing communities. One of the most blooming Jewish centres was the glorious Polish Jewry - both with its religious beauty, as well as with its worldly cultural contributions, with its national movements, workers' movements, industry, craftsmanship and commerce and with its colossal oeuvre in the Yiddish and Hebrew literature.

“And when we perceive”, continued the orator, “how the Jewish person still has feelings for the fatherland where he has lived, which for him was only a foster country. we may imagine how strong his feelings will be for the land which will not be a foster country. But [even] when we will meet together in our own state, we shall continue to have feelings for the places where, over the course of history, we and our parents lived, accomplished things and created, and we will remember them fondly. This custom willll remain in our people for generations.”

Dr Gringauz concluded his speech by expressing reverential awe for all the Jews of the bygone Cześćochower community, who fell sanctifying God's name and the Jewish people, and flying the flag of our immortal “Am Yisrael Chai” [The Nation of Israel is Lives].