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On October 6, 1973, as Israel and Jews around the world began observing Yom Kippur, the Jewish State was attacked by surprise by the combined armies of Egypt and Syria. The approximately three week war that followed, which became known as the Yom Kippur War, is one of the most controversial in Israel's history. While the Israel Defense Force (IDF) was victorious in the end, a board of inquiry was held to look into why the military was not prepared for the attack and its conclusions led to the resignations of Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

In this excerpt from Moriah Films' award-winning documentary *The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers*, based on the best-selling book by Ambassador Yehuda Avner, z"l, the events leading up to the surprise attack and Meir's decisive leadership during the war are examined. Meir's emotional meeting with a group of soldiers on the Syrian front on Sukkot 1973 is also highlighted.



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