

Menachem Begin



1913: Born in Brest-Litovsk, August 16

1939: Marries Aliza Arnold. Arrested by Soviet secret police and sent to a prison camp in Siberia

1942: Freed from prison, emigrates to Palestine and joins revolt against British

1943: Takes command of Irgun Zvai Leumi – National Military Organisation

1946: Irgun bomb destroys King David Hotel in Jerusalem killing 91 and injuring 45 Jews, Arabs and British

1948: Irgun attacks Arab village of Dier Yassin, and slaughters 250 Arabs. Begin founds Herut (Liberty) Party

1967: Enters cabinet as minister without portfolio

1977: Elected Prime Minister

1978: Shares Nobel Peace Prize with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt

1979: Camp David treaty making peace with Egypt signed

1981: Israel bombs Iraqi nuclear plant

1982: Invasion of Lebanon

1983: Resigns as Prime Minister

1992: March 9, dies six days after suffering a heart attack