

PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG
OF ISRAEL

While the Israelis are a people of many cultures and pasts, few have lived so full and varied a life as their 71-year-old President, Chaim Herzog. Now serving his second five-year term as President, Mr. Herzog has had a highly distinguished and diverse career as a soldier, author, military historian and commentator, lawyer and businessman, politician and diplomat. One of the leading Israelis of his generation, Mr. Herzog has been President since 1983.



Born in Ireland, the son of the then Chief Rabbi of Ireland (who was subsequently Israel's first Chief Rabbi), President Herzog was educated in England, receiving an LLB from the University of London. During World War II, he served in the British Army, and during the Reichswald Battle, was a member of a British formation under command of the 1st Canadian Army.

President Herzog emigrated to Palestine in 1935 and, following the creation of the state of Israel, served in various command and staff posts in the Israeli Defence Forces from 1948-1962. As military attaché in the Israeli Embassy in Washington (from 1950-54), he was also accredited to Canada.

President Herzog has had an active career as a company director and lawyer. He also served as first Military Governor of the West Bank in 1967. He is well-known as a military and political commentator on T.V. and radio and is the author of several books on Israeli and Middle East affairs.

In 1975, Mr. Herzog was appointed as Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations in New York, where he served for three years. In 1981, he was elected to the Knesset under the Labour alignment.

In May 1983, he was inaugurated as President of the State of Israel for a five-year term; he was subsequently