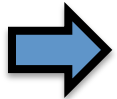# Fun Facts About…

Menachem Begin
1913-1992

➡ Begin was Israel's 6th Prime Minister, elected to office on May 17th, 1977

➡ He was arrested by Soviet occupation authorities in 1940 and remained in Gulag prison camps, mostly in Siberia, until 1941 when he was freed.
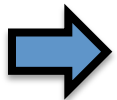
➡ Begin made aliyah to Israel in 1942 and assumed command of Irgun Zva'i Leumi (known as ETZEL, the Hebrew acronym for "National Military Organization").

➡ In 1948, he founded the Herut party, which was later formed into the Likud party.

➡ Begin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with Anwar Sadat in 1978.

➡ Begin was voted 4th greatest Israeli of all time in a poll by the Israeli news website Ynet.