Fun Facts About...



Moshe Dayan

1915-1981



Moshe Dayan was a true "sabra" – born on Kibbutz Degania Alef in 1915.



It was famously written that, "Rocking the boat is [Dayan's] favorite tactic, not to overturn it, but to sway it sufficiently for the helmsman to lose his grip or for some of its unwanted passengers to fall overboard."



In 1929, Dayan joined the Haganah; when the British outlawed the underground organization in 1939, Dayan was arrested and imprisoned for two years.



Dayan can be recognized by his trademark black eye patch, which he began wearing after he lost his left eye in battle in Lebanon in 1941.



Dayan participated in armistice talks with Jordanian officials in 1949.



Dayan led Israel's Suez campaign in 1956, an invasion of the Sinai Peninsula after Egypt, Syria, and Jordan signed a pact stating the destruction of Israel as their goal.



Dayan was appointed Minister of Defense just in time for the Six Day War in 1967.