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# Movie Review -The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers

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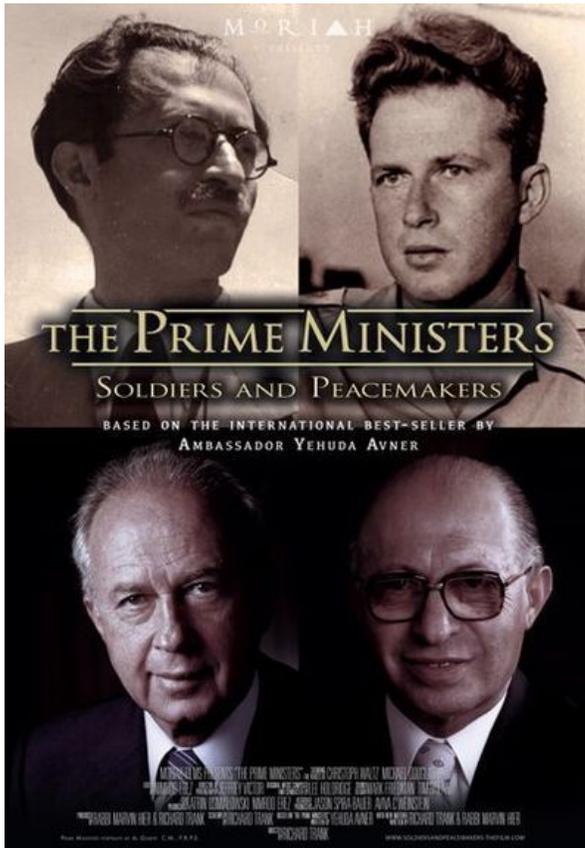


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The Prime Ministers #2 - Soldiers and Peacemakers - photo Moriah Films

The documentary by Richard Trank, *The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers* is the second film about Israel's prime ministers based on the book by **Ambassador Yehuda Avner**, *The Prime Ministers*. The first critically acclaimed film was *The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers*.

The epic film (111 minutes) goes from the civil war beginnings of the state where **David Ben Gurion** and **Menachem Begin** fought on opposite sides as **Haganah** (what became the IDF -Israel Defense Force) and the **Irgun** - the rebel group to eventually join forces for the good of the state.



### calendar

**Thursday October 8th**

1:00 PM |

9:00 PM | Comedy Palace

**Friday October 9th**

8:00 PM | An Evening of Quality Notions with Jacqueline Novak + special guests Michael Showalter & more!

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The Prime Ministers #2 - Anwar Sadat with Menachem Begin - photo from Moriah films

The story examines the 1974 election of [Yitzhak Rabin](#) as the first Israeli born prime minister who, with trepidation and difficulties surmounting, and pressure from [U.S. President Jimmy Carter](#), negotiated the first bilateral treaty between Israel and Egypt and the eventual friendship with [Anwar Sadat](#).



The Prime Ministers #2 - Yitzhak Rabin and Henry Kissinger - photo Moriah Films

Challenged in 1976, learn of Israel's rescue of the [Entebbe](#) hostages; the continued tension between **President Carter** and **Rabin**, the financial scandal that brought him down, and the surprise election of **Begin** in 1977 as prime minister. It was **Begin** who attended the [Camp David Accords](#), despite knowing that Carter favored the Egyptian side, attended **Sadat's** funeral - walking in the heat because it took place on the [Sabbath](#), and who dealt with the tension from [President Ronald Regan](#) during the [Lebanon war of 1982](#) when Israel was forced to, once again, defend itself.



The Prime Ministers #2- Begin with Rabin - photo by Moriah Films

The documentary continues to the decline of **Begin** after death of his beloved wife and the assassination of **Rabin**.



The Prime Ministers #2 - Menachem Begin and President Jimmy Carter -  
photo by Moriah Films

With [Michael Douglas](#) giving voice to Yitzhak Rabi, [Christopher Waltz](#) to Menachem Begin, and introducing [Nicola Peltz](#) as the voice of the young British woman, [Esther Cailoingold](#), this film, with excellent photography, historical footage, never before seen photos, emotional interactions, and interspersed with interviews is, I found, to be more exciting than the first. I definitely learned things that I had not known before.



The Prime Ministers #2 - Yitzhak Rabin - photo from Moriah Films

Produced by [Rabbi Marvin Heir](#) and distributed by the award winning [Moriah Films](#) (the filmmaking division of the [Simon Wiesenthal Center](#)), the film will open in NYC - **AMC Village East** (3rd Ave at 11th St) -on Friday, October 9, 2015, and in Los Angeles - [The Royal Laemmle](#) band in [Encino Town Center](#) - on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Two of **Moriah's** films have been recipients of Academy Awards for Best Feature Documentary.

Anyone interested in history and the Middle East will enjoy this movie.

For more information contact **Moriah Films**.



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