

Contents

<i>Author's Note</i>	<i>xi</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>xiii</i>
<i>Principal Characters</i>	<i>xv</i>
<i>Foreword by the Rt. Hon. Sir Martin Gilbert</i>	<i>xxi</i>

PART I: BEGINITES AND ANTI-BEGINITES

<i>Chapter 1: In the Beginning</i>	5
<i>Chapter 2: Desperate Hopes and Savage Defiance</i>	31
<i>Chapter 3: Esther</i>	49
<i>Chapter 4: Independence Day</i>	61
<i>Chapter 5: The Rock Harvesters of Galilee</i>	75
<i>Chapter 6: The Oxford Union</i>	87
<i>Interregnum</i>	97

PART II: COALITIONS AND OPPOSITIONS

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol

<i>Chapter 7: A Novice in the Foreign Ministry</i>	103
<i>Chapter 8: A Greenhorn in the Prime Minister's Bureau</i>	109
<i>Chapter 9: A Walk with Harry Truman</i>	115

<i>Chapter 10: A Perfidious Syrian Design</i>	125
<i>Chapter 11: The Gathering Storm</i>	135
<i>Chapter 12: An Uncommon Proposal and a Disastrous Broadcast</i>	145
<i>Chapter 13: A Prayer at the Wall</i>	153
<i>Chapter 14: Deep in the Heart of Texas</i>	165
<i>Chapter 15: An Unlikely Ambassador and a Premier's Passing</i>	179
<i>Chapter 16: Envoy of the Year</i>	187
 Prime Minister Golda Meir	
<i>Chapter 17: Changing of the Guard</i>	201
<i>Chapter 18: Golda and Oriana: A Romance</i>	207
<i>Chapter 19: The Shame of Schoenau</i>	219
<i>Chapter 20: The SAMS of Suez</i>	225
<i>Chapter 21: Once Upon a Sukka Time</i>	233
 Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin	
<i>Chapter 22: The Instant Premier</i>	261
<i>Chapter 23: Yeduha</i>	273
<i>Chapter 24: Collusion at Salzburg</i>	285
<i>Chapter 25: A Presidential Letter</i>	295
<i>Chapter 26: Entebbe – Flight 139</i>	303
<i>Chapter 27: Enter Jimmy Carter</i>	319
<i>Chapter 28: Swansong</i>	331

PART III: THE LAST PATRIARCH

Prime Minister Menachem Begin

<i>Chapter 29: Upheaval</i>	345
-----------------------------	-----

<i>Chapter 30: A Jew of Many Parts</i>	363
<i>Chapter 31: Yechiel and Begin</i>	381
<i>Chapter 32: The Open House</i>	389
<i>Chapter 33: The Bible Circle</i>	395
<i>Chapter 34: Washington</i>	401
<i>Chapter 35: The Presidential Encounter</i>	409
<i>Chapter 36: The Dinner</i>	429
<i>Chapter 37: To Ignite the Soul</i>	443
<i>Chapter 38: A Duel in the Knesset</i>	451
<i>Chapter 39: The Night Sadat Came</i>	457
<i>Chapter 40: Deadlock</i>	473
<i>Chapter 41: Abie Finegold Saves the Peace Treaty</i>	487
<i>Chapter 42: The Child in El Arish</i>	499
<i>Chapter 43: Begin's Bag and Baggage</i>	503
<i>Chapter 44: Purity of Arms</i>	523
<i>Chapter 45: O Jerusalem</i>	531
<i>Chapter 46: Germany – the Eternal and Infernal Reverie</i>	541
<i>Chapter 47: When Yet Another Holocaust Loomed</i>	551
<i>Chapter 48: Asset or Ally?</i>	565
<i>Chapter 49: Death of a President</i>	573
<i>Chapter 50: Pacta Sunt Servanda</i>	589
<i>Chapter 51: The Sabbath Queen</i>	595
<i>Chapter 52: Waging War, Preaching Peace</i>	603
<i>Chapter 53: "I Did Not Mislead You"</i>	613
<i>Chapter 54: An Inept Attempt at a Flawed Peace</i>	627
<i>Chapter 55: The Rosh Hashanah of Sabra and Shatila</i>	641

<i>Chapter 56: "To Everything There Is a Season"</i>	651
<i>Chapter 57: "I Cannot Go On"</i>	669
<i>Chapter 58: Journey's End</i>	693
<i>Afterword</i>	697
<i>Endnotes</i>	705
<i>Bibliography</i>	711
<i>Index</i>	715
<i>About the Author</i>	731