In recognition of his outstanding personal qualities reflecting the highest values of the heritage of Israel, his service to his people as soldier, diplomat and President of the State; and because of his continued efforts for the benefit of the State of Israel in particular and the welfare of mankind in general.

Born in Ireland in 1918 he made Aliyah in 1935 when his father, the late Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, was appointed Chief Rabbi of Eretz Israel. After studying at the “Mercaz HaRav” Yeshivah in Jerusalem he went to Cambridge University where he read Law and on graduation was admitted to the Bar in 1940.

A member of the Hagannah since his Aliyah he enlisted in the British Army during World War II and served in the Intelligence Corps. He took part in the Invasion of Europe and conquest of Germany. A founder of the Israel Defence Force Intelligence Corps he was head of Army Intelligence from 1959 until his retirement from active service in 1962.

On his retirement from the army he went into business and devoted a considerable portion of his time to being a commentator on military and political events.

From 1975 to 1978 he was Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations. He is the author of several books which have been translated from the Hebrew. His latest, written on completion of his tour of duty at the United Nations “Who Stands Accused”, is an important contribution to the understanding of international relations. In 1981 he was elected sixth of the State of Israel.