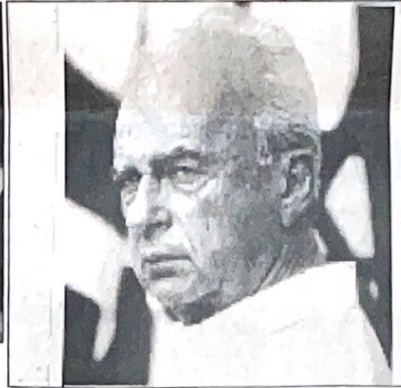


# A Tribute to Rabin

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(Above)  
Yuval Rabin



The late Israeli Prime Minister  
Yitzhak Rabin  
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**H**EWAS A SOLDIER TURNED statesman, and the first sabra to become Israel's prime minister. He lived at the center of Israeli history and was a pioneer who helped lead a nation through 50 years of existence, from war to peace.

The late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's early childhood dream was to serve his country. His aspiration, however, was to be a farmer. With the death of his mother, Rosa Cohen-Rabin, who had immigrated to Israel from Russia, it symbolized the end of his childhood.

In 1936 Rabin entered the *Haganah* and later was invited by the late Moshe Dayan to join the *Palmach*, an elite strike force of underground Jewish army, working in sabotage operations. By 1943 he was platoon commander, and after W.W.II, in the summer of 1945, Rabin led a daring rescue mission at a British internment camp that freed 200 illegal Jewish immigrants.

Through Israel's early perilous years as a nation, Rabin continued to be one of Israel's strongest defenders. In 1963, Yitzhak Rabin was made chief of staff in the military. By 1967, when Nasser closed the Red Sea strait, Israel's vital waterways to and from Africa and Asia, and overnight the rest of the Arab world joined Egypt in a Holy War against Israel, it was Rabin who decided Israel should go to war after 11 years of peace and prosperity. On June 5, 1967 Israel stunned the world with a devastating blow to Arab military. The triumph of the Six-Day War became Rabin's entree into the world of diplomacy. By Jan. 1968 he left the military to become Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. and subsequently prime minister of Israel.

In a celebration of Yitzhak Rabin's life, the Jewish Federation Valley Alliance presents the *Three Faces of Rabin*, commemorating the late prime minister with legacy, music and art on Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bernard Milken Jewish Community Campus in West Hills.

Yuval Rabin, son of the late Israeli prime minister, is expected to be on hand for the event. A statesman in his own right, Yuval chairs *Dor Shalom*, a new social movement promoting pluralism in Israel. Yuval will dis-

cuss *Pluralism in Israel* during the event.

Prior to the assassination of his father in November, 1995, Yuval had never been involved in politics. He joined the Israeli Defense Forces in 1973 just weeks prior to the Yom Kippur War and served for four years as a tank officer. In 1981, he joined the military's computer unit and served as a computer officer until 1985. Following Israeli government election in 1996 with the election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Yuval joined *Dor Shalom*. He was elected chairman and is actively involved in many facets of the movement, including meetings with Israeli President Ezer Weitzman, Arab leaders and national religious movements.

Also scheduled to appear is well-known musical composer Aaron Zigman, composer of an orchestral work in five movements called *Rabin*, which will be performed by the 60-piece Los Angeles Jewish Symphony.

Zigman's credits include pop, jazz and soundtracks. He received classical training as a pianist and came to the fore with his instinctive response to the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The multi-layered musical portrays not only a great man but the country and people he served and led.

"*Rabin* is a tone poem ... When the assassination took place, I was in San Francisco. When I returned, I saw the footage on TV ... I saw *Shir La Shalom*, a song of peace, and the blood stained lyric sheet. That was a strong message, and I awoke the next day with a melody in my head that compelled me to write the piece," Zigman said.

This unique evening will present a mixed-media exhibition curated with the input of Leah Rabin, featuring works by artists including Peter Max and Manashe Kadishman.

An elaborate dessert reception is included. Ticket price is \$36. For more information or to charge tickets, please call (818) 464-3230.



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