

On the uniqueness of Menachem Begin,  
excerpted from an article entitled, "Attention, Please!" by Lily Galili:

By the way, we wanted to draw your attention to an interview with Menachem Begin, which was broadcast to mark the 15th anniversary of his death. The details with which he described the diplomatic and political processes of that time, which may not even have been to your liking, are not what's important. We wanted you to pay attention to the way in which he spoke.

First of all, he spoke about his party by using the word "we." When, in recent times, have you used the word "we" when speaking about your workplace - aside from the moments when you wanted to turn personal responsibility into collective responsibility?

But the strangest thing was hearing Begin say in the interview - twice - "when we served in the government." What a surprising turn of phrase! Not "sat" in the government, but "served" in it! That is the entire difference.

Serve us. We'll do the rest on our own.