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## Key Dates In Israel's History

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### February 14, 1896

Publication of Theodor Herzl's treatise "The Jewish State"

### August 29, 1897

Opening of the First Zionist Congress at Basel, Switzerland

### November 2, 1917

Issuing of [Boycott](#) (on the Jewish community of Palestine)

### July 22, 1946

Irgun bombs King David Hotel

### February 14, 1947

Britain gives UN responsibility for Palestine

### November 29, 1947

[UN Partition Plan](#) approved (Resolution 181)

### May 14, 1948

[Declaration of the State of Israel](#)

### May 15, 1948

Outbreak of [War of Independence](#). Ends January 1949

**January 25, 1949**

Israel's first national election; David Ben-Gurion elected Prime Minister

**May 1950**

Operation Ali Baba; brings 113,000 Iraqi Jews to Israel

**September 1950**

Operation Magic Carpet; 47,000 Yemeni Jews to Israel

**Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 1956**

Suez Campaign

**October 10, 1959**

Creation of Fatah

**January 1964**

Creation of [Palestine Liberation Organization](#) (PLO)

**January 1, 1965**

Fatah first major attack: try to sabotage Israel's water system

**May 15-22, 1967**

Egyptian Mobilization in the Sinai/Closure of the Tiran Straits

**June 5-10, 1967**

[Six Day War](#)

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**November 22, 1967**

Adoption of [UN Security Council Resolution 242](#)

**April 4, 1968**

Establishment of Jewish settlement in Hebron

**July 18, 1968**

Hijacking of El Al airliner by PLO

**February 1-4, 1969**

Arafat becomes [PLO](#) Chairman

**March 8, 1969**

War of Attrition begins, lasts to August 1970

**September 5, 1972**

Massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at Munich Olympics

**October 6-24, 1973**

[Yom Kippur War](#)

**October 17, 1973**

Arab Oil Embargo declared

**October 22, 1973**

Adoption of [UN Security Council Resolution 338](#)

**May 15, 1974**

Terrorist Attack on school in northern Israeli town of Ma'alot

**November 10, 1975**

[“Zionism is Racism”](#) resolution passed by the UN

**November 19, 1977**

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visits Jerusalem

**September 17, 1978**

[Camp David accords](#) signed

**March 26, 1979**

[Egypt-Israel peace treaty](#) signed

**June 7, 1981**

Israel attacks Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor

**June 6, 1982**

[Operation “Peace for the Galilee”](#) launched; start of Lebanon War

**November 1984**

Operation Moses airlifts 7000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel

**October 7, 1986**

Hijacking of Achille Lauro cruise ship

**December 8, 1987**

Start of the [First Intifada](#)

**January 16, 1991**

Gulf War; Iraq launches SCUD missiles at Israel

**May 24, 1991**

Operation Solomon brings 14000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel

**October 30, 1991**

[Madrid Peace Conference](#)

**December 16, 1991**

UN repeals "Zionism is Racism" resolution

**September 13, 1993**

Israel-Palestinian Declaration of Principles ([Oslo Accord](#)) signed

**December 30, 1993**

Israel and Vatican sign "Fundamental Agreement"

**February 25, 1994**

Jewish gunman kills 29 Palestinian worshippers in Hebron

**April 6, 1994**

Afula suicide bombing, kills 8. In the next years, numerous suicide attacks were perpetrated in Israeli cities, including bus bombings, in restaurants, and malls across the country

**May 4, 1994**

Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho reached

**May 13, 1994**

Israel withdraws from Jericho, followed by Gaza on May 18

**July 1, 1994**

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Arafat enters Gaza

**October 9, 1994**

Hamas kidnaps and kills an Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman

**October 14, 1994**

Rabin, Peres, and Arafat awarded Nobel Peace Prize

**October 26, 1994**

Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty

**December 1, 1994**

Transfer of West Bank administrative control to Palestinians

**September 28, 1995**

Signing of Oslo II agreement

**November 4, 1995**

Assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

**November 13, 1995**

Israel redeploys from Palestinian population centers

**January 20, 1996**

First Palestinian elections

**September 24, 1996**

Palestinian "Tunnel Riots" erupt

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**January 17, 1997**

Israel withdraws from Hebron

**March 13, 1997**

Jordanian soldier kills 7 Israeli schoolgirls

**October 23, 1998**

Israel-Palestinian "Wye Memorandum" signed

**December 10, 1998**

Palestinians vote to change PLO charter in presence of President Bill Clinton

**May 24, 2000**

Israel withdraws from southern Lebanon

**July 11-25, 2000**

[Camp David Summit](#)

**September 29, 2000**

Outbreak of widespread Palestinian violence, "[Second Intifada](#)" begins. In the next years there were scores of suicide bombings on buses, restaurants, night clubs and city streets

**October 12, 2000**

Two Israeli soldiers lynched by Palestinian mob in Ramallah

**January 4, 2002**

Israel intercepts massive Palestinian arms shipment on Karine A ship

**March 27, 2002**

Suicide bomber kills 30 at Passover seder at Netanya hotel

**March 29, 2002**

IDF begins Operation Defensive Shield to uproot terrorist infrastructure in West Bank

**April 30, 2003**

The "[Road Map for Peace](#)" is presented by the Quartet to the Israelis and Palestinians

**January 29, 2004**

Israel swaps prisoners with the terrorist group [Hezbollah](#); releases 435 Arab prisoners in return for the remains of murdered soldiers and a kidnapped Israeli businessman

**August 25, 2004**

Windsurfer Gal Fridman wins Israel's first Olympic gold medal at the Athens games

**August 31, 2004**

Two simultaneous suicide bombings in Beersheba kill 16

**November 11, 2004**

Yasir Arafat dies in a Paris hospital

**December 23, 2004**

The first phase of PA municipal elections are held;  [Hamas](#) secures nearly half the seats

**February 26, 2005**



The Knesset gives final approval to the [Disengagement Plan](#), rejects calls for a national referendum

**July 12, 2005**

Suicide bombing of Netanya mall kills 5

**August 17-22, 2005**

Evacuation of settlers from the Gaza Strip

**August 23, 2005**

Evacuation of four settlements in the northern West Bank

**September 12, 2005**

Israeli military completes withdrawal from the Gaza

**January 4, 2006**

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon incapacitated by massive stroke; Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert appointed Acting Prime Minister

**January 26, 2006**

Palestinian parliamentary elections;  [Hamas](#) wins 74 seats in the 132-seat legislature

**June 25, 2006**

IDF Corporal Gilad Shalit is kidnapped by Hamas from IDF army post; Israel responds with military operation

**July 12, 2006**

[Hezbollah](#) sparks the  [Second Lebanon War](#) when they cross the border into Israel and attack an Israeli military patrol, killing eight soldiers and kidnapping two

others

**August 11, 2006**

The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1701 for ceasefire in the [Lebanon War](#)

**June 15, 2007**

[Hamas](#) takeover of Gaza

**July 16, 2008**

Hezbollah releases the bodies of captive Israeli soldiers Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser, whose kidnapping sparked the [Second Lebanon War](#)

**December 27, 2008**

In response to increasing rocket barrages Israel launches [Operation Cast Lead](#) against Hamas in Gaza

**January 18, 2009**

Israel signs a unilateral ceasefire. Twelve hours later Hamas agrees to a week-long ceasefire

**May 31, 2010**

Israel intercepts a [flotilla](#) of six ships en route to Gaza

**October 18, 2011**

Kidnapped IDF Corporal Gilad Shalit is released in a prisoner exchange deal with Hamas

**November 14, 2012**

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Israel launches [Operation Pillar of Defense](#) to end rocket attacks from Gaza. A ceasefire was reached on November 21

**April 23, 2014**

[Palestinian Authority](#) (Fatah) and  [Hamas](#) sign reconciliation agreement to create a Palestinian unity government, effectively ending Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

**June 12, 2014**

Israeli teenagers Naftali Fraenkel, Gilad Shaer and Eyal Yifrah are abducted and killed by Palestinian terrorists. Their bodies are discovered on June 30<sup>th</sup>

**July 2, 2014**

Jewish extremists kidnap and kill 16 year-old Palestinian Mohammed Abu Khdeir

**July 7 - August 26, 2014**

Israel launches [Operation Protective Edge](#) against Hamas to end rocket fire from Gaza and destroy Hamas' terror tunnels. Operation expands to a ground operation on July 17. An open-ended ceasefire between Israel and Hamas is reached