

Highlights of Israel's History

BLACK = Zionist Perspective, BLUE = Cultural, BROWN = Palestinian Perspective

1917: Balfour Declaration – Britain recognizes need for Jewish home

1917: Balfour Declaration – Britain double-crosses the Arabs yet again

1918: Hebrew University of Jerusalem established

1947: UN Partition Plan – The world gives the Jews the minimum they need

1947: UN Partition Plan – The Arab nation rejects any plan that includes Jewish sovereignty

1948: Israel Declares Independence – Against all odds, the new state survives

1948: The Nakba -- Catastrophe

1948: Israel absorbs hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors and other refugees

1955: Return - Many Palestinians try to breach "Israel's" borders

1958: Hebrew Book Week inaugurated in Tel Aviv

1967: Six Day War – A modern miracle; Israel triples in size

1967: The Nachsa – Setback

1971: The Black Panthers protest movement demands equal rights for immigrants from North Africa and Mideastern countries

1973: Yom Kippur War – Back to reality; Israel is strong, but not invincible

1973: October War – Egypt and Syria restore Arab pride and self respect

1977: Macabi Tel Aviv defeats CSKA Moscow to win Euroleague basketball title

1978: Israel wins Eurovision song contest for the first time, with A Ba Ni Bi

1979: Israel and Egypt Sign Peace Treaty – Sadat and Begin take a huge step

1979: Betrayal – Egypt abandons the Arab world and the Palestinians; expelled from Arab League

1982: First Lebanon War – IDF invades to stop incessant PLO terror attack

1982: "Israel" Wages War on Innocents in Lebanon; Massacres Hundreds

1984: Operation Moses: Airlift of thousands of Ethiopian Jews

1987: First Intifada – Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza rise up against Israel

1987: First Intifada – Our young people will lead the way to freedom

1992: India and China establish formal diplomatic ties with Israel

1993: Oslo Accord – Mutual recognition between Israel and PLO; a step towards peace

1993: Oslo Accord – Arafat shakes hands with the devil

1993: First Gay Pride Parade held in Tel Aviv

1994: Israel and Jordan Sign Peace Treaty – At last, open relations

1994: King Hussein Ignores the Will of His People

1995: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Assassinated – A sobering wake-up call

1999: AOL pays \$400 million to buy instant messaging technology from Israeli startup

2000: Camp David Summit Ends in Failure –Arafat spurns Barak 's offer of independence

2000: The Rais Holds His Ground, Refuses to Sell Out His People

2005: Unilateral Israeli Withdrawal from Gaza

Palestinians get a chance to prove they want peace

2005: The people force Israel out of Gaza; Israel retaliates by turning Gaza into open-air prison

2011: Thousands join nationwide "Tent Protests" over high cost of living

2014: Operation Protective Edge

Israel targets Hamas terror machine in Gaza

2014: IDF forces slaughter thousands of innocent women and children in Gaza

2018: Hamas Launches Great March of Return; US Moves Embassy to Jerusalem

US shows its support, while Hamas shows its true colors

2018: Trump moves Embassy to Al-Quds; we respond with massive protests and Great March of Return

2018: Israel wins Eurovision for fourth time with Netta Barzilai's song "Toy"

2020: Abraham Accords: Israel welcomes normal ties with UAE and Bahrain, hail a new era and warn that the Palestinians will be left behind if they don't negotiate.

2020: Abraham Accords: Gulf States stab the Palestinians in the back, abandon Arab unity

2020: Washington Wizards draft Deni Avdija

2023: Israel Debates Judicial Reform

2023: Israel tears itself apart

2023: October 7 Attacks and Aftermath

2023: Al-Aqsa Flood

2024: Israel wins 7 medals at Paris Olympics

2025: The 12-Day War

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2026: US-Israel-Iran War

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