

51) World War II Begins in Europe. **Date: A.D. 1939-1945**

The British government limits migrating Jews to 10,000 except for emergency (1939). Many Jews tried to escape Germany and move to the United States, but were turned down. The same was true concerning Great Britain. This all came at a time when Hitler was coming to power and many European Jews wanted to move to other parts of the world to escape him. During this war 6 million Jews are killed by Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany in the Holocaust. The word Holocaust means mass slaughter and that is what Hitler did he mass slaughtered the Jews.

52) World War II comes to an end. **Date: A.D. 1945**

Clearly one thing World War II did for Israel, which turned out to be a blessing, was to cause other nations like Britain and the United States to realize that the Jews needed their own home land and safe place to live and exist so she would never again have to flee and escape anti-Semitic attacks. Just three years after the end of World War II, Israel will have her land.

53) The United Nations proposes the establishment of Arab and Jewish states in the Promised Land. **Date: A.D. 1947**

Several Arab countries do not accept this division of the land which continues to lead to military clashes and wars.

54) The British end their control of Israel and declare Israel as an independent nation and give her a split portion of the land. Date: May 14, 1948

Ever since A.D. 70, the Jews had migrated to Europe and Northern Africa. But when this happened, the Jews considered it to be an answer to prayer.

55) The first Prime Minister of Israel is David Ben-Gurion. Date: 1948

The Prime Minister of Israel is the Head of the Government and chief executive of Israel. It is a position similar to the President of the United States. The citizens of Israel do not vote directly for a Prime Minister. The people vote for a parliament who selects the Prime Minister.

There are many different political parties in Israel:

1. Likud is the conservative, nationalistic, right wing party that takes a strong, loyal stand for Israel.
2. Mapai is a socialistic left wing party that merged with the Labor party to promote socialistic welfare and economic changes.
3. Labor Party promotes democratic socialism and welfare programs.
4. Kadima party is a very liberal party and a very middle of road party that is willing to sacrifice welfare to make peace with Arabs.

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There have been 18 Prime Ministers since 1948:

1. David Ben Gurion - 1949-1954 Mapai political party
2. Moshe Sharett - 1954-1955 Mapai political party
3. David Ben Gurion - 1955-1963 Mapai political party
4. Levi Eshkol - 1963-1969 Mapai political party
5. Yigal Allon - 1969 Alignment Labor party
6. Golda Meir - 1969-1974 Alignment Labor Party
7. Yitzhak Rabin - 1974-1977 Alignment Labor Party
8. Menachem Begin - 1977-1983 Likud Party
9. Yitzhak Shamir - 1983-1984 Likud Party
10. Shimon Peres - 1984-1986 Alignment Labor Party
11. Yitzhak Shamir - 1986-1992 Likud Party
12. Yitzhak Rabin - 1992-1995 Alignment Labor Party
13. Shimon Peres - 1995-1996 Alignment Labor Party
14. Benjamin Netanyahu - 1996-1999 Likud Party
15. Ehud Barak - 1999-2001 One Israel Labor Party
16. Ariel Sharon - 2001-2006 Likud Party
17. Ehud Olmer – 2006-2009 Kadima Party
18. Benjamin Netanyahu - 2009 Likud Party

The first Prime Minister was David Ben-Gurion. He was the longest serving Prime Minister until Benjamin Netanyahu. He served for a total of 13 years and 127 days. Benjamin Netanyahu has served for 13 years and 215 days as of October 2019. **As first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion reestablished the sovereignty of Israel in their land.** At a ceremony in Tel Aviv, he declared the modern state of Israel the very day the British left on **May 14, 1948.**

56) Israel is invaded by five Arab states—Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. **May 15, 1948**

Literally one day after the declaration of the State of Israel, these five Arab nations attacked Israel. This is the first Arab-Israeli war since being back in her land and David-Ben-Gurion was Prime Minister.

57) Israel wins this first Arab-Israeli war in a little over a year. **May 1948-July 1949**

This war was called the **“War of Independence.”** It was an amazing victory because the Arabs had an overwhelming numerical superiority. Since 1948, Israel has fought 8 major wars against the Arabs; there have been 2 Palestinian uprisings against Israel and there have been a series of armed conflicts. The amazing thing is, Israel is outnumbered and yet Israel always wins.

58) A peace treaty is signed with Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. **A.D. 1949**

With UN mediation, Israel agreed to an armistice peace agreement with Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. Iraq and Saudi Arabia never signed the agreement because they did not take part in the war.

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59) Jerusalem is divided under Israeli and Jordanian rule. **A.D. 1949**

From 1949-1967, Israel controlled the west part of Jerusalem and Jordan controlled the east part of Jerusalem. In 1967, Israel captured and took back the whole city.

60) Israel becomes a member of the United Nations becoming the 59th member. **A.D. 1949**

The admissions committee of the United Nations did not want to admit Israel because they said she could not prove she was viable as a nation. On May 5, 1949 Abba Eban, Israel's first ambassador to the UN, gave a 2 ½ hour speech which stressed the importance of the Holy places in Israel. On May 11, 1949, the UN General Assembly voted 37 to 12 with 9 abstentions to admit Israel as a member of the United Nations.

61) A mass immigration of Jews comes back to Israel from Europe and Arab countries.
AD 1948-1952

It is estimated that one million Jewish refugees and immigrants from Muslim countries, plus 250,000 Holocaust survivors move to Israel to live.

62) Egypt takes control of the Suez Canal. **A.D. 1956**

This is called the Suez crisis and Israel with other powers Great Britain and France moved to take it back, in order to re-open the canal to Israeli shipping. The UN intervenes and Israel is permitted to ship but ultimately the canal is left in Egyptian control. This was called the “**The Sinai War.**”

63) The United States increase its missile and arm sales to Israel and France stops its arms sales To Israel. **A.D. 1962-1966**

64) The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is founded with the goal of getting the Arabs to take back the land from Israel. **June 2, 1964**

65) A Six day war is fought and won by Israel (**The Six Day War**). **A.D. 1967**

Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq tried to take control of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and the Golan Heights. Israel launches an offensive attack and Israel wins. The war lasted six days and Israel ends up in control of east Jerusalem, all the West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights and Sinai. Jewish communities were formed in all of these areas in the next few years. The Jews to grant Palestinian Arabs residency.

66) Golda Meir is elected as Prime Minister of Israel as the only woman to be elected.
A.D. 1969

She was the Prime Minister who presided over the Yom Kippur War when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel.

67) **The Yom Kippur War. A.D. 1973**

Egypt and Syria attacked Israel in Sinai and the Golan Heights on the Jewish holy Day of Yom Kippur. Israel was able to push back the Egyptian army and win. **This War is also referred to as the October War because it began on October 6, 1973.**

68) United States President Jimmy Carter conducts the Camp David Accords in the United States. **A.D. 1978-1979**

A meeting was held at Camp David in the United States between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The meeting was under the presidency of Jimmy Carter. The meeting was to discuss a comprehensive peace proposal for the Middle East between Israel and Egypt.

69) Israel signs a peace treaty with Egypt. **A.D. 1979**

After days of negotiations, the treaty was signed at Camp David in the United States. This was Israel's first peace treaty ever signed with an Arab state. It was the Prime Minister Menachem Begin who signed this historic peace treaty with the Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat.

70) Hebrew becomes the official language of Israel. **A.D. 1982**

71) A mass immigration of Jews returns to Israel from Ethiopia. **A.D. 1984**

This was called "Operation Moses." Thousands of Ethiopian Jews were rescued from the Sudan.

72) A free trade agreement is signed between Israel and the United States. **A.D. 1985**

73) A mass immigration of Jews returns to Israel from the Soviet Union. **A.D. 1988-1990**

The Soviet Union allows Jews to move to Israel and about one million Soviet Jews move to Israel.

74) Israel is attacked by an Iraqi Scud missile during the Gulf War. **A.D. 1991**

On January 18, 1991, Iraq fires the first of 39 Scud missiles at Israel in an attempt to get Israel into war. Dozens of Israelis are killed. Israel responds to a request from the United States and refrains from responding.

75) Jews from Ethiopia are air lifted to Israel. **A.D. 1991**

This was called "Operation Solomon." It rescued 14,000 Ethiopian Jews and brought them to Israel in 36 hours.

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76) United States President Bill Clinton meets in the White House with Israel and the PLO and they sign an agreement for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is called the Oslo Accords. **September 13, 1993.**

Representing Israel was Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and representing the PLO was Mahmoud Abbas.

77) Israel and Jordan sign a peace treaty. **October 26, 1994**

78) Prime Minister Rabin is assassinated at a peace rally and Shimon Peres becomes Prime Minister. **November 4, 1995**

A Jewish extremist shoots Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv following an address he gave at a peace rally. Shimon Peres replaces him as Prime minister and calls for early elections.

79) Fundamentalist Arab terrorists begin suicide bomber attacks to kill Israelis. **Feb. 25, 1996**

A wave of suicide bombings takes place in 1996. A Palestinian suicide bomber blows up a bus in Jerusalem killing 26 people on February 25, 1996. On March 3, 1996, the same bus line is attacked again killing 19 people. A third suicide attack occurred in Tel Aviv and the public loses faith in the prospect of peace.

80) Benjamin Netanyahu is elected Prime minister of Israel. **May 29, 1996**

Benjamin Netanyahu defeats Shimon Peres and promises to put a halt to the concessions being made to the Arab nations.

81) Ehud Barak elected Prime Minister of Israel. **A.D. 1999**

A labor-led coalition elects Ehud Barak, who promises he will move ahead with talks with the Palestinians and Syria.

82) Prime Minister Barak has peace talks with Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat. **July 25, 2000**

The two leaders meet for two weeks at Camp David in the United States and the meeting ends without a peace agreement.

83) Ariel Sharon elected Prime Minister of Israel. **A.D. 2001**

When Ehud Barak fails to negotiate some deal with the Palestinians and the Egyptians, Israel elects Ariel Sharon as Prime minister. Sharon suffers a stroke in A.D. 2006 and dies in 2014. Ehud Olmert becomes the acting Prime Minister.

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84) Shimon Peres elected President of Israel. **A.D. 2007**

85) Benjamin Netanyahu is reelected Prime Minister of Israel. **A.D. 2009**

86) United States agrees to a military aid package for Israel worth 38 billion dollars over the next 10 years. **A.D. 2016**

87) United States President Donald Trump recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
A.D. 2017

He becomes the first major national leader to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital since 1948.

88) United States President Donald Trump recognizes Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which Israel won in the Six Day War in 1967. **March, A.D. 2017**

89) United States declares that the Settlements for Israel are not a violation of International Law. **November 18, 2019**

In 1978, the Carter administration said these settlements were illegal for Israel and in 1981, the Reagan administration said these settlements were not illegal for Israel. The Trump administration declared they are legal.

90) President Trump signs an executive order against Anti-Semitism that protects Israel against Anti-Semitism on college and university campuses. **December 11, 2019**

This executive order means that any university that does not protect Jewish students will not receive any government funding.