

Historical Timeline of Modern Israeli History 1948-2010

- 1948
Establishment of the State of Israel.
- 1948 – 1949
Israel's War of Independence.
- 1956
Sinai Campaign – fought to put an end to the terrorist incursions into Israel and to remove the Egyptian blockade of Eilat.
- 1964
Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) established.
- 1967 Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser closes straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping.
Six Day War leads to reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli rule.
Khartoum Conference - Arab summit states: No peace or negotiations with Israel.
- 1967-1970
Egypt's War of Attrition against Israel.
- 1968
- September 1972
Munich Massacre - 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team murdered by Arab terrorists.
- 1973
Yom Kippur War - surprise attack on Israel by Egypt and Syria.
- July 1976
Israel mounts heroic rescue of hostages taken to Entebbe, Uganda.
- March 1978
Israel invades Lebanon (Operation Litani); UN Resolution 425 calls for Israeli withdrawal.
- September 17, 1978
Camp David Accords - Set framework for comprehensive peace in the Middle East and peace between Egypt and Israel.
- March 26, 1979
Peace treaty signed between Israel and Egypt.
- June 1981
Israel destroys Iraqi nuclear reactor shortly before it becomes active.
- Operation Peace for Galilee leads to the Lebanon War as Israel attempts to drive out the PLO.
Israeli successfully evacuates PLO from Beirut as part of the Lebanon War.
- 1987 – 1991 First Intifada - Palestinians begin stone-throwing and rioting against Israel.
- 1990 - 1991
Operation Desert Storm/Gulf War - Iraqi missiles fall on Israel as US pushes Iraqi forces out of Kuwait; Palestinians support Saddam Hussein.
- October 1991

October 26, 1994
Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty signed.

September 1996
Violence erupts as a tunnel is opened alongside the Temple Mount, claiming nearly 70 Israeli and Palestinian lives

1998
Israel celebrates 50 years!

May 2000
Israel withdraws troops unilaterally from Lebanon; UN certifies that Israel is in compliance with Resolution 425.

September 2000
Beginning of Second Intifada. On September 27, 2000 an Israeli soldier is killed at the Netzarim Junction. The next day, September 28, 2000 a Palestinian police officer shoots and kills an Israeli police officer. The latter incident coincides with Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount, which the Palestinians use as an excuse to begin riots and acts of violence.
Games - in Windsurfing.

August 2005
Israel withdraws unilaterally from the Gaza Strip, uprooting thousands of Israeli settlers from their homes.

June 2006
Members of the Military wing of Hamas attack an Israeli border crossing killing 2 soldiers and kidnapping Corporal Gilad Shalit, triggering an international bid for his release.

July 2006
Terrorist organization Hezbollah attack Israel, killing 8 soldiers and kidnapping 2 others. The attack triggered a monthlong military conflict during which Hezbollah launched 3,970 missiles at Israeli cities and towns, killing 162 Israelis (men, women, children – Arabs and Jews).

Dec 2008 and Jan 2009

Israel launches [Operation Cast Lead](#) against the Hamas controlled Gaza Strip, a full scale invasion of the territory in response to rocket attacks by Palestinian militant groups. Hamas and other Palestinian groups retaliate by firing mortars and rockets into civilian population centers and Army bases in Southern Israel. After 22 days of fighting, Israel and Hamas each declare separate unilateral ceasefires. 13 Israelis are killed including 3 civilians. Between 1166 and 1417 Palestinians are killed, including between 295 and 926 civilians.