



Canada-Israel Timeline

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- 1947** "Question of Palestine" is placed before the United Nations General Assembly, and the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) is established; Canada is one of the 11 member countries of UNSCOP
- 1947** Partition proposal from UNSCOP goes to a vote in the General Assembly; Canada is one of 33 nations to vote in favour of establishing the state of Israel
- 1948** Israel becomes an independent state as the United Kingdom ends its Mandate for Palestine
- 1949** Canada recognizes the state of Israel, marking the start of the diplomatic relationship
- 1952** Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, makes an official visit to Canada
- 1953** Canada opens its first embassy in Tel Aviv, where George Kidd serves as ambassador and Michael Comay is appointed Israel's first ambassador in Ottawa
- 1957** Foreign Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership during the Suez Crisis and his contribution to peace in the Middle East
- 1958** Foreign Minister Golda Meir visits Canada
- 1961** David Ben-Gurion, Israel's founder and first prime minister, visits Canada, marking the first state visit by an Israeli to Canada
- 1967** Zalman Shazar makes the first visit to Canada by an Israeli president, during Canada's centennial at the World Exposition in Montreal
- 1969** Extradition agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Israel
- 1971** Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Israel on commercial scheduled air services
- 1975** Convention between the State of Israel and Canada for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital
- 1978** Prime Minister Menachem Begin visits Canada
- 1980** Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Israel on film relations
- 1980** Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Israel relative to the Canada Pension Plan
- 1987** Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Israel on air transport