Canada-Israel Timeline

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 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