Timeline of Jewish History and Heritage

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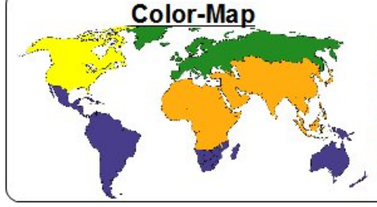
Color-Map



- S. America, S. Africa & Australia
- U.S. & Canada
- Europe
- Asia, Africa & Turkey
- Land of Israel

Legend

- World's Jewish population (distribution according to color-map)
- Jewish calendar events
- Events prior to 1273 B.C.E. are dated according to tradition
- Lifespan of historical figures (color represents main location)
- Language of text: Hebrew · Aramaic · Arabic · Other

Jewish Population
Millions

13
10
5
0

Jewish Events

-3761: Genesis
-2105: The Flood (Noah's Ark)
-1765: Tower of Babel
-1731: God's Covenant with Abraham
-1676: Binding of Isaac
-1523: Journey to Egypt
-1313: Exodus from Egypt
-957: 1st Temple built
-924: The Division of the Kingdom; Israel & Judah
-720: Exile of the 10 Tribes by Assyria
-586: Destruction of the 1st Temple by Babylon
-586: Assassination of Gedalia and the Babylonian destructive response
-538: Return to Zion following Cyrus's decree
-523: Purim – the Jews are saved from a planned massacre
-515: 2nd Temple built
0.3M
-164: Re-dedication of the Temple thanks to the Maccabean Revolt
~1.1% Population Growth a year
135: Bar Kokhva rebellion suppressed
70: Destruction of the 2nd Temple by Rome
4.4M
691: Dome of the Rock built on the Temple's ruins
800: Khazar converts to Judaism
0.9M
1099: The Crusaders conquer Israel and massacre its Jewish inhabitants
1290: Expulsions from England and France
1348: Jews blamed and persecuted for the Black Plague
1364: Poland grants rights to Jews
1492: Expulsion from Spain (Spanish Inquisition)
1573: Maharal establishes academy
1.3M
1648: The Ukrainian massacre
1736: Establishment of the Hasidic & Misnagdim movements
1799: Napoleon's proclamation to the Jews
1800: Emancipation and the emergence of the Jewish Enlightenment, Reform and Orthodox movements
1840: Damascus affair
1894: Dreyfus affair
1897: 1st Zionist Congress
1903: Kishinev pogrom
1939: The Holocaust 16.6M
13.5M
~1.1% Population Growth a year
1948: The State of Israel established

13.5
0.4
5.6
1.6
5.8
2010

Control Over the Land of Israel

Egypt & Canaanites | Israel | Israel & Judah | Judah & Assyria | Bab-Ylon | Persia | Greece | Hasm-Oneans | The Roman Empire | Byzantine | Arabs | Crusaders | Mamlukes | Ottoman Empire | Brit. | Israel

Rabbinical Era

Patriarchs | Judges | Kings & Prophets | Knesset HaGdolah | Zugot | Tannaim | Amoraim | Savoraim | Geonim | Rishonim | Acharonim

Time Line

-3500 -2500 -1500 ✳ -1000 -500 1 500 1000 1500 2000

World Events

- -3500: Agricultural revolution – vine domestication
- -3100: The first kingdom: Egypt ~100,000 residents
- -2700: True-Writing invented
- -1770: Code of Hammurabi
- -1200: Trojan War
- -640: Currency invented
- -563: Buddha (founder of Buddhism) is born
- -221: China unifies (40 million) & builds the Great Wall
- -4: Jesus is born
- 393: Rome adopts Christianity
- 570: Muhammad (founder of Islam) is born
- 825: Arabic Numerals invented
- 868: First book printed (China)
- 1337: 100 Years' War
- 1492: Columbus, Imperialism
- 1687: Scientific & Industrial Revolutions
- 1776: U.S. Declaration of Independence
- 1789: French Revolution
- 1914: WWI
- 1939: WWII

Jewish Historical Figures

Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Sons of Jacob – the tribes of Israel, Moses and Aaron, Joshua, Deborah, Samson, Ruth, Samuel, King Saul, K. David, King Solomon, Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Esther & Mordechai, Ezra & Nehemiah, Johanan ben Zakai, Judah the Hammer, Herod, Hillel & Shammai, Philo, Josephus, Rav Ashi, Rabbi Akiva, Bar Kokhba, Bruriah, Judah the Prince, Rabbi Yochanan, Saadia Gaon, Rabbeinu Gershom, Rashi, Yehuda Halevi, The Rambam, Maimonides, Ramban, Nahmanides, Rabbi Yosef Karo, Baal Shem Tov, The Vilna Gaon, The Chasam Sofer, The Chofetz Chaim, Herzl, Bialik, Rabbi Kook, Einstein, Ben Gurion

Jewish Literature

The Torah, Eikhah, Septuagint, The Zohar, Maccabees, Mishna, The canonization of the Tanakh, Targum Onkelos, Jerusalem Talmud, Talmud Bavli, Siddur, Chovot HaLevavot, Book of Beliefs and Opinions, Kuzari, Spanish Hebrew poetry, Mishneh Torah, Shulchan Aruch, Moreh Nevukhim, Rome and Jerusalem, Arba'ah Turim, Sh'mirat HaLashon, Mesillat Yesharim

Hebrew Year

א'	תשס"א	א'תשס"א	✳	ב'תשס"א	ג'תשס"א	ד'תש"ס	ה'תש"ס
1 (3761BCE)	761	1761		2761	3761 (1CE)	4760	5760 (2000CE)

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