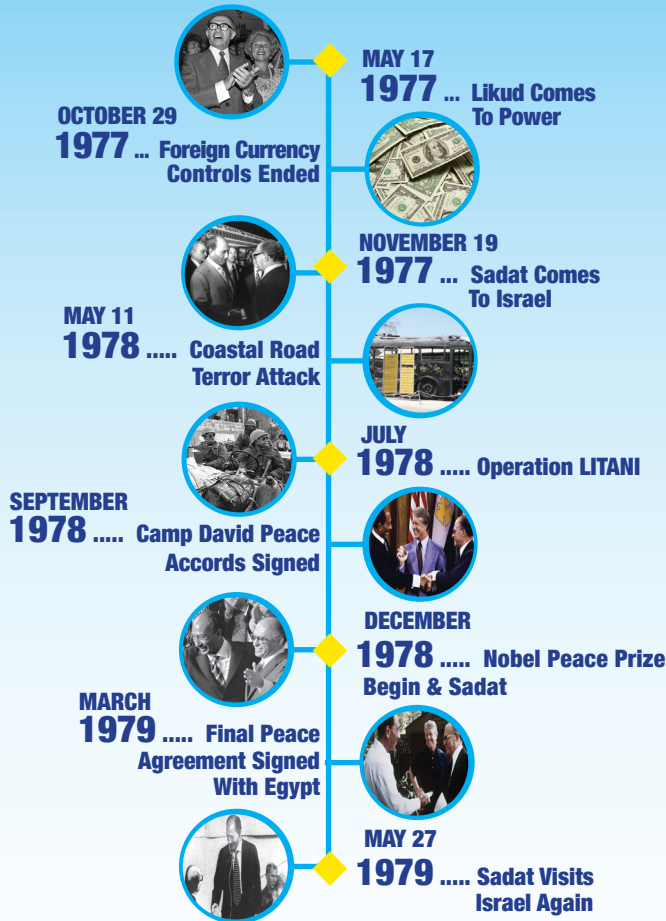


# HISTORY OF ISRAEL

## [ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE AGREEMENT]

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The election of Menachem Begin and the Likud brought a new era to Israel. After 30 years of Labor party rule, Likud took the reins of government, together with its partners. Moshe Dayan became the new foreign Minister. The Likud took immediate action to reform the economy, removing many of the restrictions that had previously existed, but also raising taxes, removing subsidies, and increasing the prices of many goods.

However, the most important event of Begin's tenure as Prime Minister was the arrival in Israel of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The visit, which came almost as a surprise, changed the dynamics of the Israeli-Arab conflict forever. Sadat addressed the Knesset, giving a speech whose most memorable line was — "No more war, no more bloodshed".

Sadat's visit alone could not bring about peace. A summit at Camp David hosted by US President Carter was also required in order to reach an agreement. The Accord between Israel and Egypt called for Israel's complete withdrawal from the Sinai. It also called for full peace between the nations, including full diplomatic relations, which despite challenges remain in place to this day.

This was also a period of many "firsts". In 1977, Maccabi Tel Aviv won the European basketball championship. That same year, Israel unveiled its first locally produced tank, the "Merkava". In 1978, Israel won the Eurovision song contest for the first time. Then, to everyone's surprise, Israel won Eurovision again, the following year.

At the same time, this period brought its own challenges, including one of the worst terror attacks along the coastal road, which killed 35. In response, Israel attacked terrorist sites in Southern Lebanon, in an action called "Operation Litani."



**1977**  
Maccabi Tel Aviv Wins European Championship



**1978**  
Katzrin Founded



**1978**  
Beit Hatfutzot Opens



**1978**  
ABANIBI Wins Eurovision



**1979**  
HALLELUYAH wins Eurovision