

Key events in Israel-U.S. ties



■ **1948:** U.S. President **Harry Truman** is first world leader to recognise newly-born state of Israel

■ **1956:** President **Dwight Eisenhower** uses political and economic levers to compel Israel, France and Britain to withdraw forces from Egyptian territory seized during Suez Crisis

■ **1967:** U.S. stands behind Israel in Six-Day War with neighbouring Arab states, but relations deteriorate when Israel mistakenly kills U.S. ship **Liberty**, killing 34 American seamen



■ **1973:** President **Richard Nixon** orders full scale airlift to deliver military aid to Israel after Egypt and Syria launch Yom Kippur war to regain territory lost in 1967

■ **1975:** President **Gerald Ford** threatens to reappraise U.S. ties with Israel unless it signs "disengagement" treaty with Egypt to pull back from Sinai Peninsula, captured in 1967

■ **1978-79:** President **Jimmy Carter** hosts signing of Camp David Accords, followed by peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, hoping to pave way for wider settlement of Arab-Israeli conflict



■ **1982:** U.S. threatens sanctions as relations sour over Israeli siege of Beirut during war with Lebanon – but in general ties are strengthened during **Ronald Reagan** presidency

■ **1990:** Weary of Israeli foot-dragging over talks with Palestinians, Secretary of State **James Baker** urges both sides "to call us when you are serious about peace"

■ **1991:** President **George Bush Sr.** withholds \$10bn of loan guarantees to pressure Israel over peace process



■ **1993:** President **Bill Clinton** witnesses historic handshake between Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** and Palestinian leader **Yasser Arafat** at signing of Oslo Accords on interim Palestinian self-government



■ **1998:** Clinton hosts summit between Arafat and Premier **Benjamin Netanyahu** at Wye River, Maryland. Under U.S. pressure, Netanyahu agrees to hand over 80% of city of Hebron to Palestinian control

■ **2002:** Two years after start of second Intifada, President **George W. Bush** announces "road map" plan, outlining timetable towards negotiated Palestinian state

■ **2003:** Bush sides with Israel to sideline Arafat, saying Palestinians are being "betrayed by leaders who cling to power by feeding old hatreds"

■ **2009:** Bush tells Knesset that Israel-U.S. bond runs deeper than any treaty and is grounded in shared link to Bible

■ **Mar 2010:** Israel angers President **Barack Obama's** administration by approving plans for 1,600 new homes in disputed East Jerusalem during visit by Vice-President **Joe Biden** aimed at kick-starting peace talks



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton calls move an "insult" and calls on Prime Minister Netanyahu to show commitment to peace