

A sepia-toned portrait of Chaim Weizmann, an elderly man with a mustache and goatee, looking slightly to the left.

## Today in History

*November 27, 1874*

▲ **Chaim Weizmann was born. A chemist by profession, the Zionist statesman became the first president of the newly founded Jewish state of Israel in 1948**

**1807:** The Portuguese Royal Family set sail for Rio de Janeiro to escape the partition of Portugal by France and Spain

**1893:** A general election in New Zealand was the first in the world in which women were allowed to vote

**2005:** The first partial human face transplant was carried out in France

**2006:** Canada's House of Commons approved a motion recognizing the Québécois as a nation within a united Canada