



Today in History

February 24, 1980

▲ The shekel replaced the Israeli pound as the currency of Israel, reviving the name of the ancient Biblical currency. It was replaced by the new shekel in 1986

1582: Pope Gregory XIII issued a Papal Bull introducing the Gregorian calendar, replacing the Julian version

1987: Astronomers detected light from a star that collapsed 160,000 years ago, calling it supernova SN1987A

1997: The funeral of Deng Xiaoping, who after Mao's death led China towards a market economy, was televised throughout China

2008: Raul Castro succeeded his brother as President of Cuba