



Timeline of the modern Jew

- 1776 CE American Revolution, Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations
- 1782 CE Edict of Tolerance in Prussia brings "civil emancipation" to the Jews
 - Founding of the Society of Friends of Hebrew Literature by Yitzchak Euchel
- 1783 CE Moses Mendelssohn's Jerusalem
 - First publication of the journal Ha Ma'asef
- 1784 CE Kant's "Answering the Question – What is Enlightenment?"
- 1789 CE storming of the Bastille – French Revolution
- 1791 CE Jews granted citizenship by France
- 1803 CE Yeshiva of Volozhin established by students of the Gr"a (Rav Chaim of Volozhin)
- 1804 CE Alexander I of Russia confines the Jews to the Pale of Settlement
 - Napoleon declared Emperor of France
- 1806 CE Chatam Sofer becomes Rav of Pressberg/Bratislava
 - Napoleon's Sanhedrin 'partial emancipation throughout the Empire
 - First publication of German language Shulamite journal
- 1808-1812 CE Aliyah of G'RA's students
- 1808 CE Napoleon published Three Decrees
- 1815 CE Waterloo/Congress of Vienna
- 1816 CE Israel Jacobson begins reform service in Berlin
- 1819 CE founding of The Society for the Culture and Science of the Jews
- 1827 CE Czar Nicholas I passes Cantonist Law – conscripting Jews a t age 12 for 6 to 25 years
- 1836 CE R. Shimshon Raphael Hirsch writes The 19 Letters of Ben Uziel
- 1840 CE Damascus blood libel
 - Avraham Geiger becomes Chief Rabbi of Breslau
- 1844 CE 1st Reform Synod in Germany
- 1848 CE European Revolution "Spring of Nations"
- 1852 CE Society of the Settlement of Eretz Yisrael founded by R' Yehudah Alkalai
- 1853 CE Abraham Mapu publishes Ahavat Zion, considered the first Hebrew novel
- 1859 CE Darwin's On the Origin of Species
- 1860 CE Edgar Morata affair, founding of Alliance Israelite Universelle
- 1861 CE Tzar Alexander II frees the serfs of Russia
- 1862 CE Rav Tzvi Hirsch Kalisher publishes Derishat Tzion
 - Moshe Hess publishes Rome and Jerusalem
- 1867 CE Das Kapital: Critique of Political Economy
- 1870 CE abolition of the Ghetto in Italy
 - Franco-Prussian war, birth of Germany
- 1878 CE founding of Petach Tikva



- 1879 CE publication of Wilhelm Marr's "Victory of the Jewish Spirit over the German Spirit"
- 1881 CE Pogroms in Russia lead to mass US immigration of Jews and First Aliyah
- 1882 CE Leo Pinsker's Auto-Emancipation
- 1884 CE founding of Chovevei Tzion in Kattowitz
- 1885 CE Pittsburgh Platform adopted by American Reform movement
- 1894 CE Dreyfus Affair
- 1896 CE Theodor Hertzl publishes The Jewish State
- 1897 CE First Zionist Congress in Basil
- 1903 CE Kishinev Pogrom