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## On This Date

*In Israeli high-tech technology history during the month of **SEPTEMBER***

**1948** - During the month of **September**, the nation's first national air carrier, EL AL (which means "to the skies" in Hebrew), ascends on its inaugural flight to take Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann, back from Geneva, Switzerland.

**1984** - **September 30th**, the total value of 11 Israeli companies publicly traded on Wall Street in the U.S. tallies \$780 million. Those companies were: BioTechnology General, Elbit Computers, Electronics Corporation of Israel (ECI), Elron Electronics Industries, Elscint, Fibronics, InterPharm, Laser Industries, Optrotech, Scitex and IIS Intelligent Information Systems.

**1988** – Israel launches its first space satellite known as Ofeq on **September 19th**. The satellite was launched from the locally built Shavit space launch vehicle inside the Palmachim Airbase near the Mediterranean Sea.

**1998** – Israel Venture Association hosts an international conference on high-tech venture capital in **mid-September**.

**2007** – On **September 25th**, Texas Governor Rick Perry and Israel's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor announced the creation of the **[Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce](#)**. At the official announcement of the partnership, Gov. Perry said, "Israel has a long history of growing new technology companies through partnerships that include Universities, government and private investors and entrepreneurs. Strengthening relationships between these two states will benefit our respective economies."

**2010** – Israel joins the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development on **September 19th**. OECD is an organization comprising 34 countries whose main goal is to stimulate economic progress and world trade. The OECD praised Israel's scientific and technological progress as having "produced outstanding outcomes on a world scale."

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