




HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN TURKISH SOCIETY,  
U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TURKISH MILESTONES



<p>Founded on June 29 in New York</p>  <p>Sponsored traveling art exhibition with The Metropolitan Museum of Art</p> <p>Launched <i>Center of Turkish Studies</i> at Columbia University</p>  <p>Conducted blood drive for troops in South Korea</p>	<p>First permanent office and staff of The Society</p> <p>Held Benefit for 1966 Earthquake Relief Fund</p> 	 <p>TÜRK EĞİTİM VAKFI 1967</p> <p>Funded graduate business scholarships with Turkish Education Foundation</p> <p>Dr. Nejat Eczacıbaşı and Vehbi Koç addressed Annual Luncheon</p>	<p>Held annual American-Turkish business conferences</p>  <p>Hosted Prime Minister Turgut Özal</p> <p>Launched aid fund to benefit Neve Shalom Synagogue in Istanbul</p>	<p>Hosted Prime Ministers Tansu Çiller, Mesut Yılmaz, Süleyman Demirel and Bülent Ecevit</p>  <p>Raised over \$4M in support of schools after 1999 earthquake</p>	 <p>2000 Started collaboration with the Moon and Stars Project</p> <p>2001/2002 Hosted Dr. Kemal Derviş to discuss Turkey's financial crisis</p> <p>Launched <i>Meet the Ambassadors</i> series</p>	 <p>2003 Launched teachers exchange with American Field Service</p> <p>Hosted Foreign Minister Abdullah Gül</p> 	<p>2006 Gala Dinner honoring Ford-Koç</p>  <p>Supported School of Visual Arts Summer Residency</p>	 <p>2007 Gala Dinner honoring Citi-Sabancı</p> <p>Co-hosted first investment conference with TAIK</p> <p>Launched Arif Mardin Fellowship at Berklee College of Music</p>	 <p>2008 Gala Dinner honoring GE-Doğuş</p> <p>Launched Ahmet Erteğün Scholarship</p> 	 <p>2009 Gala Dinner honoring The Coca Cola Company-Anadolu Group</p> <p>Celebrating 60th Anniversary</p>
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<p>1949 NATO created</p>  <p>Atlantic Records, founded by Ahmet Erteğün, had its first hit</p> 	<p>1952 Turkey joined NATO</p> <p>1954 İncirlik Air Base opened</p> <p>President Celal Bayar visited the U.S.</p>  <p>1959 President Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Turkey</p>	<p>1963 Association agreement with European Economic Community</p>  <p>1964 Coca-Cola first introduced in Turkey</p> <p>1969 Turkish - American Defense Cooperation Agreement signed</p>	<p>1970 The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty went into effect</p> <p>1973 Global oil crisis</p> <p>Boğaziçi Bridge over the Bosphorus completed</p> 	<p>1984 Bronze-age shipwreck excavation at Uluburun began</p>  <p>1987 <i>The Age of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent</i> at National Gallery of Art</p>	<p>1994 U.S. Commerce Department cited Turkey among ten big emerging markets</p> <p>First THY Istanbul-NYC direct flight</p>  <p>1995 Turkey joined EU Customs Union</p> <p>1996 Ambassador Madeleine Albright visited Turkey</p>	 <p>2000 Hidayet Türkoğlu drafted from Efes Pilsen as first Turkish NBA player</p> <p>2002 Turkish National Soccer Team 3rd in World Cup</p>	<p>2003 First Turkish win at Eurovision Song Contest</p>  <p>2004 NATO Summit held in Istanbul</p>	 <p>2005 EU membership negotiations officially launched</p> <p>Turkey dropped 6 zeros from currency \$1 = 1.33YTL</p>	<p>2006 Orhan Pamuk awarded Nobel Prize in Literature</p>  <p>2007 Mehmet Okur first Turkish player in NBA All-Star</p>	<p>2008 Nuri Bilge Ceylan won Best Director at Cannes</p>  <p>25 Turkish billionaires listed in Forbes</p> <p>Dr. Mehmet Oz among 100 Most Influential by TIME</p> 	<p>2009 Turkey non-permanent member of U.N. Security Council</p>  <p>President Barack Obama visits Turkey</p> 
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