



Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc.

E-Newsletter: November 2013



SIP Elections, Constitution and By-Laws: Become involved! The current issue of The Israel Philatelist contains the new proposed Constitution and By-Laws, as well as descriptions of candidates for SIP offices. We encourage you to review this information and to VOTE using the card that is enclosed in that issue of the IP. You can mail it in, or scan it and e-mail as an attachment to Howard Chapman: stampsareme@aol.com

Join us in Sarasota for the Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the SIP will take place during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in Sarasota, Florida, February 7-9, 2014. This is a wonderful chance to see old friends, meet new ones, and share your enthusiasm for Holyland Philately. And we need exhibitors! Please consider exhibiting Holyland material in Sarasota. The deadline is December 1, 2013. Information is available at <http://www.sarasotastampclub.com/sarasotastampexhibition.htm> Mark your calendars and please plan to attend.

Consider Joining A Committee: The Society benefits from involvement of as many members as possible. We are a relatively small group, and you can make a meaningful difference to your colleagues and to the field of Israel and Holyland Philately. Recently we were privileged to add Ed Rosen to the Beneficiary Committee, and Phil Kass and Ed Kroft to the Research Committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact Ed Kroft, our President, at ed.kroft@blakes.com

Technophiles, Step Right Up! We are in need of technologically-savvy members to help with our website, help us make effective use of social media, and to assist with the development of web-based seminars. If you have the skills, we would LOVE to hear from you. The future of our Society and of philately in general will depend on effective use of technology to extend our worldwide reach.

Become a Teacher: Children are wonderful audiences for those of you who would like to share your enthusiasm about Holyland stamps and postal history. Consider giving a talk to a school class or youth group. We plan to have materials available by the time of the annual meeting in Sarasota. Please contact Zach Simmons for details: zsimmons101@gmail.com

Overcome Writer's Block: We are always in need of articles for The Israel Philatelist. If you have some ideas about areas of interest to you, even for a short article, please contact the IP Editor, Don Chafetz, at Sipeditor@gmail.com

Educate Yourself and Others You are never too old or too smart to learn something! The SIP has many publications available through the Education Fund. Consider purchasing an item. Or, you can share your knowledge with the rest of us by submitting a manuscript.

Endowment Fund: We rely heavily on our members' support of the Endowment Fund for our Society initiatives. This is particularly true as we upgrade our website, continue electronic indexing of the IP, and work to make increasing amounts of content related to Holyland philately available on-line. If you are financially able, please consider

a contribution beyond the standard yearly dues. Or, if you are already a Life Member, please consider an additional contribution at <http://www.israelstamps.com/subcat-endowment.php>

Achievements of Note:

--Congratulations to **Adam D. Caplan** on his article "The Mystery of Mejujaim," published in the October issue of the American Philatelist. It is always gratifying to see articles published in mainstream philately journals which raise awareness of Israel and Holyland philately.

-- Our SIP President **Ed Kroft**, will be speaking to a group of Israel and Holyland stamp collectors in Toronto on November 12, 2013 on "The Postal Usage of the Doar Ivri Stamps in 1948." In addition the Newsletter of Temple Sholom, Vancouver, BC, notes: "Ed will be speaking on January 30, 2014 at 7:30pm to our congregation on the topic of "The Relevance and Enjoyment of Philately, the Hobby of Stamp collecting, to Jews in the 21st Century."

--VAPEX has been canceled as a nation show, but there will be a dealer bourse and auction at which **Joe Weintrob** will display SIP material. Thank you, Joe!!

--**Brian Gruzd** of South Africa writes to tell us that the Society of Israel Philately, Johannesburg was well represented at the South African Exhibition, JOMAPEX. Six members entered, and many won awards:

--Large Gold with 2 special awards for the Best Israel and or Holyland and for the best post World War Two Exhibit to **Brian Gruzd** for "Israel First Airmail Issue , 1950 – 5 frames

--Large Vermeil to **Maurice Daniels** for his " Used Definitive Printing Dates of Israel – 50frames

--Large Silver to **Dr Julian Shamroth** for " Cancellation Errors and Varieties on early Stamp Issues of Rhodesia – 1 frame

--Silver to **Maurice Daniels** for his " Aspects of the Postal Boycott to Israel 1 frame

--Silver for **Les Glassman** for his exhibit “ The Bible”

--Bronze to **Maurice Daniels** for “ Pre printed Pre 1840 Stampless Great Britain Issues” 1 frame

--Bronze to **Robbert Wenger** for “ The issued stamps of Hungary, 1871—1924 “

--Certificate of Merit to **David Wides** for his “ Revenue Documents of RSA and Bophuthatwana “

--In addition the Society displayed a non competitive exhibit comprising 8 frames from Various member collections

Sharing is a Mitzvah: Let us know about talks and exhibits you are giving, and articles you are writing on Israel and Holyland Philately.

You Can Improve Our Newsletter! This Newsletter is a new undertaking. If you have news you wish to share with the membership via the Newsletter, or you have suggestions for how we can improve it, please contact Zach Simmons at zsimmons101@gmail.com