



Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc.

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Congratulations to our SIP Exhibitors:

At the American Dealers Stamp Association 100th Anniversary Stamp Exhibition held October 23-26, 2014 in New York City, two SIP members were recognized for outstanding exhibits.

Bob Pildes' exhibit "Artists Drawings, Essays, Proofs and Associated Material" won the Grand Award for "Foreign Material" section. This is the first time, as far as we know, that an exhibit of Israel philately was awarded a Grand at a major U.S. exhibition. It also won a Large Gold, the only one awarded to foreign material.

Michael Bass received a Large Vermeil medal for his exhibit "Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914."

As Bob notes, speaking on behalf of himself and Mike Bass: "Both of us keep requesting that other members of our Society keep exhibiting so judges become more familiar with our area of collecting."

Daryl Kibble won a Large Gold at StampShow 2014 in Pretoria, South Africa, held Oct 8-11, 2014 for his exhibit "Large Gold: The Arab-Israeli Conflict: No Service, Returned and Captured Mail." He received two special prizes: The Jonas Michelson Literature Award (Best Literature) and the Society of Israel Philatelic Award (Best Israel / Holy Land Exhibit).

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers:

After many years of dedicated service to the SIP, including time as President, **Stan Raffel** has stepped down as Treasurer. He will continue to assist the Society in a variety of roles. We extend our heartfelt thanks to him, and wish his successor, **Howard Chapman**, the current SIP Assistant Treasurer and Executive Secretary, all the best.

We also wish to thank **Stu Freiman**, who has served the Society selflessly as head of the Advertising Committee, functioning as dealer liaison, for many years. This critical function will be in excellent hands as **Steve Olson** assumes this role.

Howard Wunderlich will be assuming the role of Chair of the Membership Committee. It is increasingly challenging to recruit and retain members in all philatelic organizations, and we very much appreciate Howard's willingness to serve in this important position. We extend our sincere thanks to **Ben Wallace** for all of his past efforts as Membership Chair.

We are grateful that **Jesse Spector** is taking on the responsibility of heading our Publicity Committee. As the Society moves into a future in which people acquire information and interact with fellow collectors in ways that differ substantially from those of the past, he and his committee will be providing the leadership and guidance that are essential to fulfilling our goal of raising awareness of, and generating further interest in, Holy Land philately.

More Volunteers Needed! You can help our Society continue to transition successfully in these rapidly changing times. A volunteer society such as ours can be successful only when its members volunteer their time. Please step up and do so. You will be received enthusiastically because we welcome and value your participation. To discuss opportunities, please contact our President, Ed Kroft (ed.kroft@blakes.com)

Member Profile: Jean Paul Danon

This will be less about me than the remarkable philatelists who mentored me. At high school in England, my math teacher was John Marriott, later knighted by the Queen for his term as keeper of the Royal collection. My first medal at the national level was at Stampex in 1967 for "Israel 1948" and I was a regular at the B.A.P.I.P. meetings where Ben Remington and Ralph Norgate steered me on. I spent a year in Detroit where I naturally attended dynamic SIP chapter meetings led by Irv Girer. Family and work pressures then put philately on hold, although I still corresponded with Phil Kanner in Tel Aviv. Nearing retirement in Paris, I joined the French association A.P.F.I. where I met Raphael Livnat in 2002. We were disappointed by the lack of philatelic content and resigned to set up C.F.P.I. in 2004. Livnat was its first President before he was called to the higher spheres of the French academy of philately and handed over the presidency to me in 2007. In Livnat's own words "he has forgotten more about Doar Ivri than I will ever know". Membership is currently 62 and I take more pride in C.F.P.I.'s success and in the medals our quarterly magazine "Doar Ivri" has earned than those I have been awarded at the World Championship and other international exhibitions or in the many articles I have contributed to the I.P., "Doar Ivri" or the B.A.P.I.P. bulletin. I am indebted to philately as it has enabled me to learn probably more about the momentous 1948 period than I would ever have otherwise and even more importantly it has made me many genuine friendships all over the world.

Tell us About Yourself! The profile above is what we hope will be an ongoing series of such profiles. Each month, we would like to include a paragraph featuring an SIP member, with the goal of getting to know one another better, and hopefully fostering communication amongst those of you with common collecting interests who might not otherwise know about one another. Please send an email to **Zach Simmons**(zsimmons101@gmail.com), telling a little about yourself and your philatelic interests, so that we can feature you in our newsletter. You will be helping the Society and the fields of philately and postal history.

Support Your Society: Please show your support for the SIP by participating in the 2015 Fundraising Campaign. Go to the fund Raising page on the SIP website (www.israelstamps.com) and click on the Endowment or Web Archive campaign. Your contributions to

the Web Archive campaign are needed to finish the Digital Web Archive Library project which is our most urgent need at this time. For the long-term support of the Society, please consider a gift to the Endowment Fund. We appreciate your involvement and your generosity, and literally cannot survive as a Society without it!

Check Out Our New Website: Thanks to ongoing Herculean efforts by SIP VP and Israel Philatelist Editor **Don Chafetz**, and by SIP Executive Assistant **Vicki Galecki**, we have a modern and professional-looking website that should serve us well into the future. You are encouraged to check it out at www.israelstamps.com and let us know what you think. Interested in helping? Do you have suggestions? We welcome your participation. Just contact any of the SIP officers or Board Members. Their contact information is on the website.

Computer Data Base Project: SIP Editor **Don Chafetz** continues to index past issues of the IP and make them available and searchable on-line. When completed, this will be a tremendous resource for the entire Holy Land philatelic community.

Save the Dates! Please note upcoming SIP Annual General meetings:

- 2015: NOJEX May 29-31. For more information, go to the website - <http://www.nojex.org/>
- 2016: New York City in conjunction with the World Stamp Show May 28 – June 4. For more info, <http://www.ny2016.org/>

Be an Exhibitor: Consider preparing a Holyland exhibit for NOJEX 2015. In addition to being the site of the next SIP Annual General Meeting, NOJEX is always a terrific show at which to exhibit Holy Land material. Please click here for the prospectus: <http://www.nojex.org/Prospectus.pdf> and note that the closing date for entries is April 1, 2015.

Howard Rotterdam, our SIP Conventions Chair, would like to convey this personal message as well:

Dear Colleague

This year our annual meeting will take place at NOJEX, May 29-31 in Secaucus, New Jersey, just a few miles from Manhattan and convenient to Newark airport.

We would love to have a large presence at the meeting and would urge you to consider submitting an exhibit.

If you are interested in exhibiting at NOJEX, please let me know.

If you have any questions about NOJEX or exhibiting in general, please feel free to contact me at hrteach@bellsouth.net

Howard Rotterdam
SIP Conventions Chair

For those considering exhibiting, we have many experienced exhibitors within the SIP who can help provide ideas and guidance. Any of our Officers would be glad to connect you with such mentors. And there are excellent resources available:

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) is a great society and well worth joining. It has an outstanding website (<http://www.aape.org>) with exhibits and with features such as "How to Create a Philatelic Exhibit." Those who join receive an award-winning journal.

The American Philatelic Society Manual of Philatelic Judging (<http://stamps.org/Manual-and-Scoresheets>) is a very useful resource for novice or experienced exhibitors.

Share Your Philatelic Knowledge: There are many ways to do so and to enrich the Holy Land philatelic community. Consider the following:

- Write an article for The Israel Philatelist. **Editor Don Chafetz**, would love to hear from you, and can provide you with guidance and feedback: sipeditor@gmail.com
- Speak to local philatelic and non-philatelic groups about Holy Land philately
- Write an article about Holy Land philately and your involvement in it for a community newspaper or newsletter.

Read About Holy Land Philately: The SIP has a large number of wonderful publications available for purchase through the Educational Fund, ranging from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust, Hatemail, and Triangular Military Handstamps. See what's available by looking at the back pages of each issue of The Israel Philatelist, or on-line at the SIP website: www.israelstamps.com > Bookstore.

Expand Your Personal Library: For a limited time, while supplies last, the Ed Fund Bookstore is having an inventory reduction sale on selected items. These selected items cannot get any cheaper; the items are free and you only pay the shipping cost. Sale items are:

Item #	Description	Price	Shipping Cost	
			US	International
201	IP Index Vol 1-23 Sep 1949 – Aug 1972	\$0	\$3.50	\$23.50
202	IP Index Vol 2 –41 Oct 1972 – Dec 1990	\$0	\$3.50	\$23.50
301	IP Reprint Vol 1-10 Sep 1949 – Jun 1959	\$0	\$3.50	\$38.50
303	IP Reprint Vol 20-22 Oct 1968 – Aug 1971	\$0	\$3.50	\$32.00
304	IP Reprint Vol 23-24 Oct 1971 – Aug 1973	\$0	\$3.50	\$30.00
305	IP Reprint Vol 25-27 Oct 1973 – Dec 1976	\$0	\$3.50	\$36.50

Inventory is limited. You can order the items by purchasing the items through the Ed Fund Bookstore (www.israelstamps.com/bookstore/)

or mailing your remittance, payable to 'SIP Ed Fund', to David Kaplin (1 Strawberry Hill Ave, Apt 11D, Stamford, CT 06902).

SIP Library: The library is open for use by all SIP members, who are encouraged to make use of this fantastic resource. The catalog is on the SIP website, in the “members only” section, with regulations governing the library’s use. All new SIP publications will automatically be sent to the library. All members are asked to send recommendations for new acquisitions, new policies and new ideas to Librarian David Dubin (ddubin@israelstamps.com).

Update Your Electronic Contact Information: Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address. This allows us to continue to send you this Newsletter and other important updates about the Society. It also will ensure that you have access to the electronic version of The Israel Philatelist. **This will be particularly important in 2015, when paper copies of the IP will no longer be distributed as part of the standard yearly membership dues.** Don’t risk losing access to our award-winning journal! Send an email to israelstamps@gmail.com referencing your name. Your access to the members' only areas of the website is strictly through your email address which needs to be registered with Vicki Galecki.

Renew your membership dues ONLINE at www.israelstamps.com. Just click on 'JOIN US' on the home page. Select your location and choose the digital membership or membership with mailed hard copies of the IP for an additional charge. Life Members who prefer receiving a hard copy and choose to pay online can go to the Members' only menu and select "Journal Purchase for Life Members only." You will need to be registered for the website to choose this payment method. Send your email address to israelstamps@gmail.com to register.

Write Us! We Welcome News and Information: We’ll be glad to include achievements of SIP members, announcements related to the SIP, and information about local club meetings. Also, if you have written an article about your collection or philatelic activities for a non-philatelic publication such as a community paper or newsletter, or if you have spoken about Holy Land philately at a local event, please let us know so we can share the news. When informing us about

upcoming events, please note that the E-Newsletter usually is sent out the first week of each month. If you are providing information after an event or meeting occurs, we welcome reports about that meeting, what was discussed, etc. Please send information to **Zach Simmons** at zsimmons101@gmail.com

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