

## **THANK YOU!**

Over the last few weeks since taking office, I have been so pleased and touched to receive calls or emails from members asking how they could assist our Society. That's right- OUR SOCIETY. WE all can do something- Show people how proud you are to be collectors of Holyland material and members of our Society. Show your friends some of your collection. Consider writing for the Israel Philatelist- YOUR journal. Please donate whatever you can to YOUR Society funds . Try a small exhibit or talk at a local stamp show or club. Attend the Society convention in Sarasota in early February if you are able. Please keep your emails and communications coming- the Society needs your feedback, ideas, criticisms and your passion.

### **NEWSLETTER AND EMAIL**

Our monthly newsletter spearheaded by Zach Simmons can keep you informed about Society happenings- but the Society can only tell you our members about what we know or learn from you!

We want to praise our members and tell everyone about talks or events they can attend. We want to learn about or admire the exhibits which our members have assembled. Please send me a note, call or write to me by email or by post! The Society wants your email addresses so you can receive our newsletter and you can take advantage of our Website and its research capabilities! Sadly the Society also wants to hear about members who are ill or who have passed away. Many of our members want and need to strengthen the community in our Society by sharing information about our members with our members. We all become better collectors if we share information, experience and passion about what we love to collect. It is hard to find people with like interests.

### **RESEARCH, BOOKS and KNOWLEDGE**

The late fall and winter are ideal times to pay attention to our collections. If you have questions about research, consider contacting one of the Holyland dealers or consider contacting a member of the Society's Research Committee. Perhaps you need to borrow a book from the Society's library? Do you wish to buy one of many books from the Educational Fund? There is a sale! Hurry! Can you really pass up a bargain?

### **WEBSITE**

I am still looking for people who can volunteer to assist us in upgrading our website . If your children, grandkids or nephews or nieces can ably help please let me know.

### **GRANT OR ENDOWMENT FUNDING**

I am also hoping that one or more of you are aware of organizations which provide funding for various projects by way of grant or endowment . Perhaps the Society can apply to such organizations to obtain funding for some of Society projects.

### **VOTE -AGM 2014**

In the last edition of the journal there was a card to complete regarding the annual general meeting to be held at Sarasota in early February and your desire to receive a paper or electronic copy of the journal in future. Perhaps you missed seeing the card. If so please retrieve it and vote ! There is still time!

### **PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH**

Hope to hear from you soon. Perhaps I will see you at a stamp show, a club meeting or our convention in 2014.

Good health to all of you and keep well. Happy 2014 !! Ed