



E-Newsletter: February 2015 - March 2015



Winter Edition of The Israel Philatelist: The Winter 2015 issue of The Israel Philatelist is now available on the SIP website. At 60 pages, it features a wealth of interesting reading! Printed copies for those purchasing that option should be received within the next 7-10 days.

Possible Name Change for The Israel Philatelist: IP Editor Don Chafetz has proposed a name change for The Israel Philatelist to reflect the broad interests of the IP readership and SIP membership. The name change would be only for the Journal, not the Society. Proposed alternative names are:

- Holy Land & Judaica Post
- Holy Land – Judaica Philatelist
- Crossroads Philately
- Israel-Judaica Philately
- The Israel-Holy Land-Judaica Philatelist
- Suggest a Name of your Own!
- Keep the Existing Name

Ballots for voting can be found on page 55 of the Winter 2014 edition of The Israel Philatelist, and can be mailed or e-mailed as indicated in the directions accompanying the ballot. The official vote will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Society at NOJEX in May.

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

- 2015: NOJEX May 29-31.
- 2016: New York City in conjunction with the World Stamp Show May 28 – June 4.

NOJEX 2015 Events:

Friday 5/29/2015

- 6:30 pm: Shabbat services
- 7:30 pm: Society Banquet

Sunday 5/31/2015

- 8:30 am: Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 am: Annual General Meeting
- 10:00 am – 12 noon: Lectures
 - Israel 1948 - 1956: The Layout of the Printers Sheets and Stamp Quantities - Yacov Tsachor
 - Overview of Ottoman Empire - Palestine Postal History - Palestine Study Group
- Noon: House of Zion Auction, Ed Rosen.

Consider Exhibiting: Consider preparing a Holyland exhibit for NOJEX 2015. The closing date for entries is April 1, 2015. Information is available at <http://www.nojex.org>. 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) 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.

Want to Lecture at New York 2016? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact **Don Chafetz** at sipeditor@gmail.com

SIP Headquarters and Administration: The SIP continues to work with the American Philatelic Society toward establishing SIP headquarters and administrative support at the APS Headquarters building in Bellefonte, PA. We are in the process of interviewing candidates for this administrative support position, and hope to finalize this in the near future.

Congratulations to our Members:

- **Life member Bob Pildes** was awarded a gold medal for his exhibit at the Sarasota Stamp Show February 6-8, 2015: Artists Drawings, Essays and Proofs of the 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel and Usage-10 Frames. He also was invited to present a lecture on this subject at the Collectors Club of New York on February 18, 2015, and was asked to present this exhibit as representative of Collectors Club of New York at Boxborough May 1 -3.
- IP Editor **Don Chafetz** won a gold medal at Sandical, January 23-25, 2015, for his exhibit on Holy Land Printed Matter 1889 - May 15, 1948 and a silver medal for 1937 All New Jersey Flight.

Price Corrections: **David Kaplin**, Director of the Education Fund, has notified us of the following: Four items on the second page of the Winter 2015 Education Fund Publication Listing in the recent (Winter 2015) **Israel Philatelist** were incorrectly priced at \$0. The Education Fund will **not** honor any orders of these four items at the incorrect price of \$0; mail orders received for any of these items at the incorrect price will be returned to the patron. (Web based sales are not affected; no errors in the posted price.) I apologize for the inconvenience or confusion the error has caused. The correct prices are:

Item	Description	Price		Shipping	
		In IP	Actual	US	INTL
425	The Stamps of Palestine – Hoexter	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$3.50	\$23.50
428	Taxi Mail of the Holy Land c. 1930-1975 – Groten	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$3.50	\$14.50
430	Flying Camel: Levant Fairs of Mandate Palestine - Groten	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$3.50	\$17.00
431	Official Postcards and Special Cancellations of the Zionist Congresses - Riemer	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$3.50	\$11.00

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers: The SIP remains an organization dependent on the efforts of YOU, the members. We are grateful for the many individuals who have donated their time and expertise. We encourage others to consider doing the same. Whatever your availability and capacity to help, you will be received enthusiastically. To discuss opportunities, please contact our President, **Ed Kroft** (ed.kroft@blakes.com)

Member Profile: Tell us About Yourself! We continue to seek individuals who are willing to tell about their stamp collecting interests and to seek collaborators, mentors, or learners through our ongoing series of Member Profiles. We would like to include a paragraph featuring an SIP member, with the goal of 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 Archive Library Fund, Endowment Fund, or Education Fund. Your contributions to the Archive Library Fund 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 or the Education Fund.

Check Out Our Website – it's Amazing!: Thanks to ongoing efforts by SIP VP and Israel Philatelist Editor **Don Chafetz**, and by SIP Executive Assistant **Vicki Galecki**, our website is more modern-looking and better able to serve our members than ever. You are

encouraged to explore it 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.

Journal Data Base Project: SIP Editor **Don Chafetz**, Immediate Past President **Mike Bass**, and Executive Assistant **Vicki Galecki** continue their ongoing work to make all past issues of the IP available and searchable electronically. When completed, this will be a tremendous resource for the entire Holy Land philatelic community. This has been a massive project that is nearing completion and will be demonstrated at NOJEX.

Share Your Philatelic Knowledge: Consider writing 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

Expand Your Personal Library: There are many discounted or even free items available through the Educational Fund Bookstore, ranging from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust, Hatemail, and Triangular Military Handstamps. See what's available at the SIP website:
www.IsraelStamps.com/bookstore/. A list of publications also appears at the back of The Israel Philatelist.

Visit the 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. The listings are organized by topics. Within each topic, the user can sort the items by author, title, year, or publisher by clicking on the column heading. 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).

A Sad Note: The SIP Dallas chapter has voted to disband. The SIP is grateful to chapter president Larry Goldman and the other officers and members of the chapter for the dedicated service to Holyland

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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 Holyland philately at a local event, please let us know so we can share the news. Please send information to **Zach Simmons** at zsimmons101@gmail.com

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