



Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc

E-Newsletter: December 2014 - January 2015



News is always a bit more sparse this time of year, so the December and January Newsletters are being combined. Best wishes to all from the SIP!!

Important Information About Dues and The Israel Philatelist: The Winter 2015 issue of The Israel Philatelist will be distributed soon. For those members paying annual dues (non-life members), the SIP must receive your payment and have your current email address on file by January 21, 2015 to permit access to the digital IP version on the SIP website. For you to receive the print version, payment is also due

by January 21.

Life members have access to the digital IP version on the SIP website at no additional cost but must have a login and password to access the members' only area. Please send your request to israelstamps@gmail.com.

Life members may choose to pay an additional fee to receive the print version of the IP journal via Paypal on the website or sending a check to Howard Chapman for \$20 by January 21, 2015. Address is on the website under "join/renew membership.

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. Don't risk losing access to our award-winning journal!

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: 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 Holyland material. Click on [NOJEX Prospectus](#), to get the application. Please sign and note that the closing date for entries is April 1, 2015. **Howard Rotterdam**, our SIP Conventions Chair, has encouraged those interested in exhibiting, or who have other questions about NOJEX, hrteach@bellsouth.net

More Information About Exhibiting: 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.

SIP Headquarters and Administration: The SIP is in the process of negotiating an agreement with the American Philatelic Association in which the SIP would pay the APS to provide us with administrative support at APS Headquarters in Bellefonte, PA, which would become our headquarters as well. As many of you are aware, Vicki Galecki has given generously of her time for many years to provide our organization with essential administrative support. Stay tuned for details!

Member Publication; Jerome J. Forman, a longtime member of the SIP, is the author of “Graphic History of Antisemitism,” published by Schiffer Publishing, Ltd., Atglen, Pennsylvania, in August, 2014. Antisemitism is seen through a collection of postcards, letters, advertisements, cartoons, and other ephemera in over 270 photographs. Please see attachments for more information about the book and for the opinions of some reviewers.

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 because we welcome and value your participation. To discuss opportunities, please contact our President, Ed Kroft (ed.kroft@blakes.com)

Member Profile: Martin Davies is looking for collaborators

Martin writes the following: “I am based near Manchester England and have been collecting Holy Land and mandate postal history for probably 35 years. One area that greatly interests me is the postage due rates of the mandate period but I have great difficulty in working out the calculation of the postage due and why therefore particular rates were charged. I am just wondering if there others within SIP with this common interest who would be willing to help with the problem and pool thoughts/ideas on this ultimately with the aim of producing some written work on this either through journal articles or if there was any interest in this-through a monograph on the subject.”

For those interested in collaborating with him, Martin can be reached by e-mail at <mailto:kuitman@btinternet.com>

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. 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 Archive Library Fund or Endowment 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. We appreciate your involvement and your generosity, and literally cannot survive as a Society without it!

Our New Website Continues to Get Even Better: 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.

Computer 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 Holyland philatelic community. This has been a massive project that appears to be nearing completion. Stay tuned for additional details.

Share Your Philatelic Knowledge: There are many ways to do so and to enrich the Holyland 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 Holyland philately
- Write an article about Holyland philately and your involvement in it for a community newspaper or newsletter.

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/

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, 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).

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. When informing us about upcoming events, please note that the E-Newsletter usually is sent out the first week of the 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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See attachments for special information on Jerome Forman's book and the prospectus for NOJEX.