



E-Newsletter: September 2015 - October 2015



As summer comes to an end, there is a lot of activity to report in the world of Holy Land philately.

APS StampShow Brings Honors to The Israel Philatelist and to SIP

Members: StampShow 2015 was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 20-23, 2015. There were several awards of note:

SIP member Robert Pildes was awarded two medals:

A Gold Medal for his exhibit *Artist's Drawing, Essay, Proofs and Associated Material of the 1948 Do'ar Ivri and Dmei Do'ar Issue of Israel and their Usage*

A Vermeil Medal for his single frame exhibit *Palestine Emergency Deliveries, Inc.*

In the category of Literature Palmares, *The Israel Philatelist*, edited by Don Chafetz, was awarded a Vermeil medal.

New Advertisers in the Israel Philatelist: The most recent issue of the IP, just published, features two new advertisers: We urge you to check them out:

Wydly: An advanced, multi-language search engine: www.Wydly.com

Historama - The Online History Shop: www.Historama.com

It's Coming! World Stamp Show NY 2016: Hotel reservations can now be made for World Stamp Show-NY 2016, which takes place May 28-June 4, 2016 at the Javits Center in New York City. Admission all 8 days is free. Visit the website at www.ny2016.org for more information and for the latest newsletter.

SIP Website: Your Connection to World Stamp Show NY 2016: The SIP website (www.israelstamps.com) now has a link for hotel reservations as well as a listing of SIP-related events:

May 29, 2016

- 10:00 – 11:00 am SIP General Membership Meeting Room 1E07
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Postal Rates, Postmarks and Stamps of Three Governments in the Holy Land During 1948 Room 1E09
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Introduction to the Stamps of Palestine Under the British Mandate Room 1E11

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- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Holy Land Postage Dues – 1900 – 1970 Room 1E07

Congratulations to SIP Members: Irving Osterer, Michael Madesker and Issie Baum were recently featured in issues of Canadian Stamp News.

SIP Featured in The American Philatelist: Check out the July issue of The American Philatelist, page 621. There's a very nice photo of several SIP members at the NOJEX awards banquet: Ed Kroft, Bob Pildes, Howard Chapman, Mike Bass, Joel Weiner, and Zach Simmons.

Taxi Hand Sign Stamps: Jewish artist Dr. Susan Woolf designed these South African Stamps, which were highlighted in the Summer 2014 issue of the IP, pages 54-55. Recently Dr. Woolf presented a display of her material to the Israel Philatelic Federation. A video is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/iLwoO7rB-1k>

Jewish Scouting In Europe before the Shoah: The following was sent to our President, Ed Kroft from SIP member Lee Shedroff, member of the BSA National Jewish Committee on Scouting:

Below is an email I received requesting material to support a research project about Jewish Scouting in Europe before the Shoah. I noticed that on Ebay there were at least 6 philatelic items that would help supply information to support this research. I believe the many members (including dealers) of the Society of Israel Philatelists have material in their possession such as covers, postcards, letters, flyers, brochures, etc that can add to this research...A scan of any helpful material may be sent to me at Lshedroff@aol.com and Fernando Brodeschi at brodeschi@scout.org.

The letter to which he refers is the following:

A Brazilian Jewish Scout leader is spending sometime in Israel in a leadership development program and as part of it he will volunteer for 2 months with Ruth Ouazana supporting the International Forum of Jewish Scouts. As part of his project he is making a research about Jewish Scouting in Europe before the Shoah. Do you, the NJCOS or any individual have any kind of material to support his work? Anything is mostly welcomed.

Best regards
Fernando Brodeschi
International Forum of Jewish Scouts, Vice-president

Our New Executive Assistant is Here to Serve Members: Just a reminder that **Becky Dean** is in the SIP administrative office in the American Philatelic Society building in Bellefonte on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She may be reached at [814-933-3803](tel:814-933-3803), extension 212, or via e-mail at bdean@israelstamps.com .

Check Out The Most Recent Issue of The Israel Philatelist: The Summer 2015 issue of The Israel Philatelist is available to members on-line or (if you have arranged for it) via hard copy. A copy of the Table of Contents is attached. As usual, there is a wide variety of interesting and educational material.

Browse and Search Past Issues of The Israel Philatelist: On the Members Only section of the SIP website, you can access issues of the IP from April 2013 through the current issue, and can search back issues from 1949 to 1987. We expect that all issues of the IP will be searchable in our data base in the near future, thanks to the hard work of IP Editor **Don Chafetz** and former SIP President **Mike Bass**.

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers: The efforts put forth by our members in preparation for NOJEX have reinforced the fact that 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)

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.

Expand Your Personal Library: There are an enormous variety of educational 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 www.IsraelStamps.com/bookstore/

Visit the SIP Library: The library is a wonderful resource, open for use by all SIP members. The catalog is on the SIP website, in the “members only” section. 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 Holy Land 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

Happy Jewish New Year: SIP President **Ed Kroft** extends his wishes for a happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah.

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