



## E-Newsletter: June-August 2016



### A Heartfelt Thank-You For Making World Stamp Show NY2016 a success for the SIP and its Members:

- We are grateful to all the SIP members and to our executive assistant, Becky Dean, who staffed our booth and helped to sign up **XXXX** new members.
- Thank you to SIP members **Yacov Tsachor, Ed Kroft, Gary Theodore, Howard Rotterdam, and Don Chafetz** for speaking. We are fortunate to have extraordinarily knowledgeable members of the SIP who are willing to give their time to further our philatelic education.

### Member Recognition at World Stamp Show NY2016:

- Congratulations to the following SIP members who won awards for their exhibits. Well done!!
  - **Robert Pildes**: The 1948 Doar Ivri and D'mei Doar Issues of Israel and Their Usage: Large Gold
  - **Michael Bass**: Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914: Large Vermeil
  - **Mihael Fock**: Jerusalem 1655-1917: Large Vermeil
  - **Daryl Kibble**: Interrupted/Delayed Mail of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: Large Vermeil
  - **Henry Nogid**: The Four Siege Cities of 1948 – Rishon Le Zion, Safad, Nahariya, Jerusalem: Large Vermeil
  - **Brian Gruzd**: Israel First Airmails 1950: Vermeil

- The Society honored two of its members with special awards at the Annual General Meeting:
  - **Yacov Tsachor** was given the Leslie Reggel award for outstanding contributions to Holy Land philately.
  - **Isador Baum** received the Dickstein Award for the most deserving contributions to The Israel Philatelist

### **Member Recognition for Other Achievements:**

- SIP member, graphic designer for the Israel Philatelist, and award-winning teacher **Irving Osterer** was featured in an article in the Canadian Stamp News highlighting his work on the SIP display at World Stamp Show NY2016: <http://canadianstampnews.com/canadian-teacher-designer-helps-create-israeli-philatelists-world-stamp-show-display/> . Another article in that publication (attached) describes his interest in Star Trek, and ties it into the recent release by Canada Post of a Star Trek series celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Star Trek episode
- SIP member and IP editor **Don Chafetz** was featured in the San Diego Union-Tribune: <https://shar.es/1dZyUj> The article highlights Don's enthusiasm for philately as well as his efforts on behalf of the SIP and the broader philatelic community.

**Save the Date!!** The SIP will hold its next annual general meeting on November 17-19, 2017, in Chicago, IL. New officers and board members will be needed. Please consider running for one of these positions. The Society exists to serve its members, and in turn relies on its members to provide the leadership to do so.

**Shop at the SIP Bookstore:** Browse the selections on our website ([www.israelstamps.com](http://www.israelstamps.com) ). Our newest additions are *Artists' Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel and their Usage* by Robert Pildes, and *The Postal History of the Transition Period in Israel, 1948, Vol 1: Official Postal Services; Postal Administration of British Mandate, Minhelet Ha'am and Israel* by Zvi Aloni. There are many other recent and older publications as well that are valuable references and interesting reading.

**Digitization of The Israel Philatelist:** This is continuing through the

tireless efforts of leadership of **Mike Bass, Vicki Galecki, and Don Chafetz**. Members can now search all issues of The Israel Philatelist from 1949-1987 on the SIP website ([www.israelstamps.com](http://www.israelstamps.com)). The rest of the issues are now being entered into searchable electronic format, and should be available soon. The members-only section also contains digitized versions The Israel Philatelist from 2011 through the current Summer 2016 issue, that can be browsed, downloaded in pdf format, or printed. Check it out, and send your comments to our Editor, **Don Chafetz**, at [SIPeditor@gmail.com](mailto:SIPeditor@gmail.com)

**Your calls and e-mails are welcome:** The SIP administrative office is in the American Philatelic Society building in Bellefonte. Our executive assistant, **Becky Dean**, may be reached on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 814-933-3803, extension 212, or via e-mail at [bdean@israelstamps.com](mailto:bdean@israelstamps.com) .

**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](mailto:ed.kroft@blakes.com) )

**Support Your Society:** The 2016 Fundraising Campaign continues. To contribute, please go to the Fund Raising page on the SIP website ([www.israelstamps.com](http://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. For long-term support of the Society, please consider a gift to the Endowment or Education Fund.

**Expand Your Personal Library:** A wide variety of educational items are available through the Educational Fund Bookstore at [www.IsraelStamps.com](http://www.IsraelStamps.com) . These range from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust and Hatemail. Note in particular the compilation of the Israel/Holy Land Exhibits from Sarasota 2014 and NOJEX 2015.

**Borrow a Book or View a Slide Show:** SIP members may borrow books through the SIP Library on our website. A variety of educational “slide shows” are available in pdf or Powerpoint format on the website as well. These are all wonderful mechanisms by which to enhance your philatelic knowledge.

**Write Us! We Welcome News and Information:** We love to highlight philatelic achievements of any magnitude by our members!! Also, if you have written an article about your collection or philatelic activities for a non-philatelic publication such as a community paper or organizational 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](mailto:zsimmons101@gmail.com)

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