



E-Newsletter: December 2016



Apologies from the Newsletter Editor:

Several months have elapsed since the last E-Newsletter, which is contrary to the goal of keeping our members up to date every 1-2 months via this e-mail communication. All responsibility for this lies with me, and not with any other Society officers, members, or staff. I have had a number of personal issues that have interfered with my ability to keep all of you up to date, but I believe all is now back on track for regular E-Newsletters to our members. My apologies.

President's Message: Attached to this Newsletter you will find SIP President **Ed Kroft's** latest message, which also will appear in the upcoming Winter 2017 issue of The Israel Philatelist. Ed's discussion on Exhibiting Holy Land material, and his articles in the upcoming and the previous issue of our Society's magazine are "must" reading for any Society members who have considered doing so but have yet to take the plunge. For those who missed it in the last IP, Ed's column from the Fall 2016 issue is also attached.

Member Recognition - Awards at Jerusalem 2016: Kudos to the many SIP members who won awards at Jerusalem 2016!! Because there were so many, it is possible there are inadvertent omissions. **If anyone was omitted, please contact the Newsletter Editor (see e-mail address at end of the Newsletter) and corrections will be promptly made.**

- **Robert Pildes:** The 1948 Doar Ivri and Dmei Doar Issue of Israel and Their Use. Grand Prix (Grand Award), Best Exhibit in Holyland and Israel Section AND Large Gold (only Large Gold in Holyland Exhibit and Israel section)
- **Jonathan Becker:** Jerusalem 2016: The Conquest and British Administration of Palestine and (Greater) Syria: 1914-1920: Gold
- **Michael Bass:** Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914: Gold
- **Henry Nogid:** The Four Siege Cities of 1948: Gold
- **Yaakov Shabtai:** Israel's Post Office Taxing Practices 1948-1978: Gold
- **Brian Gruzd:** Israel's First Airmail Issue – 1950: Gold
- **Mihael Fock:** Jerusalem 1655-1917 – Routes and Post Offices: Large Vermeil
- **Donald Chafetz:** Holy Land Printed Matter 1889 – May 15, 1948 2nd UPU Period: Vermeil AND Printed Matter into the Holy Land 2nd UPU Period – 1948: One Frame Silver
- **Dan Blau:** The Airmail History of the Holy Land: Vermeil
- **Christian Abravanel:** Civilian Mail To/From Palestine 1938-1945: Large Silver
- **Jean-Paul Danon:** Israel 1948 – New Year Stamps: Large Silver
- **Sid Morginstin:** Lundy Islands: Large Silver
- **Paulo Risi:** Into the “Blues” (EEF Stamps) – Palestine 1918: One Frame Gold
- **Baruch Weiner:** Arab POW's from the 1948 Independence War: One Frame Vermeil

In the Category of Literature Handbooks:

- **Bruce Chadderton:** Descent into the Abyss – The Shoa: Large Vermeil
- **Donald Chafetz:** A Study of Israel's Dateless Cancellations 1948-1955: Large Vermeil

In the category of Literature Periodicals

- **Jean-Paul Danon:** “Doar Ivri” la revue du C.F.P.I: Vermeil
- **Donald Chafetz:** The Israel Philatelist: Vermeil

Member Recognition - Awards at Chicagopex: Robert Pildes

continues to be a model for us to emulate: Forerunners of the Holy Land: Gold AND Special Award: Best Exhibit, Chicago Philatelic Society Member

More Member Recognition – Read (or hear and see) All About It!

- **Irving Osterer**, graphic designer for The Israel Philatelist, recently was interviewed by Applied Arts for an article (attached) about teaching communication and design in secondary schools.
- **Howard Chapman**, SIP Executive Secretary and Treasurer, was interviewed at the Garfield Perry Stamp Club March Party by a reporter from the Elyria, Ohio Chronicle-Telegram. The article is attached, and provides terrific information about our Society and our hobby.
- **Gregg Philipson** was interviewed about his passion for collecting Holocaust and anti-Semitic material, and how that can be a force for good. As he states, his purpose is to "learn, and understand what hate, bigotry, and apathy can do to individuals and to the world in general." Read about it, or watch the video, at <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-story-project/collecting-to-remember-gregg-philipson>

The SIP Will Be Choosing New Officers and Directors in 2017:

The vote will occur at the SIP Annual General Meeting in Chicago in November. If you are interested in serving the Society in any of these capacities, please contact our President, **Ed Kroft** as soon as possible to let him know of your interest and to get your name on the ballot.

Want to Volunteer? Let us Know! If you are interested in volunteering in a capacity other than a Society officer or director, we welcome your participation! We are grateful for the many individuals who have donated their time and expertise. Whatever your availability and capacity to help, **Ed Kroft**, our President, would be glad to hear from you at ed.kroft@blakes.com

Consider Exhibiting or Attending (or Both!!) – Think 2017: The sites of future SIP Annual General Meetings are:

- CHICAGOPEX, Nov. 17-19, 2017
- NAPEX, June 8-10, 2018

Visit our Bookstore: The selection of Holy Land philatelic reading material is large, and new titles are always being added in the Educational Fund Bookstore at www.IsraelStamps.com . Examples of titles published in 2016 are the following: The 2nd edition of Israel and Forerunner Military Postal Stationery by SIP **David Dubin** and Nancy Morrow has color photos and 30 pages of items undocumented in the original edition. **Robert Pildes' Artists' Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel and their Usage**, derived from his award-winning exhibit, is a treasure trove of material. Palestine Mandate Postmarks, 2nd Edition, by the late **David Dorfman**, includes the author's corrections as published in The Israel Philatelist. There are many other titles, ranging from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust and Hatemail.

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Browse Recent Issues of The Israel Philatelist: The members-only section of the Society's website contains digitized versions from 2011 through the current issue that can be browsed, downloaded in pdf format, or printed. We encourage you to visit our website (www.israelstamps.com), take a look at the electronic version of our Society's journal, and send your comments to our Editor, **Don Chafetz**, at SIPeditor@gmail.com

Support Your Society: The 2016 Fundraising Campaign continues. Thank you to those who have so generously contributed. For those wishing to contribute, please 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.

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