



Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc.

## E-Newsletter: January 2016 – February 2016



Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2016!

**President's Message:** SIP President Ed Kroft's message is attached. In it, he discusses a number of issues that are critical to the future of our Society.

**SIP Dues:** As a non-profit, volunteer organization, we rely heavily on membership dues. If you have not yet paid yours for 2016, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

**SIP Member Wins Awards at PENPEX:** Steve Olsen's Single-Frame Exhibit, "The Six-Pointed Star", was awarded a Vermeil medal at this show, held in Redwood City, California in December 2015. Additional awards to Steve at PENPEX were the American Topical Association 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award, the American Topical Association Novice Award, and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor.

**The Israel Philatelist Receives Recognition:** Our journal, edited by **Don Chafetz**, was awarded 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 52 entries in the Overall Prize category at the competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup>CG International Philatelic Promotion Award at Monacophil 2015. The prizes are awarded for “Print, digital media and promotion of youth philately.” See details at <http://www.cg-award.com/index.php/id-2015.html>

### **World Stamp Show NY2016: Lots of News:**

- World Stamp Show-NY 2016 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](http://www.ny2016.org) for more information and for the latest newsletter. A link for hotel reservation may be found on the SIP website ([www.israelstamps.com](http://www.israelstamps.com) ). Direct links for hotel reservations and discount airfares are also at:[http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Hotel\\_Reservations.aspx?id=522](http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Hotel_Reservations.aspx?id=522) and [http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Delta\\_Airlines\\_Discount.aspx?id=529](http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Delta_Airlines_Discount.aspx?id=529)

- The SIP is hosting several events, and you are encouraged and welcome to attend:

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

May 30, 2016

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

- Please visit the SIP table. And as an all-volunteer organization, the SIP welcomes any assistance you can provide. If you'd like to help, please contact **Becky Dean**, at [BDean@stamps.org](mailto:BDean@stamps.org) or **Don Chafetz** at [SIPEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SIPEditor@gmail.com) .

- The show is looking for volunteers for the overall effort. The SIP office recently received the following:

We need approximately 500 volunteers to successfully stage NY 2016. This ranges from exhibit mounters, to literature librarians, to show guides, and everything in between. Information for volunteering can be found on the "Become a Volunteer" webpage on [www.ny2016.org](http://www.ny2016.org)<<http://www.ny2016.org>>. The direct link to the NY2016 Volunteer webpage is: [www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become\\_a\\_Volunteer.aspx?id=528](http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become_a_Volunteer.aspx?id=528)<[http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become\\_a\\_Volunteer.aspx?id=528](http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become_a_Volunteer.aspx?id=528)>

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

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**Digitization of The Israel Philatelist:** Thanks to the tireless efforts 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 by the end of March. The members-only section also contains recent issues of The Israel Philatelist 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)

### **Consider Exhibiting in Or Attending Jerusalem 2016:**

Colin Fraser, the East Coast commissioner, sends word that the upcoming Jerusalem four nations stamp exhibition will be held in November 2016. Applications to exhibit need to be received by April 29, 2016. Those interested in exhibiting should contact Colin at [frasersstamps@cs.com](mailto:frasersstamps@cs.com) or Vesma Grinfelds (the West Coast Commissioner at [vesmag@gmail.com](mailto:vesmag@gmail.com)). Please see attachments for more information.

**Be an SIP Ambassador:** Help to recruit new members by telling others about our organization and its benefits.

**We Are 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, extension 212](tel:814-933-3803), or via e-mail at [bdean@israelstamps.com](mailto:bdean@israelstamps.com) .

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

**Support Your Society:** Please show your support for the SIP by participating in the 2016 Fundraising Campaign. 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 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 at [www.IsraelStamps.com/bookstore](http://www.IsraelStamps.com/bookstore) . These range from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust and Hatemail. Note in particular the recent addition of *The Postal History of the Transition Period in Israel: 1948*, Vol I by **Zvi Aloni** and the compilation of the Israel/Holy Land Exhibits from Sarasota 2014.

**Borrow a Book:** The SIP Library is a wonderful resource, available to all SIP members via the SIP website. To borrow an item, or to ask questions or provide suggestions, please contact librarian David Dubin ([ddubin@israelstamps.com](mailto:ddubin@israelstamps.com) ).

**Plan for the Future and Mark Your Calendars:** The sites of future SIP Annual General Meetings are:

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

**Of Blessed Memory:** The SIP extends its condolences to the families of the following members who have recently passed away:

- **Uri Shalit, Robert Markovits, George Garfinkel and Marty Cohen**

**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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