



E-Newsletter: March 2016 - May 2016



President's Message: SIP President Ed Kroft's message is attached, and can also be found in the Spring issue of The Israel Philatelist. In it, he discusses a number of issues that are critical to the future of our Society.

Member Recognition:

- SIP President **Ed Kroft** had spoken at several events during the past few months: 1) The March meeting of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) on the topic "Air mail issues to South America and the Caribbean during the Israel mandate period"; 2) The 2016 Toronto Limmud conference on "The Relevance of Philately and Postal History for Jews in the 21st Century"; 3) The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada conference in Toronto on March 16, 2016 on "1948 Holy Land Postal History and the Transition Period". Ed also served as Chief Judge at the Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show April 2-3.
- Attached is a photo of **Ed Kroft** with life member and former SIP President **Michael Madesker** at the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada meeting in Toronto. Michael is a prominent philatelist widely known in philatelic circles worldwide, and is shown with an award he was given in 1989 in Israel.

- **Mike Bass** was awarded a silver medal at the Garfield-Perry March Party 2016 for his exhibit “The Egyptian Expeditionary Force in Palestine 1917-1918.”
- **Robert Pildes** won two medals at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2016: 1) A Gold for “Holy Land Forerunners: Foreign Post Offices”; 2) A Vermeil for “Palestine Emergency Deliveries, Inc.”
- **Zach Simmons’** article “Italian and French Forces in The Holy Land: 1917-1921” appeared in French in the Jan-Apr issue of Doar Ivri, the magazine of the Cercle Français Philatélique d’Israël (CFPI)

The SIP Needs New Officers and Other Volunteers: In his recent SIP President’s column, **Ed Kroft** wrote the following. His message succinctly sums up the Society’s needs: “WE NEED YOU!! I have said on many occasions that our society cannot run by itself. In late November 2017, in Chicago, I will be concluding my second term and intend to step down as president of our society at our annual general meeting. The terms of our current board members will also expire. I am asking all of the membership to consider running for our executive.

World Stamp Show NY2016:

- 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 for more information and for the latest newsletter.
- 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. SIP member **Yacov Tsachor** will speak on Fakes and Forgeries
 - 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Room 1E09. Postal Rates, Postmarks and Stamps of Three Governments in the Holy Land During 1948, by **Ed Kroft**

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Room 1E11. Introduction to the Stamps of Palestine Under the British Mandate, by **Gary Theodore**

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- 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Room 1E07. Holy Land Postage Dues – 1900 – 1970, by **Howard Rotterdam**
- SIP members who will be exhibiting at World Stamp Show NY2016 are:
 - **Michael Bass**: Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914
 - **Jonathan Becker**: The Conquest and British Military Administration of Palestine and (Greater) Syria: 1914-1920
 - **Mihael Fock**: Jerusalem 1655-1917
 - **Brian Gruz**: Israel First Airmails 1950
 - **Daryl Kibble**: Interrupted/Delayed Mail of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
 - **Henry Nogid**: The Four Siege Cities of 1948 – Rishon Le Zion, Safad, Nahariya, Jerusalem
 - **Robert Pildes**: The 1948 Doar Ivri and D'mei Doar Issues of Israel and Their Usage
- 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 or **Don Chafetz** at SIPEditor@gmail.com .
- Our SIP magazine, under the Editorship of **Don Chafetz**, has been selected as a competitive literature exhibit eligible for a medal at World Stamp Show NY2016.
- Consider attending NY2016 Awards Ceremony and Palmares

Awards ceremony

Location: Javits Convention Center, Room 1E10

Date: 2 June 2016

Time: 11AM to 5PM

Awards to be given: Medals from Bronze through Large Gold and all Special Awards

Palmares

Location: Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway,
Westside Ballroom, 5th floor

Date: 2 June 2016

Time: 7:15PM to ??

Awards to be given: Grand Prix National, Grand Prix
International, Grand Prix d'Honneur

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). 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 digitized versions of the past 5 years of The Israel Philatelist, through the current Spring 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

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, or via e-mail at 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)

Support Your Society: Please show your support for the SIP by participating in the 2016 Fundraising Campaign. The goal is \$15,000. As of March 21, we have raised \$7,185. 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. 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. 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.

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

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

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