

SIP President's Column

Hi everyone. 2017 is at hand. I hope that you are enjoying all aspects of our great hobby.

Jerusalem 2016

Congratulations to all those who exhibited. I understand that there was a great turnout of visitors who were keen to view the exhibits. I hope we see that kind of enthusiasm return to North American philatelic shows.

Exhibiting Holy Land

In this issue of the IP, I wrote the second installment of the series on exhibiting. My intention is to add to the growing numbers of collectors who are interested in this aspect of the hobby. The Society is always looking for new exhibitors on any topic. We have members in the Society who can answer your questions or assist.

Elections for Society Executive and Board of Directors

In November, 2017, we will elect a new executive and Board of Directors. Some individuals have stepped up and are interested in running for some of the positions. However, we still need more candidates. Please consider putting your name forward. We will publish the names of candidates early in 2017 and will close nominations later in the year.

Volunteers

Since my last column, I have heard from some of who are willing to volunteer to do work for the Society. Thank you. We need more of you!!

Membership

Our society is the largest holy land philatelic organization in the world. We need to attract new members and ask everyone in the society to do his or her part during the year to try to bring in at least one new member. .

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the fund raising campaign for 2016. Please continue to keep our Society in mind if you wish to make a charitable donation.

Benefits of Membership

Membership in our Society provides access to the award-winning journal, the Israel Philatelist, and discounts to acquire many books from our Educational Fund chaired by David Kaplin. Watch for various new forthcoming monographs. Our slideshows and library books are available to be lent. Check out the website. The Society also has a worldwide network of members who are very knowledgeable about Holy Land and Judaica philately. Contact us if you are looking for info when doing research. Perhaps we will be able to direct you as needed.

Wishing you all a joyous, sweet healthy and prosperous 2017 !

All the best,
Regards Ed