

Society of Israel Philatelists

January-February 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

As 2017 gets underway, the SIP continues its role of serving its members and the field of Holy Land Philately. The news from the past month is a bit sparse, but this is a good time to review the wide variety of services the SIP offers its members, and to encourage you to participate in the many educational and fun activities the Society offers. Many of these are summarized here, following some special announcements.

Member Recognition

Irving Osterer, graphic designer for *The Israel Philatelist*, was featured in a story in Canadian Stamp News. In it, he describes his role in creating the SIP display at World Stamp Show NY 2016 featuring commemorative synagogue postmarks:

<http://canadianstampnews.com/canadian-teacher-designer-helps-create-israeli-philatelists-world-stamp-show-display/>

Congratulations, Irv, and thanks for all of your hard work!

Search *The Israel Philatelist* Data Base

Thanks to many generous contributions, to the Archive Library Fund, *The Israel Philatelist* Data Base is now electronically searchable from 1949 onward. Try it out on our website at www.israelstamps.com

Nominate yourself to be an SIP Officer or Director:

Nominations for President, Vice-President, and Director are due by May 31. All those who are interested in serving the Society in this capacity are encouraged to contact President **Ed Kroft** (e.kroft@shaw.ca). Ballots will be distributed to all SIP members later this year.

Volunteer for the SIP in Other Ways:

Not interested in being an officer or director? The Society welcomes participation by its members in a variety of roles, even if your time is limited. If you wish to discuss how you can help, contact President **Ed Kroft** (e.kroft@shaw.ca).



Mark Your Calendars for SIP Annual General Meetings:

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

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Israel and Forerunner Military Postal Stationery 2nd Edition

David Dubin, M. D. and
Lt. Col. Nancy Morrow



PALESTINE MANDATE POSTMARKS 2nd Edition

by David Dorfman



Artists' Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel and their Usage



Robert Pildes



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.

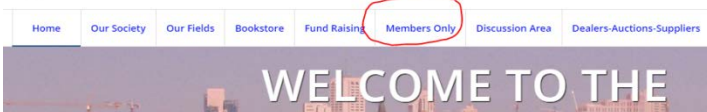
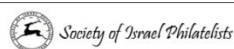
Examples of titles published in 2016 are the following: The 2nd edition of *Israel and Forerunner Military Postal Stationery* by **David Dubin** and Nancy Morrow has color photos and 30 pages of items undocumented in the original edition. **Robert Pildes'** *Artists' Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 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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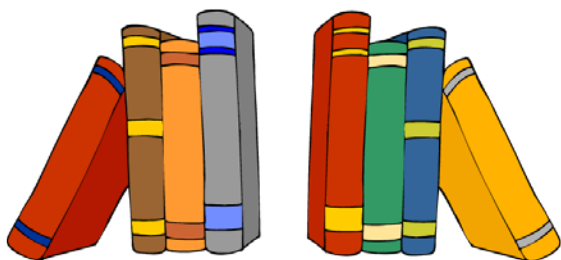
Philip Elias recently informed the SIP that the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) now has its own website: www.TinyUrl.com/IsraelStamps. The website features general information about the Chapter, as well as updates on meetings, links for downloading PowerPoint presentations, and links to Israel and Judaica philatelic websites.

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, enlarged, downloaded in pdf format, or printed. Please visit our website www.israelstamps.com and take a look at the electronic version of our Society's journal. Please send your comments to our Editor, **Don Chafetz**, at SIPeditor@gmail.com

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Holocaust Stamps Project

Please see attached update on this
amazing endeavor



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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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