

Society of Israel Philatelists

May - June - July 2017 Newsletter

Member Recognition

Robert Pildes continues to win well-deserved awards for his superb exhibits:

COMPEX 2017, May 19-21, Chicago: Large Gold for *Artists Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 1948 Doar Ivri and Dmei Doar Issues of Israel* and One Frame Gold for *Palestine Emergency Deliveries, Inc*



Steve Reinhard & Robert Pildes

Les Glassman was a commissioner at Finlandia 2017, May 24-28 in Tampere, Finland. His exhibit, *Mozambique and Mozambique Company* was awarded a Gold medal. Details appear in the Summer issue of *The Israel Philatelist*



SIP President **Ed Kroft** has received several well-deserved honors:

- Election as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
- Awards for his exhibit: *Rishon Le Zion – From Settlement to Statehood: 1882-1948*. Large Gold and Research Prize at Royal 2017, the annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, May 25-28, Boucherville Quebec (near Montreal). Large vermeil at the St. Pierre and Miquelon 2017 International Philatelic Exhibition, June 1-4

SIP Meeting at Chicagopex

– Exhibit Entries Due Now!

Chicagopex will be held November 17-19 at the Westin Chicago Northwest, Itasca, IL. Details can be found at www.chicagopex.org

August 15 was the deadline for exhibit applications. If you have never exhibited before, the SIP has many experienced exhibitors who would be glad to provide guidance. You can contact our President, Ed Kroft (e.kroft@shaw.ca), our first Vice President and editor of *The Israel Philatelist*, Don Chafetz (SIPeditor@gmail.com), or the Newsletter Editor, Zach Simmons (zsimmons101@gmail.com), and we will be glad to put you contact with the right people to provide you with an experience that is both enjoyable and educational.



The next SIP Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday November 19 from 9-10 am. Your attendance is welcome and encouraged. Educational talks are planned immediately following the meeting. Stay tuned for details!

Vote for SIP Officers & Directors

Information about the candidates and a mail-in ballot are enclosed with the Summer issue of *The Israel Philatelist*. The Society urges you to make your voice heard and vote. Candidates are:

Officers:

President: Howard Chapman
First Vice President: Ed Rosen
Second Vice President: Joel Weiner

Directors:

Howard Wunderlich
Rabbi Isidoro Aizenberg
Zach Simmons

World Stamp Championship Israel 2018

The Israel Philatelic Federation with the support of The Israel Post Company and the Israel Philatelic Service are proud to host the World Stamp Championship ISRAEL 2018 in Israel on the 70th anniversary of our Independence.



The World Stamp Championship ISRAEL 2018 will be held on May 27 to 31, 2018 at the ICC – International Convention Center, Jerusalem. It will be a Specialized WSC exhibition under FIP patronage covering Traditional Philately, Postal History, Modern Philately and Literature. We are expecting for a display of 1000 frames.

Expand Your Knowledge: Read The Israel Philatelist

In addition to the SIP ballot and a wealth of interesting reading material, Ed Kroft's SIP President's Column has a number of interesting and important facts and insights.

Volunteer for the SIP

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)

New Items in our Bookstore

You are encouraged to check our listing regularly as new items are always being added. The most recent include: *Holocaust Postal History* by Justin Gordon; *The Remembrance Letters and Commemorative Covers of the Ministry of Defense, State of Israel*, 2nd edition by Irwin Smalheiser; *The Philatelic Megillah* (in Hebrew), Edited by Moshe Rimer. You may also want to consider *Israel/Holy Land Exhibits at the SIP National Convention: NY2016*. There is an extensive stock of other older and not-so-old material at the Educational Fund Bookstore at www.IsraelStamps.com.

Explore our Website at israelstamps.com

- All issues of The Israel Philatelist from 2011 onward are available to members for browsing, downloading, and printing.
- The Israel Philatelist Data Base is now electronically searchable from 1949 to 2015.
- Educate yourself, at no cost to members, by borrowing a book from the Society Library or viewing a slide show.

Support Your Society:

Consider donating to the Archive Library Fund, Endowment Fund, or Education Fund so that our Society remains financially viable and can continue its leadership role in Holy Land Philately. The latest issue of The Israel Philatelist notes that \$8,561 has been donated in 2017 to date.

Administrative Support

Becky Dean is no longer providing administrative support to your Society. A search is underway for a replacement, in collaboration with the American Philatelic Society. The APS also has provided essential support during this time.

Write Us!

We welcome news and information of various types from members

- Awards at philatelic exhibitions
- Articles on philatelic activities for non-philatelic publications and community groups.
- Descriptions of talks about Holy Land philately at local events

Please let us know so we can share the news. You can send this information to Zach Simmons at zsimmons101@gmail.com

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