



#94 – Philatelic Judaica

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When one collects Judaica, he is into a limitless field. He may collect stamps and covers and cancellations, or coins and medals, or books and magazines, art objects, ceremonial objects, autographs, pictures, labels, anti-Semitic postmarks and slogans, etc. In other words, virtually everything pertaining to Jews and Judaism and virtually anything of “Jewish” interest is considered Judaica.

However, let us limit ourselves this evening to a consideration of “PHILATELIC JUDAICA” Which consists of stamps and covers and postal cancellations pertaining to Jews and Judaism. This in itself is a vast field. Topical collecting need not be expensive, since one does not have to be complete. There are no printed album pages to show up omitted items, and thus a collector can be content to collect whatever he can afford. A collector on a limited budget can build up a remarkable collection of PHILATELIC JUDAICA With some effort and ingenuity.

The field is so vast that a collector may even wish to limit himself in some branch of **PHILATELIC JUDAICA** collecting. There are so many areas that I am sure that I will forget to list some of them. You are able to collect as follows:

- **The entire range of Israel Philately by time period – Forerunners, British Mandate, Interim Period, Israel**
- **Stamps and Covers and special cancellations and Post Office openings**
- **Jews on stamps of the world**
- **The Bible on stamps**
- **Jewish National Fund labels**
- **Zionist Congress Postmarks**
- **Detention Camps'Illegal Jewish Immigrant Camps on Cyprus**
- **Concentration Camps and Ghettos of World War 2**
- **Military Mail with Jewish Cachets**
- **Military Mail of the Haganah 1948-1949**

Collecting interests Continued...

- **Anti-Semitic slogans on covers and anti-Semitic postmarks**
- **Propaganda labels (occasionally philatelically used)**
- **Special Cancellations for Jewish organizations**
- **D.P. Camps of Post-World War 2**
- **Jewish art objects and synagogues etc., on stamps**
- **Names of Biblical towns on postmarks**
- **Stamps and postmarks commemorating the closing of concentration camps or commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt, etc.**

Many of these general categories will be illustrated on the slides that follow. However, I wish to take a minute or two on the subject of “Jews on Stamps.” Some collectors include stamps in their collections of former Jews who converted to other religions for one reason or another, or someone who had a Jewish parent or grandparent but who never believed in nor practiced Judaism. I feel that these stamps are misplaced in a collection of Jews on Stamps. These collectors merely wish to identify these people as Jews because they were famous in one field or another. If a person converted to Judaism, the stamp should be included in a collection of Jews of stamps; if a person converted away from Judaism, the stamp does not belong in such a collection. However, each collector is “King” of his collection and so should determine just how he wishes to set up his collection.

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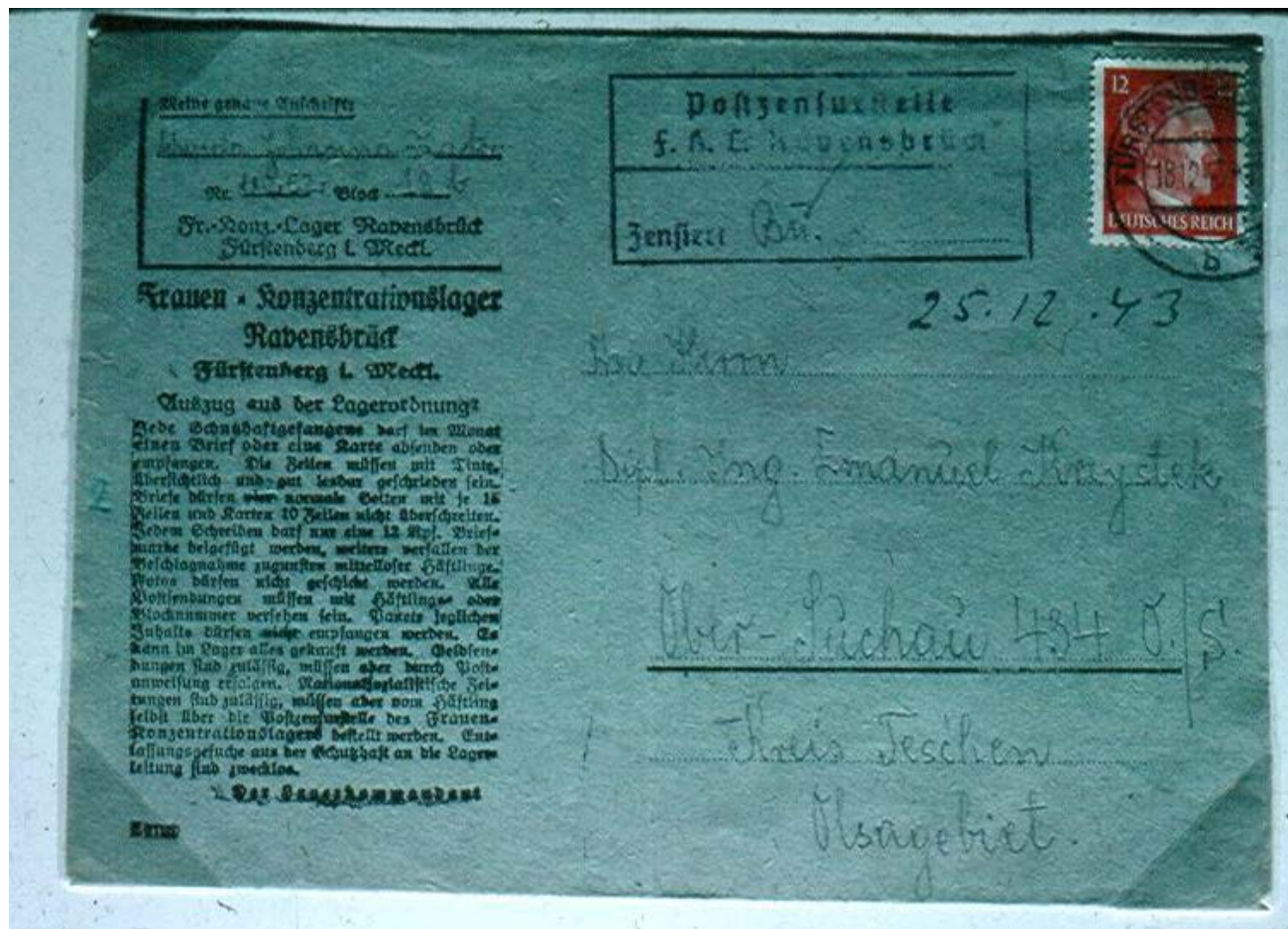












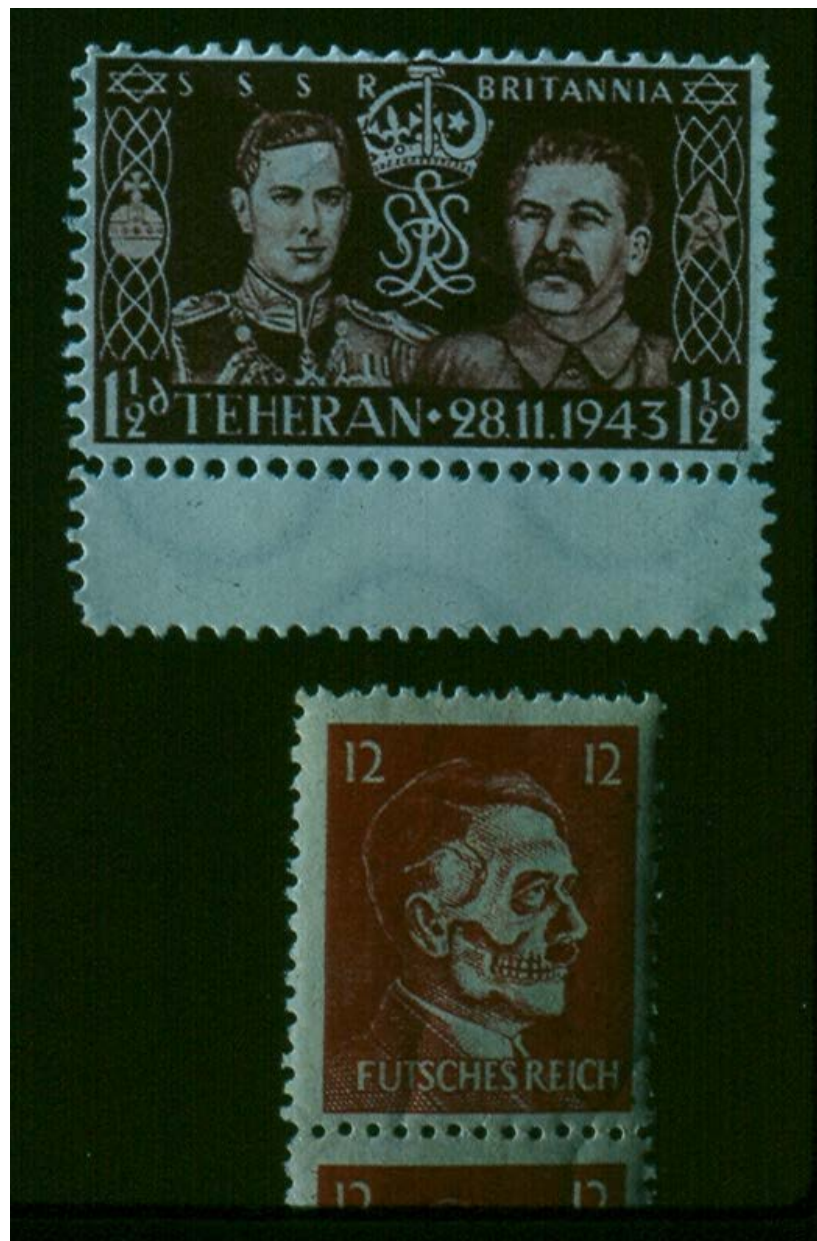








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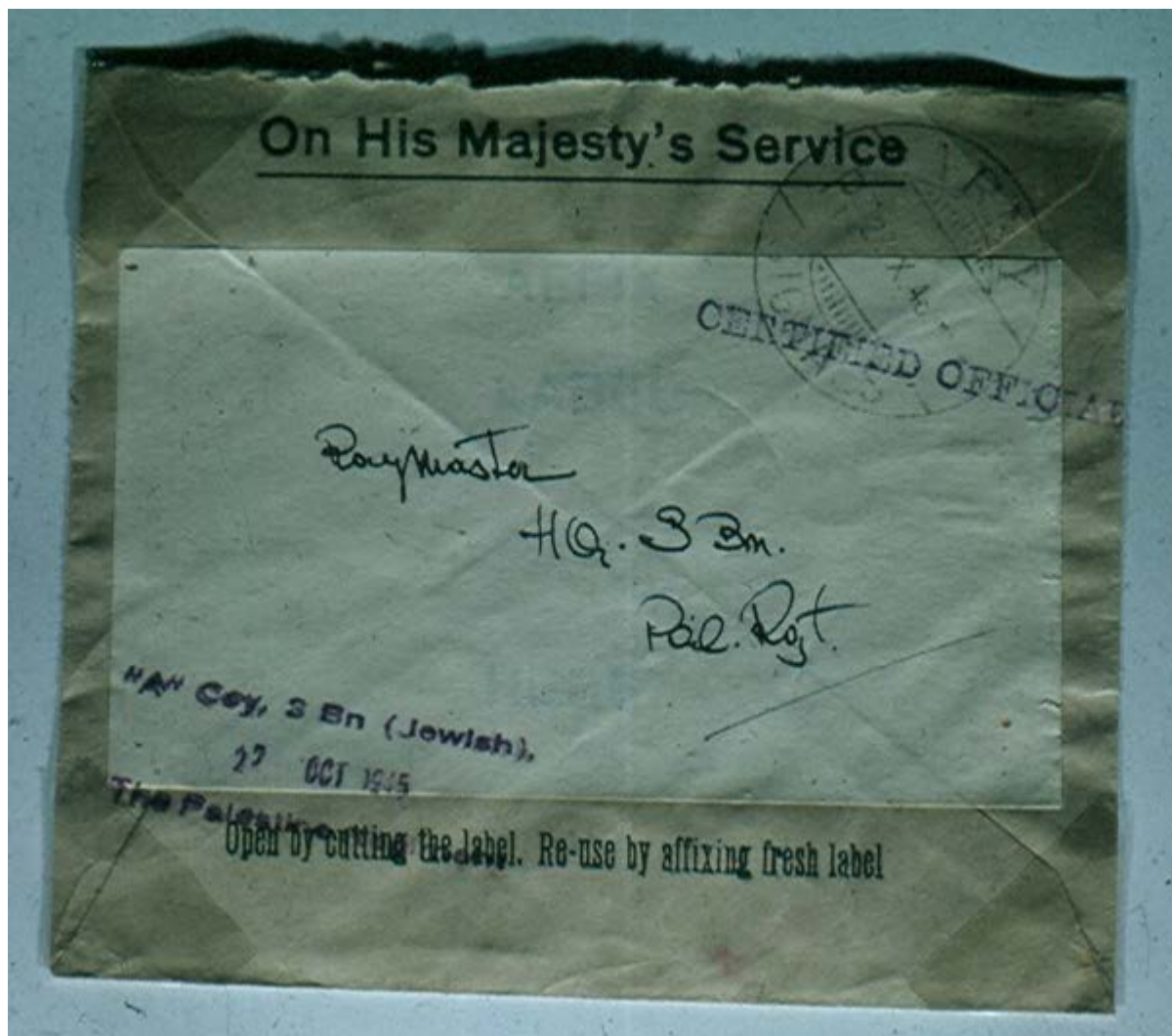






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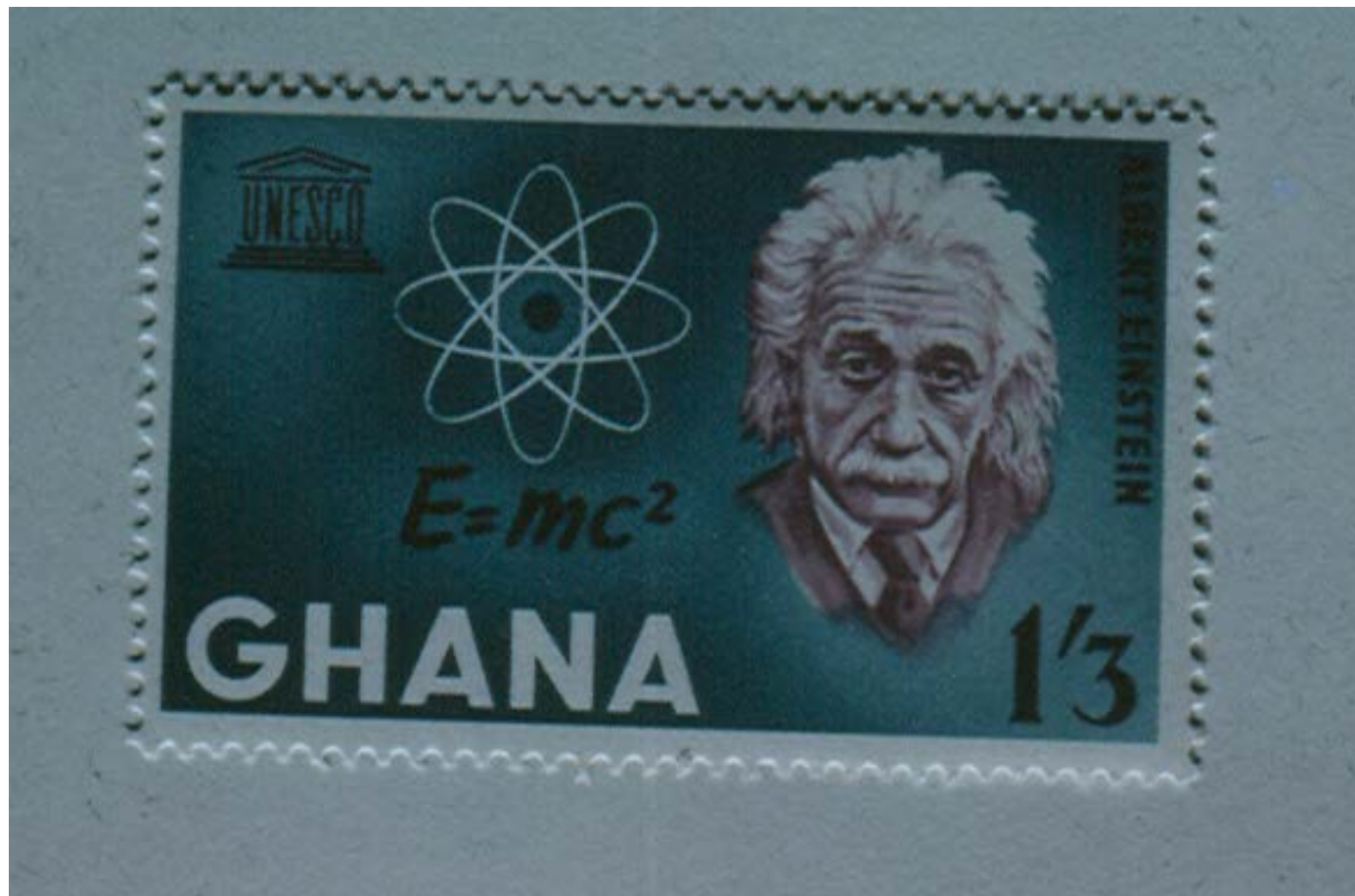
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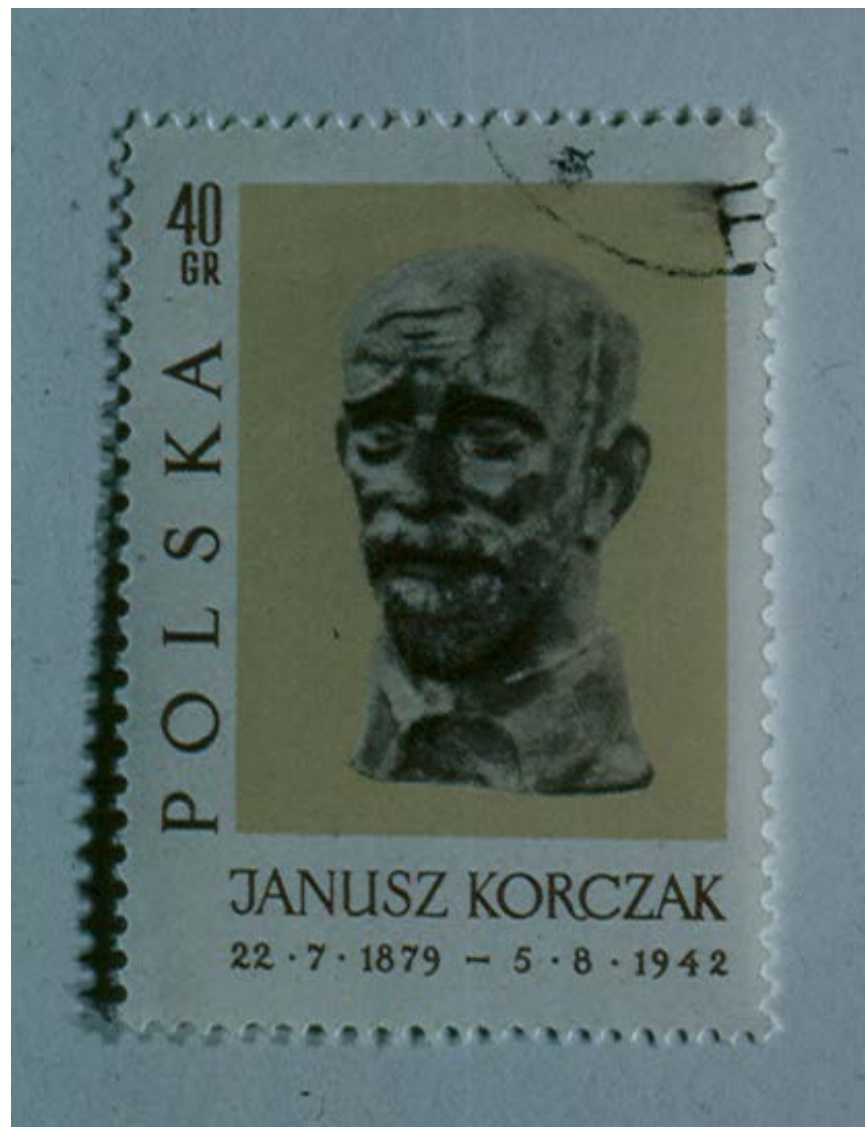




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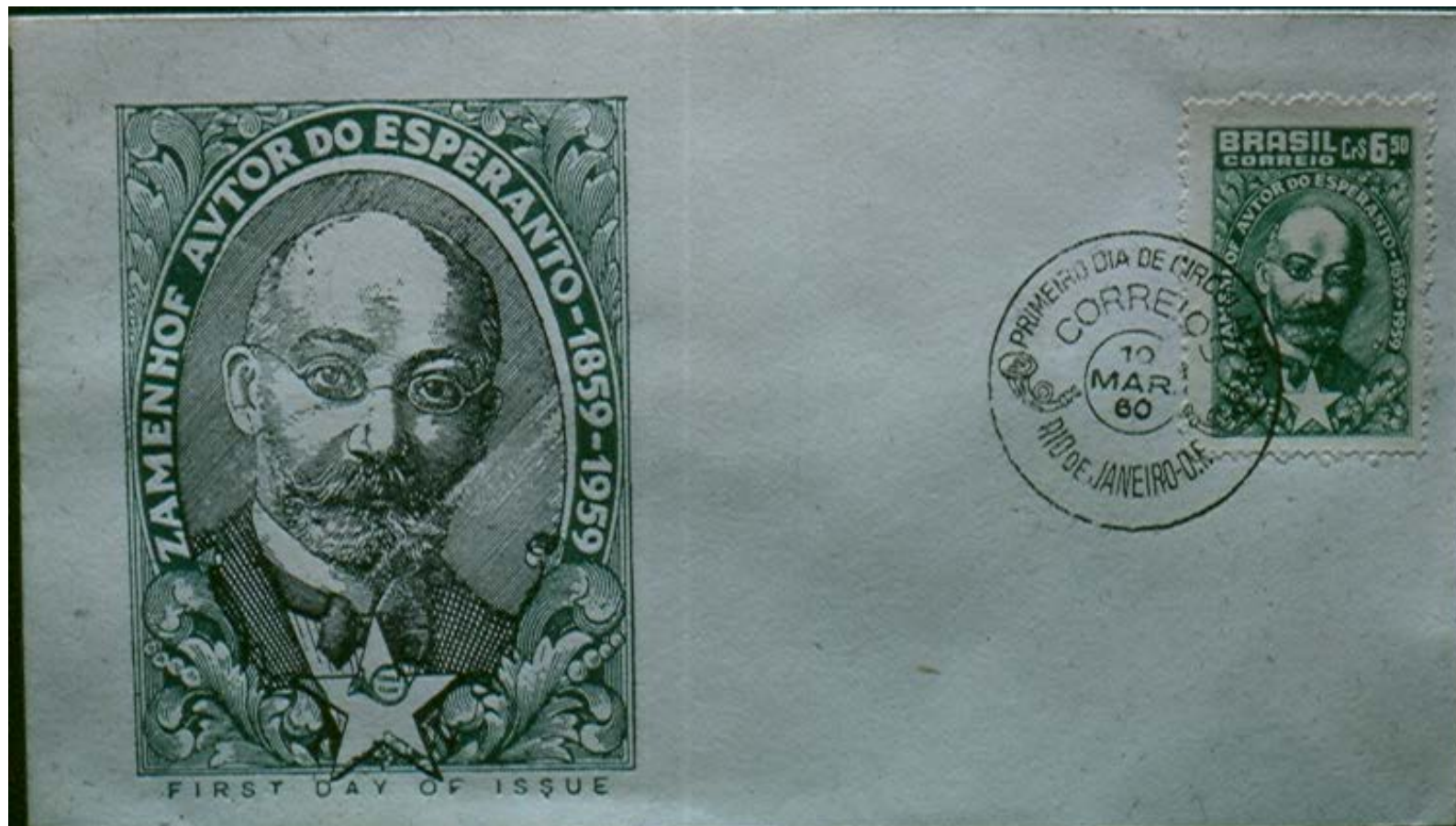






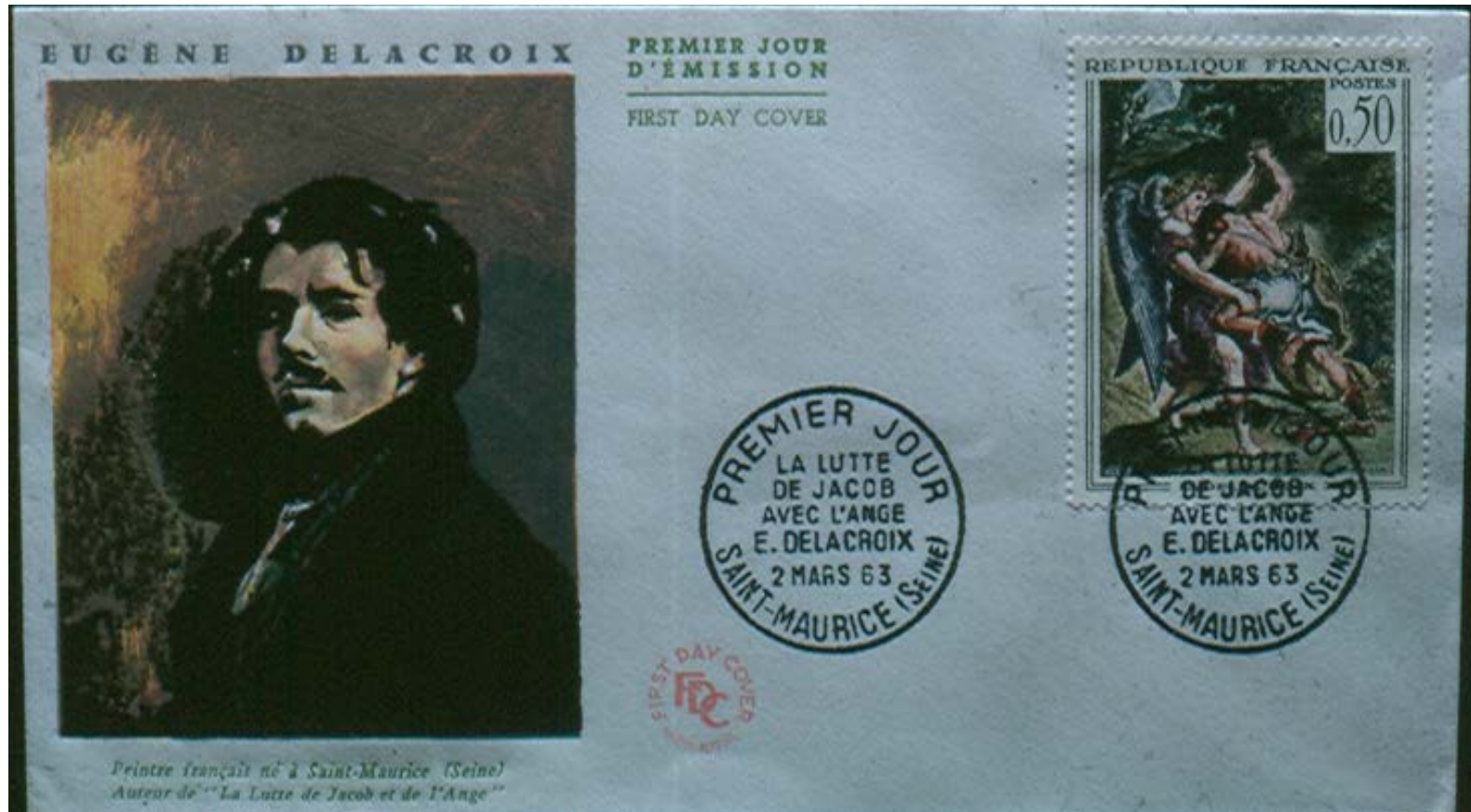


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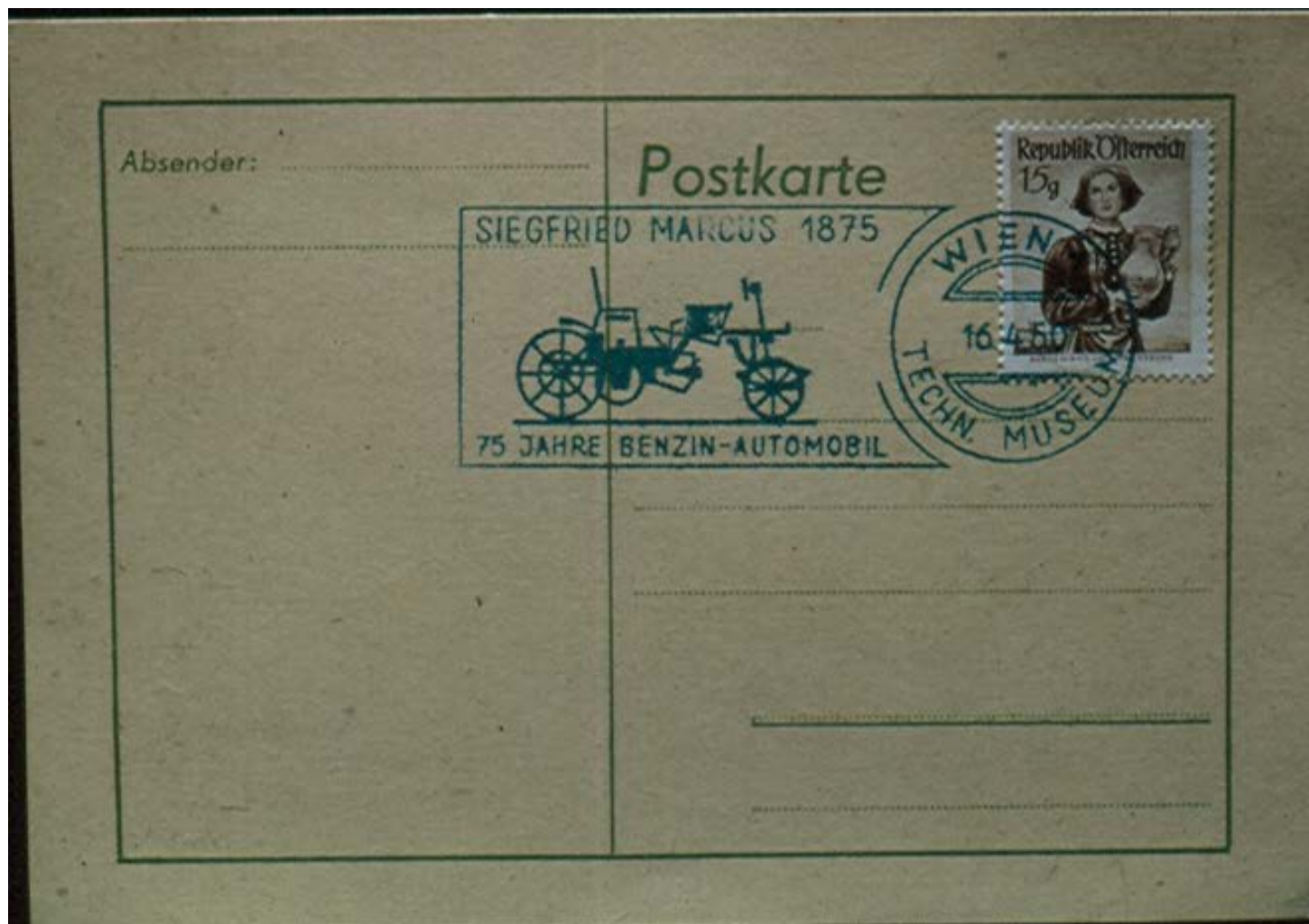
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Most of the items shown on these slides can be obtained for a minimum amount of money. There are 100's of JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LABELS and many special cancellations from all over the world that would be of interest to Judaica collectors. It does require searching through boxes of covers for the special cancellations, and it does require the knowledge as to whether or not the item belongs in the Judaica category. Happy Hunting!

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