Jewish Holidays

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Jewish holidays are special days in the Jewish calendar, which celebrate moments in Jewish history, as well as central themes in the relationship between God and the world, such as creation, revelation, and redemption. They include the Torah-mandated "holy days" of the Sabbath, the three pilgrimage festivals (Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot) and the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah), as well as a number of minor holidays of rabbinic origin (such as Hanukkah and Purim). Our presentation will cover the following topics:

u	The 12 Months		Hanukkah
	Pesach		Tu B'Shvat
	Lag B'Omer		
	Shavuot	u	Purim
	Tisha B'Av		Festival Series
	Rosh Hashanah		Moadim L'Simcha
	Yom Kippur		Shabbat
	Sukkot		

We searched to the very "end of the Internet" for material for this presentation. Our sources for images and notes can be found at the end of this document in the appendix.

Please let us know of any other stamps that should be included in this collection.

The 12 Months



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.



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(1) Nissan: Pesach - Passover, matza, winecup, flowers.

(2) **Iyar**: Lag-be-Omer, bow & arrows, potato.

(3) **Sivan**: Shavuot.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

(4) **Tamuz**: Sunflower, shells.

(5) Av: Fast of Tisha B'Av, wedding, grapes.

(6) **Ellul**: Selihot prayer book, dates, cotton .



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

(7) **Tishrei**: Shofar, pomegranate.

(8) Cheshvan: falling leaves, thistle.

(9) Kislev: Hanukkah candles and dreydel.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

(10) **Tevet**: citrus, poppy flower.

(11) Shvat: plant growth ,Tu-B'Shvat.

(12) Adar: Purim, hamantaschen, clown hat.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002...



2002 - Months of the Year - Booklet.

Pesach



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" – by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.



Series: "Israel's Festivals – Feast of Pesach" – by D Ben Dov, 1972.

The exodus from Egypt.



Series: "Israel's Festivals – Feast of Pesach" – by D Ben Dov, 1972.

The baking of matzos.



Series: "Israel's Festivals – Feast of Pesach" – by D Ben Dov, 1972.

The Seder.



Series: "Israel's Festivals – Feast of Pesach" – by D Ben Dov, 1972.

Lag B'Omer



Lag B'Omer, "Dancers of Meron"

by Reuven Rubin, 1976.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months"

by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

Iyar: Lag-be-Omer, bow & arrows, potato.

Shavuot



Series: "Israel's Festivals, Feast of Shavuot".

by A Kalderon, 1971.

Inscription: "Shavuot"

Inscription On Tab: (Translation of verses on the stamps)

Motifs: Verses from the Bible in illuminated lettering



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First Day Cover, 1971.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months"

by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

Sivan: Shavuot.

Tisha B'Av





The Menora of the Temple Carried Away to Rome – by Yigal Navai??..

Rosh Hashanah



Series: Moadim L'Simcha 5716 (1955)

Shofar.

"Blow up the horn in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day".

Psalms 81:4



Series: Festivals 5752 (1991)

by O & E Schwarz Rosh Hashana.



Series: "Festivals 2012 – Month of Tishrei".
Rosh Hashanah. Tashlikh. By Aaron Shavu?.



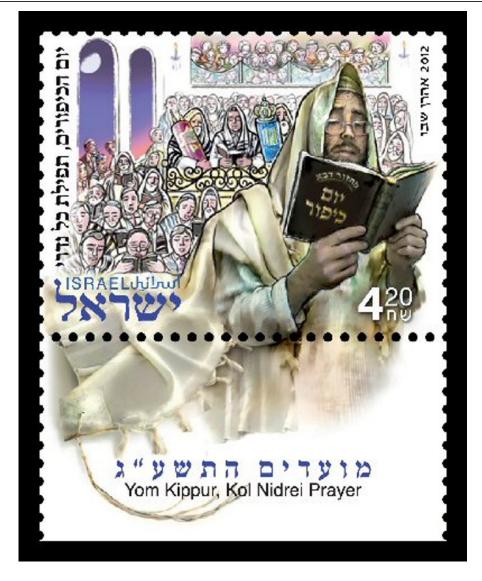
Series: "Festival Stamps (5757) 1996". by H Kivkovich. Rosh Hashanah. A bowl of honey and two lighted candles.



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

Tishrei: Rosh Hashana shofar, pomegranate.

Yom Kippur



Series: "Festivals 2012 – Month of Tishrei".

Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei, by Aaron Shavu??.



Series: "Painting 1975".

Day Of Issue: 17/06/1975

Catalog Number: 653

Inscription: 'Maurycy Gottlieb'

Motifs: Yom Kippur



Series: Festivals 5752 (1991)

by O & E Schwarz

Motifs: Symbolic - Yom Kippur.

Sukkot





Series: "Moadim L'Simcha 5711 (1950).

Sukkot. Lulav & Etrog. By Arthur Szyk.



Sukkot. By A Kalderon.

"...you shall rejoice in your feast...".

Deuteronomy 16:14



Sukkot. By A Kalderon.

"...you shall dwell in booths for seven days...".

Levitcus 23:42



Sukkot. By A Kalderon.

"...that I made the people dwell in booths fro seven days...".

Leviticus 23:43



Sukkot. By A Kalderon.

"...when you have gathered in the produce of the land...".

Leviticus 23:39



Sukkot. By A Kalderon.

"...that I shall give you your rains in their season...".

Leviticus 26:4



Series: "Festivals 2012 – Month of Tishrei".

Sukkot. Bearing the Lulav. By Aaron Shavu?.



Series: Festivals 5752 (1991)

by O & E Schwarz Sukkot.



Series: "Festival Stamps (5757) 1996".

by H Kivkovich.

Decorations of the Sukka.



Series: "Festival Stamps (5757) 1996".

by H Kivkovich.

Inscription: "Simchat Torah"

Motifs: Shows a colorful illustration of the inside of a synagogue during the Torah reading, with the pulpit, open Torah scroll raised up high and colorful lights shining overhead..



Series: Festivals Stamps 5758 (1997)
The Visiting (Ushpizin) Patriarchs, Sukkot

by E Lorentsov

Inscription: "Abraham"

Inscription On Tab: "The Visiting Patriarchs,

Sukkot"

Motifs: Ushpizin (guests from on high) to the

Sukkah.



Series: Festivals Stamps 5758 (1997)
The Visiting (Ushpizin) Patriarchs, Sukkot

by E Lorentsov

Inscription: "Isaac"

Inscription On Tab: "The Visiting Patriarchs,

Sukkot"

Motifs: Ushpizin (guests from on high) to the

Sukkah.



Series: Festivals Stamps 5758 (1997)
The Visiting (Ushpizin) Patriarchs, Sukkot

by E Lorentsov

Inscription: "Jacob"

Inscription On Tab: "The Visiting Patriarchs,

Sukkot"

Motifs: Ushpizin (guests from on high) to the

Sukkah.

Hanukkah







Morocco 18-19th century, brass.

Poland 18th century, brass.

Germany 17th century, silver.

From the Israel Museum collection. Stamp designed by Z. Narkiss.



Morocco 18-19th century, brass. From the Israel Museum collection. Stamp designed by Z. Narkiss.



Poland 18th century, brass.

From the Israel Museum collection. Stamp designed by Z. Narkiss.



Germany 17th century, brass.

From the Israel Museum collection. Stamp designed by Z. Narkiss.



Hanukkah - Coin of the Bar-Kochba War.

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Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

Kislev: Hanukkah candles and dreydel.



Series: "Painting 1975".

Day Of Issue: 17/06/1975

Catalog Number: 653

Inscription: "Moritz D. Oppenheim"

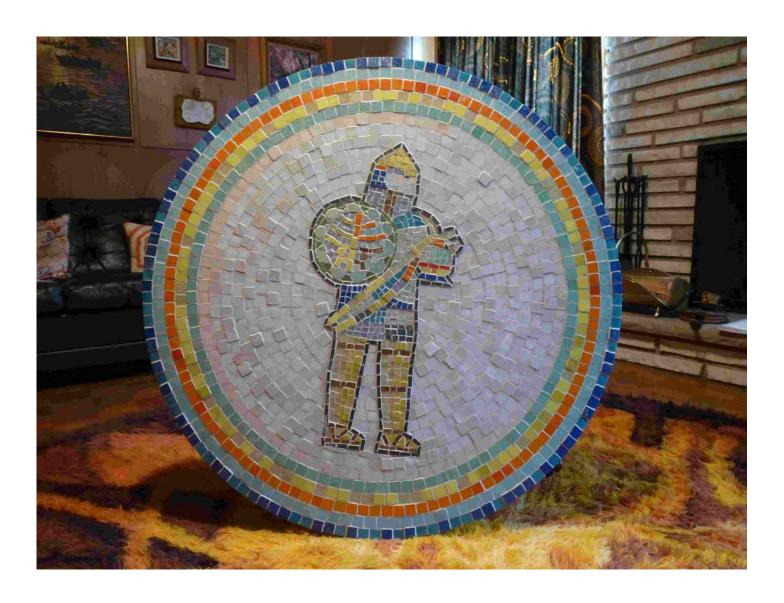
Motifs: Hanukkah



Series: "Heroes of Israel (1961)".

A mosaic style drawing of Judah Maccabee.





Hanukkah - Joint Issues

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Hanukkah – Joint Issue Israel/USA by Hannah Smotrich, 1996.

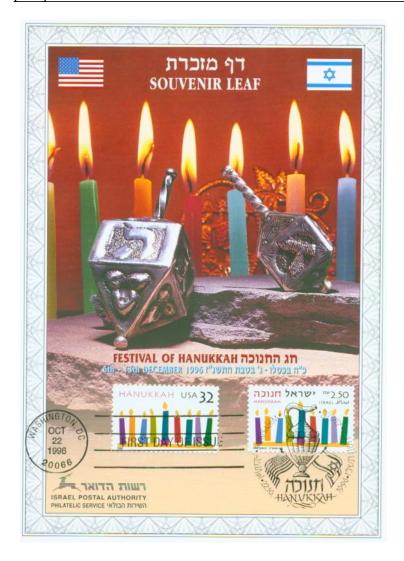


Hanukkah – Joint Issue Israel/USA 1996. The first US Jewish stamp.



Hanukkah – Joint Issue Israel/USA

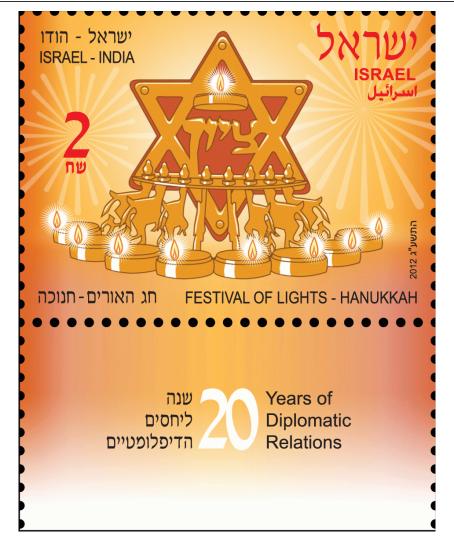
First Day Cover, 1996.



חג החנוכה FESTIVAL OF HANUKKAH כ"ה בכסלו - ג' בטבת התשנ"ז 6th - 13th DECEMBER 1996 he Hanukkah holiday commemorates ג החנוכה נועד להזכיר את חנוכת בית the dedication of the Holy Temple המקדש ונצחון היהודים על היוונים. and the Jewish victory over the המרד היהודי נגד השלטון היווני פרץ Greeks. The Jewish Rebellion against the בעקבות גזרותיו של אנטיוכוס. בראש המרד Greek rule broke out after Antiochus עמד מתיתיהו החשמונאי, כהן ממודיעין, enforced unbearable edicts. The rebellion was lead by Matityahu the Hasmonean, a וחמשת בניו. לאחר מספר קרבות בהנהגת priest from Modi'in, and his five sons. After יהודה המכבי, שוחררה ירושלים מידי a number of battles lead by Yehuda היוונים. החשמונאים טיהרו את המקדש HaMaccabee, the city of Jerusalem ומנורת שבעת הקנים. כדי להעלות was liberated from the Greeks. The אש במנורה מצאו פך שמן אחד Hasmoneans purified the Temple and the seven branched oil lamp. חתום בידי הכהן הגדול, שלא Only one cruse of oil was found, נטמא על ידי היוונים. sealed by the high priest, and המסורת מספרת כי הפך הקטן not rendered unholy by the היה מתמלא בכל יום מחדש Greeks. Tradition tells that the oil in this single small בשמן, וכך הספיק להדלקת cruse lasted for eight days, המנורה במשך שמונה ימים. until new oil could be זהו נס החנוכה. מאז הנוהג obtained. This is the Miracle הוא שבמשך החג מדליקים of Hanukkah. בכל יום נר אחד נוסף Since ancient times, it is customary to light an 9000000000 additional Hanukkah חנוכה הוא חג חביב בעיקר candle on each additional על ילדים, בגלל המנהגים holiday eve. Children particularly enjoy הידועים של אכילת סופגניות ולביבות Hanukkah because of the holiday customs מטוגנות בשמן, לזכר נס פד השמן: of eating doughnuts and potato latkes, fried משחקים בסביבון; חלוקת "דמי חנוכה" in oil, to commemorate the miracle. The children also play games with a special לילדים והדלקת הנרות. Hanukkah spinning top, receive Hanukkah gifts, and light the candles. ל גבי דף המזכרת מופיעים שני בולים ישראלי ואמריקני. הנפקת בול he Souvenir Leaf shows two stamps, חנוכה המשותף לישראל ולארה"ב one American and the other Israeli. ממחישה את יחסי הידידות המיוחדים שבין The joint American-Israeli production of the Hanukkah stamp issue is evidence שתי המדינות. את הבול עיצבה חנה of the special relationship between the two סמוטריץ', מעצבת גראפית יהודיה countries. The stamp was designed by the Jewish American graphic artist, Hannah חידוש מיוחד בישראל הונהג בבול זה והוא הבול הישראלי הדביק הראשון. The Israel stamp is unique in that it is the first Israeli self adhesive stamp. Design: David Ben-Hador עיצוב גראפי: דויד בן - הדור

Hanukkah – Joint Issue Israel/USA

Souvenir Leaf (front & back), 1996.



Festivals of Lights - 20 Years of Diplomatic Relations Israel India

Joint Issue, 2012. by Ronen Goldberg.



Festivals of Lights - 20 Years of Diplomatic Relations Israel India

Joint Issue, 2012. by Elka Sharma.



Festivals of Lights - 20 Years of Diplomatic Relations Israel India

Joint Issue, 2012. First Day Cover.

Hanukkah – Commemoratives





Souvenir Sheet, Israel Stamp Week, Hanukka,1990.

On first Israeli stamp (1948).

Hanukkah – United States

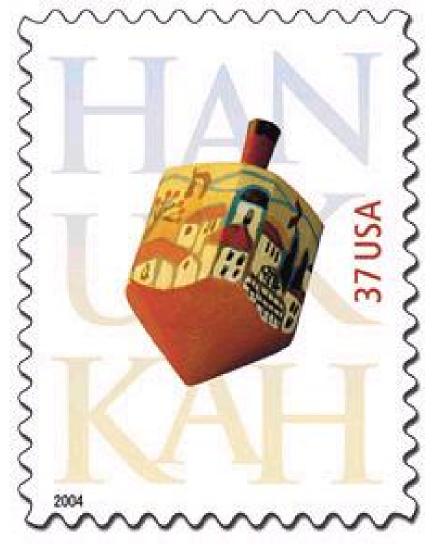
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US Hanukkah Stamp (1996).





US Hanukkah Stamp (2004).



US Hanukkah Stamp (2009).





US Hanukkah Stamp (2011).

.The fourth stamp design issued by the U.S. Postal Service in celebration of Hanukkah.





US Hanukkah Stamp (2011).

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US Hanukkah Stamp (2013).



US Hanukkah Stamp (2013).

Tu B'Shvat



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" - by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002.

Shvat: plant growth ,Tu-B'Shvat.

Purim



First Day Cover, 1976.

"...and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of those days cease among their descendents." Book of Esther 9,28



Series: "Israel's Festivals - Purim".

Souvenir Sheet, 1976.



by O & E Schwarz

Day Of Issue: 17/02/1976

Inscription: "Purim" Excerpts from the

'Book of Esther": Chapter 1, verses 1-3

"In the days of Ahasuerus... "



by O & E Schwarz

Day Of Issue: 17/02/1976

Inscription: "Purim" Excerpts from the

'Book of Esther": Chapter 2, verses 16-17

"We set the royal crown upon her head..."



by O & E Schwarz

Day Of Issue: 17/02/1976

Inscription: "Purim" Excerpts from the

'Book of Esther": Chapter 6, verse 11

"Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor..."



Series: "2007 – Women of the Bible - Esther".

"... and if I have to perish, I shall perish! "
Book of Esther, Chapter 4, verse 16



Series: "Painting 1975".

Day Of Issue: 17/06/1975

Catalog Number: 653

Inscription: Jankel Adler

Motifs: Purim Players (Shpeelers)



Series: "Definitive - Hebrew Months" – by Miri Nistor Sofer, 2002. Purim, hamantaschen, clown hat .



Shushan Purim Festivities in Tel Aviv – Commemorative Cancel, 1962.



Purim Festivities in Tel Aviv – Commemorative Cancel, 2009.

Purim – JNF Issues

The following slides come from another SIP presentation (PPT 132) by Richard Herman and Howard Rotterdam

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JNF Purim Gift Label, 1940...





JNF Label, 1942..







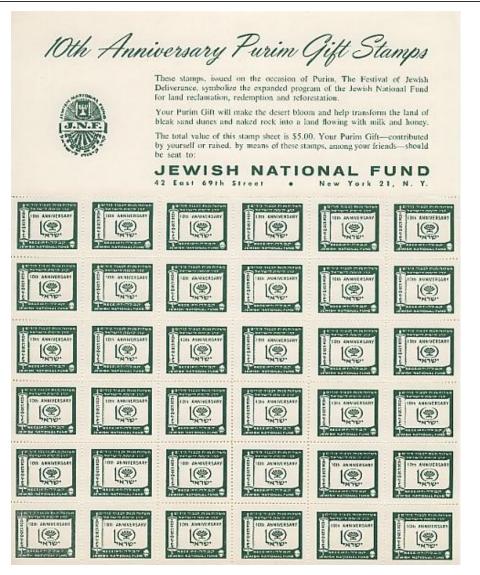
JNF Label, 194?..





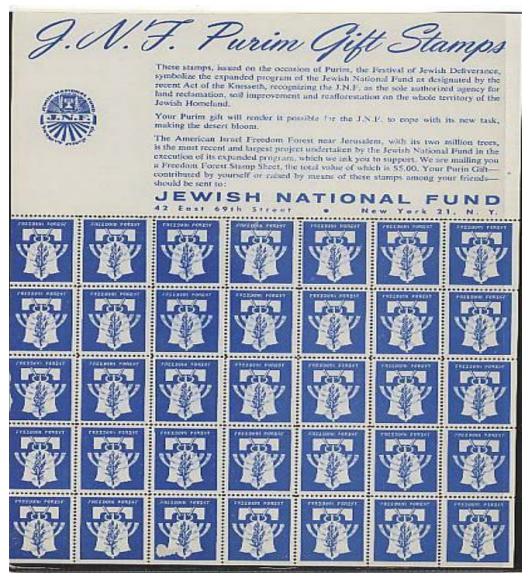
JNF Label, 1950..





JNF Purim Gift Label, 1950...





JNF Purim Gift Label, 1961...



PURTU ISSUES OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE

1938 FOR PALESTINE LAND REDEMPTION

The design, depicted on a scroll, shows a man and a boy planting a sapling, with a Star of David on the horizon. Upper part of scroll reads "Purim gift for Palestine land redemption." Above the scroll, in Hebrew, text reads "Sending portions in honor of Purim for the Jewish National Fund."

Booklet pane 1x1. (57x45 -Roulette 13).

AP11	10¢	Brown	\$50.00
	25¢	Orange	\$50.00
AP13	50¢	Dark Blue	\$50.00
AP14	\$1.00	Light Bue	\$50.00

1939 FOR PALESTINE LAND PURCHASE

Pictures a tractor plowing a field with settlement in the distance. Reads "Your Purim gift for Palestine land redemption." Booklet pane 1x1. (57 x 43 1/2—11 1/2).

AP15	25¢	Orange	\$75.00
AP16	50¢	Green	\$75.00
AP17	\$1.00	Blue	\$75.00

1940 FOR PALESTINE LAND PURCHASE

Depicts man and woman standing near a farm settlement, with immigrants going toward settlement. Reads "Your Purim Gift for Palestine land purchase," and in Hebrew, "Sending portions for the Jewish National Fund." Address below.

Booklet pane 1x1 (69x58 - 11 1/2).

AP18	25¢	Green	\$100.00
AP19	50¢	Red	\$100.00
AP20	\$1.00	Blue	\$100.00

1941 AM ISRAEL CHAI

Inscribed in Hebrew "Am Israel chai." In English this is "The people of Israel live." There is no reference on the stamp to JNF. The word "chai" which has a numerical value of 18 also means "life." Booklet pane 2x3. Three panes per booklet. (18 1/2 x 20 1/2–12 1/2).

P21	Blue	\$25.00

1942 LAND FOR VICTORY

Background shows farmer plowing. Inscribed "Land for Victory - Purim Gift." The large letter tsade, formed partly from a "V" refers to Zion.

Booklet pane 2x3, (22 x 25 1/2 -12).

AP22	Deep lilac	\$75.00
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Purim Issues of the NY Office..

AP17 \$1.00 Blue

\$75.00

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Purim Issues of the NY Office..

Purim – What's the Connection?

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1982 Issue Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Hadassah Hospital..





Children's Drawings..





Children's Drawings..





Israel Museum..





Israel Museum..

Festival Series

Festival Series – First Day Covers

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Series: "Israel's Festivals, Feast of Shavuot".

First Day Cover, by A Kalderon, 1971.



Series: "Israel's Festivals – Feast of Pesach".

First Day Cover, by D Ben Dov, 1972.



Series: "Festival Stamps (5757) 1996".

First Day Cover, by H Kivkovich.



Series: "Festivals Stamps 5758 (1997)
The Visiting (Ushpizin) Patriarchs, Sukkot.".

First Day Cover, by E Lorentsov.



Series: "Festival Stamps (5752) 1991".

First Day Cover, by O & E Schwarz.



Series: "Painting 1975".

First Day Cover.



Series: "Israel's Festivals - Purim".

First Day Cover, 1976.



Series: "Israel's Festivals - Purim".

Souvenir Sheet, 1976.

Festival Series – Booklets

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בולי "שבועות״ "Shavuot" Stamps





Booklet: "Shavuot Stamps". July/1971.

בולי מועדים לשמחה תשל"ב

Festival Stamps 5732 (1971)

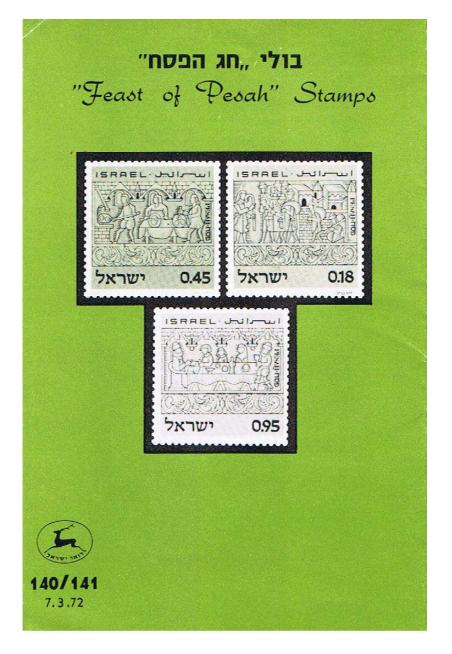
SUKKOT



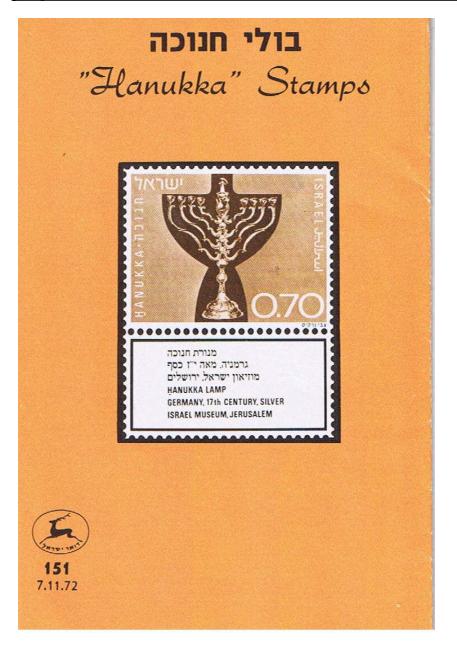
השירות הבולאי
ירושלים אניב - יפו איפה עבריה עבריה בולאי
PHILATELIC SERVICES
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Booklet: "Festival Stamps 5732 (1971)".

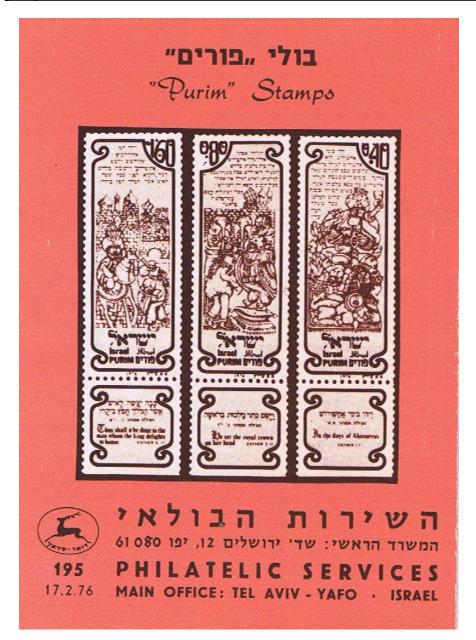
Aug/1971.



Booklet: "Feast of Pesach Stamps". July/1972.



Booklet: "Hanukka Stamps". Nov/1972.



Booklet: "Purim Stamps". Feb/1976.

The principal and historical significance of "Shavuot" revolves around the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai, "And in the third month after the children of Israel were gone forth out of the Land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai" (Exodus 19:1), says the Bible, and the day was the first of Sivan. As is stated subsequently, the Lord descended to Mount Sinai five days later, and there spoke to all of Israel, giving them the Ten Commandments which are the foundation of all the Biblical precepts which the people were enjoined to fulfill. At the same time, the eternal covenant between the Lord and Israel was made. God chose Israel to be "distinguished from all the people", and the people of Israel agreed that "all that the Lord hath spoken we will do." The Ten Commandments were written on two stone tablets which were kept for generations in the Ark of the Covenant in the Sanctuary and the Temple, and it is in memory of this that the holiday is sometimes called the Time of the Giving of the Law.

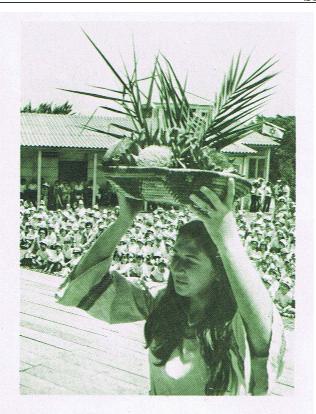
In Israel, "Shavuot" is a one-day holiday, but two days are celebrated abroad (the 6th and 7th of Sivan) — a procedure followed with other holidays as well. In ancient times, the first day of each month, from which holidays were calculated, was proclaimed when the new moon was sighted, and the diaspora did not always receive the report in time. Thus the device of two-day holidays provided leeway in case of error in setting the date.

The customs associated with "Shavuot" include studying the Bible all through the night, decorating the synagogue with leaves and flowers, reading the Book of Ruth, and eating dairy goods.

M. M.

סידרת בולי "שבועות" היא סידרה אחת מתוך שלוש סדרות "חגי ישראל" שיופיעו בתשל"א - תשל"ב - תשל"ו (פון 1717/2). יתר שתי הסדרות מוקדשות לחג הסוכות ולתי הפסח.

THE "SHAVUOT" SET IS ONE OF THREE "JEWISH FEASTS" SERIES WHICH WILL BE ISSUED DURING 1971/72. THE OTHER TWO SETS WILL BE DEDICATED TO "SUCCOT" (FEAST OF TABERNACLES) AND "PESSAH" (PASSOVER).



("יום טוב שני של גלויות") משום הספק, שהיה קיים בקביעת התאריך, בזמן שבית הדין שבארץ ישראל היו מקדשים ראשי חודשים לפי ראיית מולד הלבנה, ולא תמיד הספיקו יושבי התפוצות לקבל את מועד קביעתם לפני בוא החג.

ממנהגי החג: לימוד תורה במשך כל הלילה; קישוט הבית ובית הכנסת בירק ובפרחים; קריאת מגילת רות; אכילת מאכלי חלב. מ"מ

Inside a booklet.

Moadim L'Simcha



Series: Moadim L'Simcha, High Holidays 5709 (1948).



Series: Moadim L'Simcha, High Holidays 5710 (1949).

Shabbat



Shabbat (1977).

"...the people of Israel shall keep the sabbath, observing the sabbath throughout their generations...".

Exodus 31:16

Appendix

Sources for images & notes Definitions of philately terminology

Sources - Images:

http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/ - has about 20 categories
http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/high-holiday-stamps.htm - 14 slides
http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/chanukah-stamps.htm - 13 slides
http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/purim-stamps.htm - 4 slides
http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/passover-stamps.htm - 5 slides
http://www.history-of-israel.co.il/stamps/shavuot-stamps.htm - 3 slides

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Philately Terminology:

Essay - A design which was submitted for consideration and done in the form of a stamp but was not accepted to be issued.

Proof - A trial printing made from a finished plate to detect any flaws in the plate.

Color Trials - Printings made in a number of different colors of a stamp that is to be issued. The actual color that is to be used is selected from these.

Additional definitions can be found at:

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