



E-Newsletter: June 2015 - July 2015



NOJEX 2015 Featured a Strong Showing by SIP Members: The meeting was a wonderful time to see old friends, make new ones, browse dealer material and display collections. Thanks are due to all the Society members who made this possible, and to Becky Dean, our new Executive Assistant. Many of us had a chance to meet her for the first time at NOJEX, and were impressed by her professionalism and friendliness. The exhibits were varied and interesting. SIP members garnered a variety of awards as follows:

Medals

Gold Medal

Claire Nutik Nogid - Postal Stationery of the British Control of Palestine 1917-1948

Michael A Bass - Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914

Henry Nogid - The Four Siege Cities of 1948 Rishon Le Zion, Safad, Nahariya, Jerusalem

Joel Weiner - The Civilian Postmarks and Postal Markings of British Jerusalem 1918-1948

Robert B Pildes - Holy Land Forerunners- Foreign Post Offices

Donald Chafetz - Printed Matter into the Holy Land 1898-1948

Brian Gruzd - Israel First Airmail Issue-1950

Vermeil Medal

Howard Chapman - JNF Fund Raising Cinderellas

Silver Medal

Richard S Herman - World Recognition of the State of Israel

Silver - Bronze Medal

Gal Shifron - Tzedakah/Charity Goodwill Around the World

Sid Morginstin – Lundy Island

One Frame Exhibits

Gold Medal

Robert B Pildes - Palestine Emergency Deliveries Inc.

Vermeil Medal

Nathan Zankel – Palestine's London One Overprints

Donald Chafetz - Printed Matter into the Holy Land 1898-1948

Silver Medal

Zachary Simmons - Italian and French Forces in the Holy Land; 1917-1921

Silver - Bronze Medal

David Shachar - The Alphabet Stamps of the Jewish National Fund

Society and Club Awards

American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence: 1900-1940

--Donald Chafetz - Holy Land Printed Matter 1889-May 15, 1948

United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Medal

--Claire Nutik Nogid - Postal Stationery of the British Control of Palestine 1917-1948

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Gold Award of Honor

--Gal Shifron - Tzedakah/Charity Goodwill Around the World

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Novice Award

--Zachary Simmons - Italian and French Forces in the Holy Land: 1917-1921

Plan & Heading (Synopsis and Title Page) Award

--Michael A Bass - Foreign Postal operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award – Medal

--Richard S Herman - World Recognition of the State of Israel

Chicago Collectors Club

--Yamil H Kouri Jr - The First Postal Issues of Spanish Antilles 1855-1865

Military Postal History Society

--Henry Nogid - The Four Siege Cities of 1948 Rishon Le Zion, Safad, Nahariya, Jerusalem

SIP Awards

Presidents Award - Joel Weiner - The Civilian Postmarks and Postal Markings of British Jerusalem 1918-1948

Multi Frame 1st Place - Michael A Bass - Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914

Multi Frame 2nd Place - Donald Chafetz – Holy Land Printed Matter 1889-May 15,1948

Multi Frame 3rd Place - Henry Nogid - The Four Siege Cities of 1948 Rishon Le Zion, Safad, Nahariya, Jerusalem

Best Single Frame Exhibit - Robert B Pildes - Palestine Emergency Deliveries Inc.

Best Post – 1948 Exhibit - Brian Gruzd - Israel First Airmail Issue-1950

Best Holy Land Philatelic Research - Robert B Pildes - Holy Land Forerunners- Foreign Post Offices

Other News From NOJEX: There were two excellent talks by SIP members on Israel/Holy Land Philately. **Yacov Tsachor** spoke on "Israel 1948 - 1956: The Layout of the Printers Sheets and Stamp Quantities." **Gary Theodore** presented "Overview of Ottoman Empire - Palestine Postal History" on behalf of the Palestine Study Group.

Want to Read About the SIP Annual General Meeting at NOJEX? You can read the minutes and the Officers' Reports on our website (www.israelstamps.com) in the Members Only section. Also in that section is a complete list of all NOJEX 2015 awards and some great photos of SIP award winners!

Get Ready for World Stamp Show NY 2016:

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 takes place May 28-June 4, 2016 at the Javits Center in New York City. Admission all 8 days is free. To learn more, visit <http://www.ny2016.org>, email info@ny2016.org, and check out the show's Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest sites. The latest newsletter can be downloaded directly at <http://www.ny2016.org/images/ny2016newsletters/2015-05-28-newsletter8.pdf>. Please see attachment for more detailed information.

Member Achievements:

- SIP President **Ed Kroft** was the focus of a highly complementary Philatelic Profile in the Canadian Stamp News of June 30, 2015 (attached). In the article, Ed discusses his longstanding love of philately and his involvement with the SIP. There is also a peek into his non-philatelic life. It's a great article for spreading the news about our little corner of the philatelic world.
- SIP life member **Gene Eisen** published an article in the May 2015-No. 114 issue of the *Judaica Thematic Society Newsletter* entitled "Batman: A Super Hero for the Ages."

IP Article Annual Award: The SIP has established a committee to select the Dickstein Award for the best article each year in The Israel Philatelist. The award will be presented at the next SIP Annual General Meeting on May 29, 2016 in New York City. Committee members are **Joel Weiner, Irv Osterer, and Philip Kass**. IP President **Ed Kroft** will be an *ex officio* member.

Our New Executive Assistant is Here to Serve Members: **Becky Dean** is in the SIP administrative office in the American Philatelic Society building in Bellefonte on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She may be reached at [814-933-3803](tel:814-933-3803), [extension 212](tel:814-933-3803), or via e-mail at bdean@israelstamps.com.

Looking to Donate Stamps? The Foxborough Regional Charter School Holocaust Stamp Project is a wonderful cause worth considering. The goal of the group is to collect 11 million postage stamps. Details are available at <http://www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/>

Did You Bring Auction Material to NOJEX? If so, Sid Morginstin may be looking for you. He writes: "At NOJEX, a member gave me some Israel sheets and booklets for the next NEGEV AUCTION. In the rush, and it was very busy, somehow a paper with your contact information got separated from the material. All that I have is a list of the material. Please contact me with your name, address, phone, and e-mail. Thank you. Sid Morginstin

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Check Out The Most Recent Issue of The Israel Philatelist: The Spring 2015 issue of The Israel Philatelist is available to members on-line or (if you have arranged for it) via hard copy.

Browse and Search Past Issues of The Israel Philatelist: On the Members Only section of the SIP website, you can access issues of the IP from April 2012 through the current issue, and can search back issues from 1949 to 1987. We expect that all issues of the IP will be searchable in our database in the near future, thanks to the hard work of IP Editor **Don Chafetz** and former SIP President **Mike Bass**.

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers: The efforts put forth by our members in preparation for NOJEX have reinforced

the fact that the SIP remains an organization dependent on the efforts of YOU, the members. We are grateful for the many individuals who have donated their time and expertise. We encourage others to consider doing the same. Whatever your availability and capacity to help, you will be received enthusiastically. To discuss opportunities, please contact our President, **Ed Kroft** (ed.kroft@blakes.com)

Support Your Society: Please show your support for the SIP by participating in the 2015 Fundraising Campaign. Go to the fund Raising page on the SIP website (www.israelstamps.com) and click on the Archive Library Fund, Endowment Fund, or Education Fund. Your contributions to the Archive Library Fund campaign are needed to finish the Digital Web Archive Library project, which is our most urgent need at this time. For the long-term support of the Society, please consider a gift to the Endowment Fund or the Education Fund.

Share Your Philatelic Knowledge: Consider writing an article for The Israel Philatelist. **Editor Don Chafetz**, would love to hear from you, and can provide you with guidance and feedback: sipeditor@gmail.com

Expand Your Personal Library: There are an enormous variety of educational items available through the Educational Fund Bookstore, ranging from classic material on Palestine and Forerunners to recent publications on the Holocaust, Hatemail, and Triangular Military Handstamps. See what's available at the SIP website: www.IsraelStamps.com/bookstore/

Visit the SIP Library: The library is open for use by all SIP members, who are encouraged to make use of this fantastic resource. The catalog is on the SIP website, in the "members only" section. The listings are organized by topics. Within each topic, the user can sort the items by author, title, year, or publisher by clicking on the column heading. All new SIP publications will automatically be sent to the library. All members are asked to send recommendations for new acquisitions, new policies and new ideas to librarian David Dubin (ddubin@israelstamps.com).

Write Us! We Welcome News and Information: We'll be glad to include achievements of SIP members, announcements related to the SIP, and information about local club meetings. Also, if you have written an article about your collection or philatelic activities for a non-philatelic publication such as a community paper or 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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