

# Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc.



## Second Vice President's Report 2015

One of my main responsibilities has been the development of the SIP Newsletter. This was initiated in October 2013 as a way of communicating regularly and concisely with our members about SIP business, and as a way of highlighting achievements of our members. Recently we have transitioned from monthly to every other month, which has permitted more content in each e-mail. All past issues of the Newsletter are accessible to members on the SIP website under the "Members Only" tab. We hope that members will continue to submit news and achievements so that we spread the word to other Society members.

The Children's Stamp Program has not been very active over the past year. My apologies, as this does not reflect disinterest in this important initiative. The goal is to make key parts of this program available on the SIP website as a way to encourage members to introduce children to Holy Land philately, and as a way of making this resource available to teachers and children themselves to learn about this exciting area. I thank those who have generously donated stamps to this program. During the upcoming year, I will be organizing these and identifying ways to disseminate information about this program and to make these stamps available to children interested in learning about our hobby.

On a personal level, the past year has been one of tremendous growth for me. I am indebted to Mike Bass, Don Chafetz, Ed Kroft, and others for the mentoring they have provided. I remain committed to serving the Society's members in whatever capacity is most useful.

Respectfully,  
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