



Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc.

THE ISRAEL PHILATELIST – SOCIETY WEB SITE – DATA BASE PROJECT

The Israel Philatelist

For the year 2014 a change was made in the number of issues of the journal that are printed. The change was from six issues/year of 40 pages each to 4 issues/year of 60 pages each. The total page count of 240 pages/year remained the same.

The journal was entered into the American Philatelic Society 2014 literature competition and received a gold medal.

A wide variety of articles were included in each issue, but there is a need for more articles for the Forerunner and British Mandate Period. It is very difficult to obtain original research articles in these areas. I have been reluctant to reprint articles from of society journals, but I may be forced to ensure all collecting areas are covered.

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Society Web Site

The society web site was hacked in August forcing a complete rebuild of the site. It was decided to use Word Press software. Working with our web company, a theme was chosen and the site rebuilt. I placed the last two years of the journal on the site as well as articles related to our collecting interests. As time permits more content will be added.

Society Data Base Project

After much testing of the database, it was decided that redesigned data entry interface was necessary. While the program search feature worked it was not accurate enough in the articles that were found and presented. Two new approaches with tried – one approach was using Adobe Acrobat “boxes” features, but it provided not accurate. The second approach was to use our own designed proprietary interface. Preliminary testing has indicated that search is accurate and the data entry interface error free. As time and manpower is available, more journals’ data is being entered. It is anticipated that at NOJEX 2015 a demo system will be available.

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