

**Society of Israel Philatelists**  
**November-December 2017 Newsletter**

**News from CHICAGOPEX**

CHICAGOPEX '17 was held at the Westin Hotel in Itasca, Illinois on November 17-19, 2017, and was the site of the Society's annual general meeting on Sunday, November 19. This was a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

**Elections**

- The following are the new officers and directors:

- Officers:

- President: **Howard Chapman**
- First Vice-President: **Ed Rosen**
- Second Vice-President: **Joel Weiner**
- Secretary: **Justin Gordon**
- Treasurer: **Gary Theodore**
- Past President: **Ed Kroft**

- Directors:

- **Rabbi Isidoro Aizenberg**
- **Ed Kroft**
- **Zach Simmons**
- **Howard Wunderlich**

**Thank you to Our Outgoing President and Directors**

- Those present expressed their appreciation to **Ed Kroft** for his service as SIP President. The Society has greatly benefitted from his leadership. We look forward to his continued participation in SIP and other philatelic activities, including his role as a philatelic judge.
- The Society expresses its gratitude to the following outgoing directors:
  - Eugene Eisen
  - Gregg Philipson
  - Jesse Spector

## **Financial Trustee: A Changing of the Guard**

- After many years of service as Financial Trustee, **Robert Pildes** stepped down from this position. Taking his place are **Michael Bass** and Justin Gordon. The Officers, Board members, and others in attendance acknowledged Robert Pildes for his many years of service.

## **Activity at the SIP Table**

- At least 1 new member joined the SIP at CHICAGOPEX, and others expressed an interest in doing so. We sold a number of items that had been donated to the Society and also sold some books. Thank you to the Society members who volunteered to staff the table!

## **Presentations**

- Immediately following the annual general meeting, two Society members presented extraordinarily interesting talks that were open to all attendees of CHICAGOPEX:
  - **Ed Rosen:** *Jews of the Shanghai Ghetto*
  - **Justin Gordon:** *Holocaust Postal history: Harrowing Journeys Revealed Through Letters and Cards of Victims*. Justin's talk was followed by a book signing.

## **Medals and Awards**

Congratulations to the following Society members:

- **Michael Bass:** Large Gold *and* Reserve Grand – Felix Ganz Award *and* SIP 1<sup>st</sup> place. Foreign Postal Operations in the Holy Land 1852-1914.
- **Robert Pildes.** Large Gold *and* SIP 2<sup>nd</sup> place *and* APS 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence. Artists' Drawings, Essays, and Proofs of the 1948 Do'Ar Ivri Issue of Israel.
- **Howard Chapman:** Gold *and* SIP 3<sup>rd</sup> place. JNF Fund Raising Cinderellas 1901-1948.
- **Joel Weiner:** Large Vermeil *and* SIP President's Award *and* Lighthouse Stamp Society Award. Mail Salvaged from the Sinking of the Kingstonian – April 1919.
- **Howard Rotterdam:** Vermeil. Postage Due of the Mandate Period.
- **Jean Paul Danon:** Reggel Award for Outstanding Contributions to Holy Land Philately
- **Jesse Spector:** Dickstein Award for Best Article and Contributions Annually to The Israel Philatelist

## **Other Society News and Information**

### **Member Recognition**

- **Ed Kroft** was awarded a Large Vermeil at Brasilia – 2017 for his exhibit Rishon Le Zion (Palestine) - From Settlement Through Statehood: July 31,1882 to September 30, 1948

### **Mark Your Calendars: World Stamp Championship Israel 2018**

- The Israel Philatelic Federation with the support of The Israel Post Company and the Israel Philatelic Service are proud to host the World Stamp Championship ISRAEL 2018 in Israel on the 70th anniversary of our Independence. The World Stamp Championship ISRAEL 2018 will be held on May 27 to 31, 2018 at the ICC – International Convention Center, Jerusalem. It will be a Specialized WSC exhibition under FIP patronage covering Traditional Philately, Postal History, Modern Philately and Literature. We are expecting for a display of 1000 frames.

### **Relax, Enjoy, and Educate Yourself: Read The Israel Philatelist**

- Editor **Don Chafetz** continues to edit this award-winning publication, providing Society members with high-quality philatelic reading material and photos on a quarterly basis. Submissions are welcome and encouraged. If you have an idea for an article, Don can be contacted at [sipeditor@gmail.com](mailto:sipeditor@gmail.com)

### **Volunteer for the SIP**

- Not interested in being an officer or director? The Society welcomes participation by its members in a variety of roles, even if your time is limited. If you wish to discuss how you can help, contact President **Howard Chapman** at [stampareme@aol.com](mailto:stampareme@aol.com)

### **New Items in our Bookstore**

- Whether you are an experience collector or a newbie, you are likely to find an item of interest at the Educational Fund Bookstore at [www.IsraelStamps.com](http://www.IsraelStamps.com) . You are encouraged to check the listings regularly as new items are always being added. The most recent include: Rochlin's Handbook of the Issues of the Jewish National Fund, Irwin Smalheiser's The Remembrance letters and Commemorative

Covers of the Ministry of Defense State of Israel 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, and Holocaust Postal History by **Justin Gordon**.

### **Explore our Website at [israelstamps.com](http://israelstamps.com)**

- All issues of The Israel Philatelist from 2011 onward are available to members for browsing, downloading, and printing.
- The Israel Philatelist Data Base is now electronically searchable from 1949 to 2015.
- Educate yourself, at no cost to members, by borrowing a book from the Society Library or viewing a slide show.

### **Support Your Society:**

- SIP dues are very modest, and do not fully cover SIP yearly expenses. Consider donating to the Archive Library Fund, Endowment Fund, or Education Fund so that our Society remains financially viable and can continue its leadership role in Holy Land Philately.

### **E-mail Us! We Welcome News and Information of Various Types from Members**

- Awards at philatelic exhibitions
- Articles on philatelic activities for non-philatelic publications and community groups.
- Descriptions of talks about Holy Land philately at local events

Please let us know so we can share the news. You can send this information to **Zach Simmons** at [zsimmons101@gmail.com](mailto:zsimmons101@gmail.com)

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