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Donald A. Chafetz

Cover - Iranian Stamp

Having an **Iranian** commemorative note on the cover of the SIP would be considered by some as a little out of sorts, but let us put politics aside during this difficult time. As this is the very first "virus postage stamp" to be issued in 2020, I thought it was something we as philatelists could share, as our respective cities, states, provinces and countries are engaged in this difficult fight.

Iran is among the countries hit hardest by COVID-19. This beautiful, well designed postage stamp profiles the courage of their front line health care professionals and their efforts to fight the pandemic.

In spite of political differences, everyone on the planet must do their part if we are going to contain this pathogen. And we should all remember that the largest Jewish community outside of Israel in the Middle East lives in Iran.

We pray for the health and safety of our brave Doctors, Nurses and hospital personnel. And for all those infected, a re'foo'ah shlay-mah.

Irv (cover designer)

SIP Web Site - part 2

Are you "staying in" and find you need some philatelic activity? If so, I suggest exploring the SIP web site and read back issues of **The Israel Philatelist.** If you are thinking about an exhibit then how about doing some research in the Journal Data Base

Read the Journal

Figures 1 and 2 provide two means for accessing the IP back issues. In Figure 1 you simply click the journal issue cover and you will be taken to that specific issue.

Figure 2 will show how to get to Journal back issues. On the main menu bar click on the **Members Only** drop down menu and then click on **The Israel Philatelist**. That will take you to the next menu which displays 15 covers of Journal issues. Just click on the cover and a copy of that issue will be displayed on the screen.

Journal Research

To use the Journals for research then refer back to Figure 1. Below the link to **The Israel Philatelist** is a link to the journal's data base entitled **Israel Philatelist Data Base**. Click on these link. Then the Figure 3 screen will appear. Click on the time period you want to search. Figure 4 screen will appear. Fill in the appropriate parameters and click on search. A list of articles will appear. Click on the article you want to read and it will appear on the screen.

Happy searching •



Figure 1 SIP Web Site Home Page



Figure 2

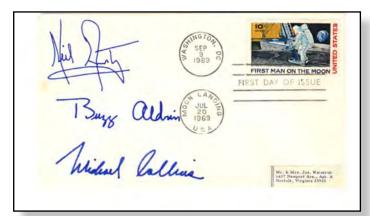


Figure 3 Search Journal data base

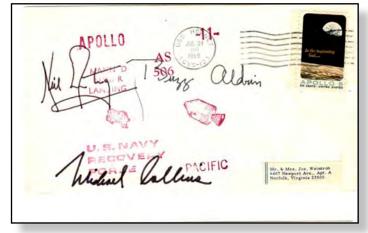


Figure 4 Set search parameters

Letters to the Editor



First day cover of the moon landing with appropriate signatures.



Cover from prime recovery ships with splash down date

SIP'ers

In these testing times, I thought it appropriate to remember we are all a great people and can achieve fantastic accomplishments by working together.

As a reminder of our greatness, I have included two non-Holyland autograph covers marking the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing. Covers courtesy of Joe Weintrob.

Don Chafetz Editor •

Good morning Don,

The web page of the Israel Postal Authority lists forthcoming new issues.

Among the 4 Feb 2020 postal issues is a 16 New-Shekel postage stamp noting "CMYK Color Printing" with a very colorful image of a parrot fish.

The current international-standard for ink-colors is CMYK, standing for Cyan - Magenta - Yellow - and Black.

The usually detailed descriptive brochure issued with each Israel postage stamp does not address the reason for the issue

of the CMYK color-standard, noted on this stamp. Was that CMYK standard developed in Israel?

Or is this ("just") an exceptionally colorful application of that color standard?

I sent an inquiry about that question to Israel Post's very helpful customer relations representative Yuval Assif.

An automated reply came back announcing that, after 15 years, he had left Israel Post. No replacement person or e-mail was provided.

Perhaps Journal readers might be able to answer three questions about this particular CMYK, February 2020 issue from Israel Post:

a) Is this postage stamp to honor the CMYK color-system, because it was developed in Israel?

b) If not, why does the stamp design prominently note the "CMYK" base-color system?

c) Most countries issue postage stamps having a face value which coincides with specific postage rates, in effect at the time of issue.

Over the years, I have learned that the face value of many Israel Post issues do NOT reflect the cost of any specific postage fee. Within the web site of Israel Post, I toggled through various postage rate fees and found none to be 16 New Shekels, the face value of the new "CMYK" postage stamp. Can any reader confirm that there is currently no 16 New Shekel fee for any Israel Post service? Thus this issue is intended to be used with additional postage, to reach a larger postal fee?

Thank you! Fred Korr •

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Good day Mr Nelson,

I was quite surprised to see your article about Fred Justh in the Winter 2020 **The Israel Philatelist** magazine, that arrived today.

You stated that you acquired the covers shown via the e-Bay auction site.

Snow Birds

Address changes must be sent to Jacqueline Baca 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823-1367 at least 2 weeks prior to the issue for **The Israel Philatelist**. The journal will not be resent or replaced if the treasurer did not receive notification of the change in advance of the effective issue. The member will be responsible for the payment of the USPS return fee, USPS postage due fee for their new address notification and the costs for resending The Israel Philatelist. My beloved father (z'L) introduced me to Israel philately as a vouth. As residents of Oakland, California, we were fortunate to know Leopold Dickstein - an early expert on Israel philately. His son, Emil, and I were very good friends. My Dad and Dr. Dickstein were active members of the "Nor Cal" branch of the Israel Philatelic Society in the 1960s-70s. Other members included Susé and Fred Justh, who resided in San Francisco.

By around 1980, due to decreasing membership and/or interest, the Nor-Cal SIP group disbanded. I lost touch with the Jusths.

One occasionally sees interesting analyses of covers in The Israel Philatelist. This is the first time that I have ever actually known the persons named in an IP article.

My mother (z"L) was a German-born holocaust survivor. Our family had strong affinity for other Jews from the German-speaking world; we thus came to know and enjoy the company of Susé and Fred Justh. As stated in your article, they spent the years of World War II in Shanghai.

Every Jewish survivor of World War II has an incredible story to tell. The remarkable story of how Fred & Susé came to settle in San Francisco is amazing. After World War II ended, the United States military took over the disposition of displaced Jews, including those in Shanghai. Using a logic that only a military mind could fathom, the United States military decided that all the Jews then situated in Shanghai had to be returned to Europe for processing; they would be placed in "DP" - "displaced persons" - camps.

How was this achieved, logistically? The Jewish civilians in Shanghai were placed aboard ships and transported across the Pacific Ocean to San Francisco. From San Francisco they were sent by train to New York, and thence across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe and "DP" camps, for processing.

During that trek and the brief time in San Francisco, Fred and Susé Justh fell in love with San Francisco. They decided they would return to San Francisco if they could arrange it, which they did.

Now you know a little more of the story of Susé and Fred Justh, as they recounted it to me, first hand, around the year 1970.

PS - Fred and Susé Justh had no children, nor any United States relatives of whom I knew. Thus it might be interesting if you could find out how the dealer from who you purchased the covers acquired them.

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All the best, Fred Korr •

Fred

Thank you so much for filling in some of the details regarding Fritz Justh; very interesting. The covers shown in my article were purchased at NOJEX from a dealer who had them on consignment. The e-Bay cover I referenced in the article had already been sold but was still being shown. I have copied Don Chafetz as he might want to share your information with our readers. It is a small world. Larry

Larry Nelson •



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Uniongrams: Clout of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Jesse I. Spector, M.D.



Figure 1 Early airmail cover sent to Mr. George Auerbach with Uniongram cachet

Introduction

My acquisition of an intriguing early airmail cover with a rare corner cache (Figure 1) proved to be a real threefer. All aspects of the stories behind the cover would reflect impressive Jewish entrepreneurial excellence, one on the national level, the other on a regional level as well as on the personal level.

Join me as I raise the curtain on the fascinating history of the one hundred plus year existence of **Uniongrams**, a remarkable Reform Women's Jewish creation in communication for all holidays and occasions, that has raised millions of dollars for Jewish education.

We will unfold the stories of both the receiver and the sender of this cover. It is a marvelous family story of the Auerbach brothers establishment, what would become a multi-state wholesale and retail mercantile enterprise in the Western United States with its renown flagship department store in Salt Lake City, Utah. Included is the impressive tale of the life of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Samuel Anspacher.

The Cover

Figure 1 is an airmail cover sent from Hartford, Ct. on November 18, 1924, to Mr. George Auerbach, Salt Lake



Figure 2 Bond Annex Hotel, Hartford, Ct.

City, Utah. My curiosity was aroused by the fact that with a population of 120,000 at that time, the recipient required no further address information to receive this mailing. The sender's information on the reverse is a A.S. Anspacher, Bond Annex, Hartford, Ct. In 1924 this was the location of the impressive Bond Annex Hotel (Figure 2).

The envelope was posted with a well-centered 24-cent (Scott C6) Jenny airmail stamp, with a double datestamp cancellation.

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Figure 3

The cover's unique feature is a purple imprint cachet in the lower-left corner. It is an advertisement for "UNIONGRAM" with bilateral menorahs and a Star of David above each menorah. It is quite unusual to find an advertisement on an early airmail cover.

Telegraph's Part in our Story

Let us begin with a brief tutorial on the antecedents of the name **Uniongram** and the historic social significance of this means of communication.

For our younger readers, access to almost instantaneous communications is a given, what with e-mail, cell phones and Apple watches TM. Such was not the case until the second half of the 19th century when Western Union telegrams came into existence. They provided the next best thing, namely, rapid hand-delivered messages transmitted over telegraph wires, cutting downtime between sending and receiving a message to hours or less.

The service was by no means cheap. For example, a ten-word telegram between New York and Chicago in 1920 would cost sixty-cents, a substantial sum in an age where a male worker's average weekly wage was \$15-\$20, and a female's even a good bit less than that. A comparable letter postally sent would require but a two or three-cent stamp for distant delivery.

Telegrams, therefore, assisted commercial enterprise that required rapid access to communication, and, alternatively, supplied a "luxury" service to those wishing to interface for social reasons.

Good News/Bad News

For those of us of an older generation, we can readily appreciate receiving a telegram from a relative unable to undertake an arduous train trip to attend a family event, instead, sending a congratulatory telegram for a wedding, bar-mitzvah, birth, etc. Many of these single-sheet messages have been filed away for years as treasured mementos, indeed.

And, on a far more foreboding note, lest we forget, nothing could remove the terror associated with a knock on the door during wartime, to come face to face with the Western Union telegram deliverer, whose communication would inform that a loved-one was missing-in-action, or had been wounded or killed. With our tutorial complete, let us revisit happier times and attend the birth of the Uniongram.

NFTS & the Uniongram Story

In the early 20th century, Blanche Stoltz, wife of Reform Rabbi Joseph Stoltz (a graduate of the second class of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati), attended.. - attended the wedding of a German couple, officiated by her husband. Blanche had become aware of the couple receiving congratulatory letters from their friends in Germany, all mailed in similar envelopes. The bride explained that the Jewish Girl's Club in her community sold attractive, engraved cards on which messages could be written, with the proceeds going to support Jewish charities.

In 1913, Blanche became one of the founding members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood (NFTS) in Cincinnati. She served in several posts over the years, including that of Chairwoman of the NFTS (now known as Women of Reform Judaism) Scholarship Fund. Recalling the cards sent to the engaged German couple, she addressed the idea of a similar approach to fundraising with Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now Union for Reform Judaism).

Rabbi Zepin was in favor of the concept as a way to raise money for the NFTS to support students training to become rabbis at Hebrew Union College. It was his suggestion to adopt the name "**Uniongrams**" as an amalgamation of the names of the two leading organizations connected to NFTS: The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Hebrew Union College. The addition of "**gram**" to the entity, yielding the name "**Uniongram**" was a marketing stroke of genius, piggybacking on the national awareness of the then unique service of telegrams to rapidly communicate both joyous sentiments on

weddings,	anniversaries,
births,	offer get-well messages,
condolences	

or other personal messages desiring or requiring a sense of greater immediacy than that offered by traditional mail.

Uniongrams Good Timing

The original **Uniongram** (Figure 3) came into existence in 1913 as a type of mutation of the Western Union telegram. It consisted of a decorative card with a postage stamp and envelope included for a price of 25-cents. It had the convenience of being ordered by a telephone call to the local sisterhood secretary. She typed the message (later hand-written to make it more personal) and then mailed the card to the recipient via the United States Postal Service.

The fact that delivery time was dependent on standard postal service did not dissuade its use compared to the telegram for all but more pressing needs since the plus side of the social interaction proved to outweigh the time differential.

This was at a time when greeting cards had become highly popular in social communication in the United States,

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Figure 4 Beaux Arts design Uniongram, circa 1930s

making the convenience and "cache" of a very attractive and appealing card reaching the recipient with a personal message for any occasion. Additionally, the **Uniongram** came at a competitive price, with the knowledge that the proceeds were expended on a noble religious enterprise. This gave it, in addition to its creatively attractive appearance as seen on the cachet cover, a feel-good relationship to benefit Reform Judaism.

Over the next four decades into the mid Twentieth Century, the number of local sisterhoods active in **Uniongram** work tripled to 358 chapters, and the number of Uniongrams sold yearly increased from 2,500 to 250,000. During that time frame the appearance of the original lavender and gray card, iconographically typical of 19th-century Jewish artistry, would morph in the early 1930s to the Beaux-Arts design with modern lines in print and a single menorah element (Figure 4). Additionally, the variety of Uniongrams now includes regular sizes for individual messages, as well as large and giant sizes for group messaging.

Uniongram Success

Over the century since Uniongrams' inception, millions of dollars have been raised in sales, initially, exclusively to subsidize student trainees at Hebrew Union College, but since 1953 expanded to also support the World Reform Judaism Yes Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects). The fund subsidizes multiple programs including scholarships for rabbinic students worldwide, pre-school programs in Reform congregations in Israel, activity programs for high school and college students, among others.

Blanche Stolz's brainstorm has developed deep roots, and it is said that the what Uniongram did for NFTS was similar to what the cookie did for Girl Scouts of America. Uniongrams has something for everyone and for every Jewish occasion. Since 1953, Uniongrams have expanded and secular holidays, birthdays, B'nai Mitzvot, weddings, Mother's Day, New Year (secular and Jewish), general wellwishes, and the list goes on.

That success breeds imitation is certainly true for Uniongrams. The Jewish Conservative Women's League

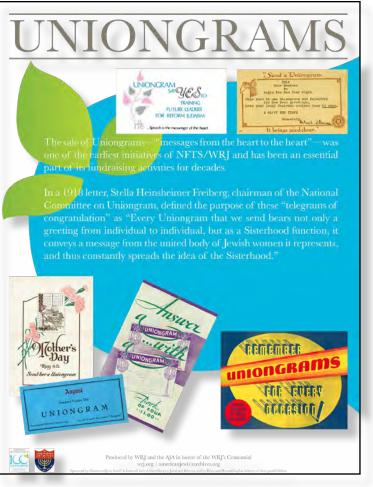


Figure 5 Contemporary Uniongram advertisement

developed its "**Leagram**," which is going strong at the present time. Not to be left in the cold, Western Union created telegram blanks for the Jewish New Year with a Menorah insignia- now just a distant memory.

So, dear reader, while I am not a paid lobbyist for the organization, I certainly can admire the staying power of this organization. And, before moving on to the second part of this threefer cover, let me conclude with a great picture of **Uniongram** in contemporary times (Figure 5). It says it all.

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Part 2 of the Story Cover's Receipent & Sender

Just when I believed that my cover had divulged its all, my additional research proved otherwise, for you see, the sender and the receiver of this missive were themselves worth the price of admission. The receiver, Mr. George Auerbach, would follow in the footsteps of Auerbach forerunners outsiders who became a Salt Lake City, Utah institution.

Auerbach Family

George's father, Samuel H. Auerbach (Figure 6), was born in Fordon, Prussia in 1847, the son of a leading Talmudist in Germany. Samuel immigrated to America in the 1860s to seek his fortune, joining his older brother Frederick in California, where the brothers established several general merchandise stores serving the gold-mining community.



Figure 6

Samuel Auerbach Tribune

A trip to Salt Lake City by brother Fredrick in 1864 to explore an expansion of their business convinced him that

this Mormon center had great potential.

A possibly apocryphal story has it that with the help of Brigham Young, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church), Frederick leased a small adobe cabin on Main Street (Figure 7), in return for which Frederick repaid Young's generosity by contributing a supply of badly needed medicines for the ailing Mormons.

Business Expands

Samuel joined Frederick in Salt Lake in 1866, and the business of F. Auerbach & Bro. expanded into branch stores throughout the state. Additional relocations followed with movement into larger quarters in Salt Lake in 1912 (Figure 8), followed by further growth and development into the largest department store in the city, with relocation to its final site at Broadway and State Street in 1923 (Figure 9).

Frederick and Brigham Young maintained a lasting friendship that survived bitter conflicts between Mormons and non-Mormons, including boycotts of non-Mormon businesses and threats of ex-communication if they shopped at Auerbach's stores. Not to be dissuaded, the brothers expanded into extensive real estate purchases, establishing their enclave in the downtown central area of Salt Lake, and became pillars of the community, respected for their honesty and community service.

Auerbachs became the destination for shoppers, particularly women, looking for sophisticated goods. As one woman recalled: "The plush carpets, the pillars, the stunningly

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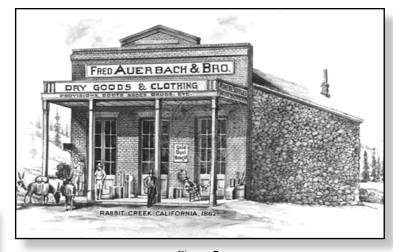


Figure 7 Original adobe cabin store of Auerbach brothers in Salt Lake City, Utah, 1863



Figure 8 Auerbach department store, 1912-1923



Figure 9 Auerbach department store, 1923-1977

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beautiful women who worked in the Crystal Room, even an elevator girl!" It was reported that Mormon women seeking elegant merchandise would shop at Auerbach's after dark to avoid repercussions for breaking the boycott.

Auerbach Family

Samuel Auerbach married Miss Eveline Brooks in 1880. Eveline was the daughter of a prominent Jewish family, whose parents were the very first Jewish settlers in Salt Lake after immigrating from Poland in 1847. They would spawn eight offspring, the third-born being George Samuel Auerbach, the receiver of our letter.

Samuel moved his family to New York City in the 1890s but continued to maintain intimate ties to his extensive mercantile and real estate holding in Utah.

George Auerbach would graduate from Columbia University in 1906, marry Beatrice Fox of Hartford, Connecticut in 1910, and become an active partner in the management of the family business in Salt Lake.

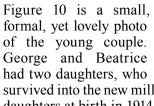




Figure 10

of the young couple. Photograph in The Salt Lake Tribune of George and Beatrice George and Beatrice Auerbach in early had two daughters, who 20th century society page article

survived into the new millennium, after initially losing twin daughters at birth in 1914.

Times Are Changing

Auerbach's Department Store flourished into the early 1960s, at which time an ominous change became gradually evident in the retail markets throughout the country. A more mobile population, the development of ever-more distant suburbs, and the creation of enclosed malls coalesced to bring about the demise of downtown department stores as city centers failed to thrive. The Auerbach family sold their iconic store in 1977 to a developer who hoped to see a revitalization of the downtown. It was not meant to be. The store closed in

1979 after 114 years in existence.

The Family

And, what became of the Auerbach clan? Samuel Auerbach would survive until 1920 and is buried in B'nai Israel Cemetery in Salt Lake City. His son, George Auerbach, died but seven years later in Hartford, Connecticut on November 13, 1927, at the relatively young age



Figure 11 Auerbach family mausoleum, Beth Israel Cemetery, Hartford, Ct. of 42. He rests for the ages in the family mausoleum at Beth Israel Cemetery in Hartford (Figure 11). Beatrice Auerbach would soldier on until 1968 and lies next to her soulmate.

Well then, our Uniongram cover has opened the door into the lives of one of the many thousands of Jewish families whose lives began in the Old World and moved on as part of the massive migration to the New World in the 19th Century, a story that repeated itself with results that ran the gamut from poverty to great success, and from sadness to great happiness. The Auerbach story, I would like to think, was amongst the latter in both cases.

Part 3 Rabbi Abraham Auspacher story

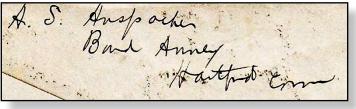


Figure 12 Reverse of airmail cover with sender's information from A.S. Anspacher

I conclude with the last bit of detail from our cover- the tale of the sender of this missive, the name, abbreviated and poorly legible, tauntingly enticing on the reverse of the envelope (Figure 12). Lack of a given name, rather only A.S. Anspacher, defied identification on multiple search engines until an obscure 1924 government document yielded an Abraham S. Anspacher in Hartford, Connecticut. Allow me to introduce Rabbi Dr. Abraham Samuel Anspacher, a marvelous example of an oft-repeated generational Jewish story over the century of mass immigration to America dating to the early 19th century.

Introduction

Abraham Anspacher was born in New York City on June 28, 1877. The son of Rosa Anspacher, nee Geisenheimer, and Samuel Simon Seckel Anspacher, he was one of five siblings. Abraham's father, Samuel, was a painter, born in Lower Saxony, Germany in 1839, who had immigrated with his parents and eight siblings to the United States in the mid-19th century. Samuel married Rosa, another German immigrant to America, in 1869. Samuel's father, Simon Anspacher- Abraham's grandfather- was born in 1812, and was responsible for bringing the family to America, where he was a self-employed butcher for decades until his death in 1890.

Our protagonist, Abraham Anspacher would diverge from his workingmen forbearers when he received the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Cincinnati in the mid-1890s. He then entered Hebrew Union College graduating in 1900, following which he became the spiritual leader of Temple Hesed, the oldest Jewish congregation in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1902 he would marry Bertha (Birdie) Fechheimer, born in Michigan the same year as Abraham, the two having met in Cincinnati, and the marriage would produce two sons.

Modi'in

Moshe Kol Kalman

Modi'in is a city in the Center District of Israel. In December 2003 Modi'in was united with the nearby municipality of Maccabim-Re'ut, now called Modi'in Maccabim-Re'ut. Modi'in Illit (upper), Hasmonean and Matityahu are all part of an area known as Modi'in Valley. The ethnic makeup of the city is all Jewish.

Ancient Modi'in was the place of origin of the Jewish Hasmonean dynasty that ruled Judea in the first and second centuries BC, and it is where the Maccabiah revolt against the Seleucid Greeks started. Modem Modi'in is located near the location of the ancient Modi'in described in the Bible.

Possibilities suggested by modem archaeologist include Umm el Umdan

near Canada Park and Latrun, Khirbet el-Midye and Khirbet el Burj, all these locations are close to the present built up area of modem Modi'in.

The cornerstone for present Modi'in was laid in 1993, it is a modem planned city and the highest standards of urban planning, environmental concern and planning for future growth were taken into consideration. Large

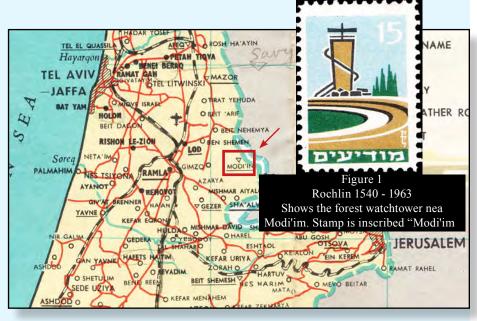
Rabbi's Pulpits

Rabbi Anspacher served his Scranton Congregation for over a decade before assuming a pulpit in New York City. He would also receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University in 1912. His doctoral dissertation *Tiglath Pileser II*, the historic account of the reign of the founder of the Neo-Assyrian Empire, has withstood the test of time. The monograph is available from multiple booksellers to this day, as is his publication **Archeological Research in Bible Lands**.

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Samuel Anspacher passed away on November 20, 1927, in Cincinnati, Ohio at age 50. A New York Times obituary would relate his additional pulpits in Richmond, Virginia, Hazelton, Pennsylvania, and Hartford, Connecticut, the latter where he served Temple Anshe Chesed.

Let us leave with the knowledge that Simon Anspacher, born in 1812 in Germany, led his people, so-to-speak, into the New World and they did not disappoint.

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green spaces were incorporated into the city's layout and comprise 50% of the area within the city limits.

Modi'in is located about 35 km southeast of Tel-Aviv and about 30 km west of Jerusalem. The city is decentralized, it is divided in a star shape into smaller neighborhoods named after the original town planners, each of these neighborhoods has a main boulevard and shopping center.

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The Presidents

Walter J. Levy That Time

Stamp collectors are advised to decide what will eventually become of their collection. If they don't others will ultimately make that decision. This article describes what happen to one part of my collection: United States Presidential Autograph Covers.

There was only one requirement for inclusion in the collection: the signatory must have had a connection with the State of Israel. The autographs are on Israel first Day Covers (preferred) or on Israel postal envelopes with a special cancellation.

Decision Time

When I decided to discontinue the collection and dispose it, I so informed my family. I offered them the covers, but initially there were no takers. I then proceeded to make inquiries of those who might be interested. Before making a final decision, I reported to my family and indicated that my previous offer was still good.

It was than that one of my sons-in-law expressed an interest in the covers. Well, I was delighted! Something I cherished greatly would stay in the family.



Figure 1 Harry S. Truman (1884 - 1972) 33rd President (1945 - 1953)

Israel was established on Friday, May 14, 1948, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Eleven minutes later, President Truman recognized the new State of Israel. The United States was the first nation to do so.



Figure 3

Meet My Presidents



Figure 2 Jimmy (James Earl, Jr.) Carter (1924 -) 39th President (1977 - 1981) He played a mediating role in negotiating the 1979 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, ending a 30 year state of war.

Bill (William Jefferson) Clinton (1946 -) 42nd President (1993 - 2001)

He was deeply involved in the Middle East peace negotiations. His efforts toward a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan were successful. Attempts at peace agreements between Israel and Syria and Israel and the Palestinians were not successful. (Cover signed in 1991 when Clinton was Governor of Arkansas).

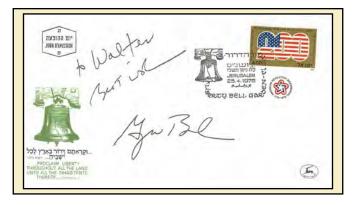


Figure 4 George W. Bush (1946 -) 43th President (2001 - 2009) He kept a friendly and supportive relationship with Israel. Several efforts to motivate a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, including a summit in Aqaba, Jordan, were unsuccessful.

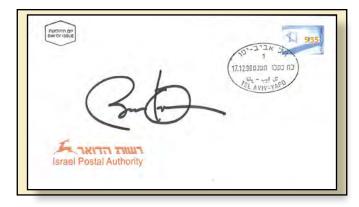


Figure 5 Barak H. Obama (1961 -) 44th President (2009 - 2017)

He maintained robust military aid to Israel. His administration supported and funded the Iron Dome defense system as well as other state of the art military equipment.

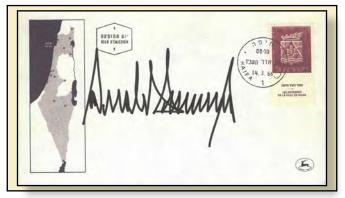


Figure 6 Donald J. Trump (1946 -) 45th President (2017 -) He recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and ordered the move of the United States embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

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American Philatelic Society Stamp Chats - Stamp Shows

Chats: We have been hosting **daily Stamp Chats** with experts, members, and collectors coming together to discuss various topics. We have **regularly scheduled events** throughout the week and encourage you to join the chats and share this information with other collectors. If you miss a chat, we will be posting them to the **APS YouTube** page for viewing later. On Monday, March 30, 2020, APS Sales Director held an on-line session on how we are operating through the closure. You can find the schedule of events here:

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Show Delays and Cancellations

As events continue to change, we are updating our list of stamp shows that have been postponed or canceled in the coming months. Just yesterday, we learned that NAPEX had been canceled for 2020 due to a statewide ban on large group gatherings through June 10, 2020. For more information, please visit our website.

The "Plague" Among Children

BELA SCHICK THE SCHICK TEST

Diphtheria—the "D" in the DPT vaccine—was one of the great scourges of childhood. The diagnostic hallmark was a rubbery gravish coating-called a pseudomembrane-that covered the structures of the upper airway. In severe cases, the pseudomembrane caused obstruction of the airway, leading to an anguishing death from suffocation. Less commonly, a circulating bacterial toxin caused death from cardiac injury.

An Aphorism Of Maimonides

It is possible that Maimonides (Figure 1) saw cases of diphtheria in his twelfth-century medical practice. Fred Rosner, physician and historian of Jewish medical practice, suggested that the following passage from the Aphorisms of Maimonides was a reference to what would later be called diphtheria. However, since Maimonides made no mention of the hallmark diphtheric membrane that covered the throat—easily visible to the naked eye-Rosner's diagnosis of diphtheria is far from certain:

Synanche [usually spelled cynanche: inflammation and swelling of the upper airway with difficulty breathing] refers to every illness in the throat where the patient suffers a choking sensation during swallowing. The most fatal of these is where no inflammation is visible in the throat nor any redness....





Figure 2 Pierre Bretonneau of France (France, 1962).

turned 1613 into "el año de los garrotillos"-the year of strangulations. Nineteenth century physicians often referred to "membranous croup." In 1826, French physician Pierre Bretonneau (Figure 2)

Figure 1 Moses ben Maimon may have seen cases of diphtheria in his twelfthcentury practice. International Conference on the History of the Sciences (Israel, 1953).

"angina suffocativa"—

through the centuries. A

deadly epidemic in Spain

named the disease diphtérite-from the Greek and Latin for "leather" or "hide"— a reference to the thick rubbery pseudomembrane.

In the mid-1730s, a vicious epidemic tore through the American colonies, often killing multiple children in a single family. Noah Webster called it "the plague among children." New Jersey minister and physician Jonathan Dickinson attended to many victims when the epidemic reached the colony in 1735. He recorded his observations and treatments in a short monograph entitled Observations On That Terrible Disease Vulgarly Called The Throat-Distemper.

Vienna: "Serum Sickness"

And The Children's Ward

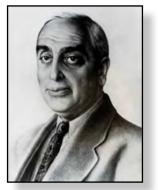


Figure 3 Portrait of Béla Schick, ca. 1940s or 1950s, image by Leo Katz, Wellcome Collection.

Béla Schick, son of a grain merchant, was born into a Jewish family in Boglar (Balatonboglár), Hungary, in 1877 and raised in Graz, Austria (Figure 3). He earned his medical degree in 1900 at Karl Franz University in Graz and developed an early interest in diseases of children.

In 1902, Schick was invited to join Clemens von Pirquet, an Austrian pediatrician and researcher, at the Kinderklinik (children's clinic) at the University of Vienna. Schick's years in Vienna were marked by intensive laboratory work and personal poverty. In addition to his long hours in the laboratory, Schick served as the unremunerated Privatdocent (lecturer) of Children's Diseases at the University of Vienna. Throughout his long career, Schick, who was childless, cared deeply for afflicted children in the hospital wards and clinics.

Schick and von Pirquet conducted important research into the puzzling syndrome they called "serum sickness" now subsumed under the research and clinical disciplines of allergy and immunology. Serum sickness, marked by varying symptoms of fever, rash, joint pain, and swollen lymph glands, is an immune reaction to medications containing proteins.

Beginning in the mid-1890s, diphtheria antitoxin was harvested from the blood of horses injected (under veterinary supervision) with diphtheria toxin. The serum was processed in commercial and health department laboratories. Antitoxin injections proved to be effective in reducing the serious symptoms and deaths in about half of diphtheria victims. Antitoxin also temporarily protected close contacts from contracting the disease. But some recipients of antitoxin developed the unpleasant—though not fatal—effects of serum sickness, a reaction to trace amounts of horse serum proteins in the in the antitoxin injection.

Beginning in 1906, healthy children could be rendered permanently immune to diphtheria by injections of a balanced toxin-antitoxin mixture (TAT for short). However, serum sickness also complicated these injections. If there were a test for prior immunity to diphtheria—acquired during a mild or asymptomatic case—then some children could be spared exposure to the immunizing injections and the risk of serum sickness.

The Schick Test



This Ethiopian stamp, featuring diphtheria immunization, may be the only postage stamp showing the characteristic pseudomembrane in the throat of a child with diphtheria. The stamp was issued in 1988, three years before Operation Solomon airlifted Ethiopian Jews to Israel. It is likely that some Ethiopian Jewish children may have lacked immunity to diphtheria. (Ethiopia, one of four stamp for childhood immunization, 1988).

By 1913, Schick had developed a skin test for immunity to diphtheria, the work for which he would be best remembered. The procedure he described came to be known as the Schick test.

A miniscule harmless, dose of diphtheria toxin was injected into the uppermost layer of the forearm skin. In 24 to 48 hours, a child with no immunity would develop a red raised swelling (wheal) at the site of the injection; this was read as a positive Schick test. In a child with immunity, circulating anti-diphtheria antibodies would neutralize the toxin at the injection site, leaving no red swelling; this was read as a negative Schick test.

Schick, in his 1913 article in the Münchener Medizinische Wochenschrift (Munich Weekly Medical Journal) confirmed the practical value of his test: "The positive reactors are injected with [antitoxin] serum and the negative reactors are not. Thus we spare many individuals the injection and sensitization with horse serum."

The New York Years

In New York, Dr. William Park, Chief of Laboratories of the New York City Department of Health, initiated a vigorous campaign of Schick testing and, if indicated, immunization among school children.

Of particular concern were younger children who would not be included in the school screenings. Every effort was made to encourage



Figure 5

Issued to mark the seventy-fifth year of Kupat Cholim Le'umit (General Sick Fund), the stamp shows an apparently healthy Israeli child playing "doctor" with a teddy bear. (Israel, 2008).

parents to have their toddler tested and, if susceptible, immunized at public clinics or in private physicians' offices.

Schick's immunological investigations into diphtheria and other diseases earned him an international reputation and the support of a number of prominent American physicians. In 1932, he was invited to become director of pediatrics at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital. Accordingly, with the approval of his brother, sisters, and widowed mother, he left Vienna in September to take up his new post.

Schick's appointment was strongly supported by Park of the Health Department (quoted by biographer Gronowicz, see references), who wrote:

Owing to the fact of my interest in diphtheria, I have been closely in touch with Dr. Schick in his researches in immunology and especially because of his development of the Schick test for the detection of immunity to diphtheria. American medicine has been stimulated by many Americans coming under the influence of Dr. Schick in his hospital in Vienna. There is no question that he is among the foremost men in pediatrics and in certain lines of immunology.

Schick also served as a consultant to New York's Willard Parker Hospital for communicable diseases and was director of the pediatric department at Staten Island's Sea View Hospital for tubercular diseases. He was elected a fellow of the prestigious New York Academy of Medicine. In addition to his hospital duties, Schick quickly became involved in New York's diphtheria prevention campaign. In a 1929 radio address, he cited the 15,000 cases and 700 deaths annually in the city. While school testing and immunizing programs were protecting many children, Schick reemphasized the importance of reaching the parents of pre-school children.

In a distant echo of the risk posed by today's unvaccinated children, Schick closed a radio address with this warning: "I think parents who know that it is now possible to prevent diphtheria, and who nevertheless fail to have their children immunized, take too great a responsibility upon their shoulders."

Holocaust

With his wife Catherine, Schick traveled frequently to Europe for conferences and visits to his family. On a trip to Palestine in 1937, he was impressed with advances in Arab health—particularly in epidemic diseases—brought about by Jewish immigrant physicians

Schick's first encounter with the gathering storm in Europe occurred in a hotel in Italy in 1938. He and his wife were "asked" to leave by the manager at the insistence of a German Nazi staying at the hotel.

Although barred from travel to Austria, Schick, now an American citizen, made every effort to save family members still in Austria. He managed to save one sister and the children of a stepsister. But his sister Frieda and her family died in a concentration camp. Many members of his extended family also perished.

In May 1938, he told attendees at a tuberculosis conference in Tampa: "Many of the doctors who committed suicide after the recent annexation of Austria were my friends. I understand why they did it."

Late Career And Last Years

At age sixty-five, Schick reached Mt. Sinai's mandatory retirement age. He continued to devote his professional life to the care of children as consultant to Beth-El Hospital in the Bronx. He also taught in the medical division of Yeshiva University (later the Albert Einstein College of Medicine).

Although Schick left no autobiography, he spoke at length in his later years with two biographers (Gronowicz and Noble, see references), sharing many of his memories, correspondence, and reflections. Béla Schick died at Mt. Sinai Hospital in 1967 at age ninety after falling ill with pleurisy while on a cruise to South America.

Dr. Horace Hodes, who succeeded Schick as the director of the pediatric department at Mt. Sinai, wrote a tribute to Schick in the journal **Pediatrics**:

He was devoted to the pursuit of knowledge which would find practical application. He was awarded dozens of medals, prizes, scrolls, and other tangible evidence of the world's regard. Yet, Béla Schick remained a completely modest man. Bela Schick is gone. But, his influence on pediatrics and medical science will go on forever.



Figure 6

The Béla Schick medal was created for the Jewish-American Hall of Fame by artist Gerta Ries Weiner, 1990. With permission, Mel Wacks, Jewish–American Hall of Fame.

Diphtheria Today

Through universal vaccination of children, diphtheria has disappeared in most countries. Israel's last case was reported in 2002. However, there were some 13,000 cases worldwide in 2018, including close to 2000 in Yemen, justifying the need for continuted vigilance.

Very worrisome is the current resurgence of diphtheria in Venezuela, which had been free of the disease for many years. From 2016 to 2018, there were 2170 cases with 22 percent mortality, just one of many disastrous morbidity and mortality consequences of a collapsed healthcare system and failure of routine childhood immunizations. A half century after his death, Béla Schick, who devoted his life to the welfare of children, would have been deeply saddened—but not surprised—at the consequences of a failed vaccination program for diphtheria and other childhood diseases anywhere in the world.

DIPHTHERIA TIMELINE

- 1826 Pierre Bretonneau names the disease diphtheria
- **1884** Friedrich Loeffler cultivates Corynebacterium diphtheriae and demonstrates that it produces a toxin
- **1888** Émile Roux and Alexander Yersin prove that the bacterium C. diphtheriae is the causative organism of diphtheria
- **1890** Shibasaburo Kitasato and Emil von Behring develop an antitoxin injection that reduces severity and mortality by about fifty percent and provides temporary immunity in caregivers and household contacts
- **1895** Antitoxin production in horses begins in New York and Philadelphia

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Out of This World

Spellman Museum

THE FOLLOWING FAX WAS RECEIVED FROM OR HADASH MEMBER DR. JEFF HOFFMAN FROM THE SHUTTLE COLOMBIA

February 28, 1996 13:09 PM

To Shaul and the Or Hadash Chaverim:

It's wonderful so many of you could come down to Florida and share in the excitement of my shuttle launch. Our Torah is in orbit. It's a little hard keeping track of time up here, but I think I can figure out when it will be Shabbat. On that day, I will unpack our Torah, unroll it, say the prayer for studying Torah, and read the first part of B'rehsheet. I brought along a Yad to help. If possible, I will try to do this when we pass over Israel, but this will be subject to other constraints. Surprisingly, the weather over Israel these last few days has been completely cloudy, and I haven't seen it at all. We will try lighting candles as part of our combustion experimentation, but I can't guarantee that this will be done at sunset (although there is a better chance here than you might think, since the sun sets every 90 minutes!)

Don't worry about the impact of our problems with the tethered satellite on my morale or that of my roomates. It took 40 years to get from Egypt to Israel, and sometimes the road to progress and the future is harder than we anticipate. Someday people will try again, and what we have done will help show the way.

By Friday, I will have completed a lifetime total of over 1000 hours in space, which will be worth a Shehecheanu. I can't say I look forward to coming home and seeing everyone, because I really love being in space and haven't had enough to feel the need to come home. But I shall be back before too long and look forward to sharing my experiences with all of you.





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York: Abelard-Schuman, 1954.

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- **1906** Émil von Behring shows that a balanced mixture of toxin and antitoxin (TAT) produces lasting active immunity in humans
- **1913** Béla Schick develops the Schick test for immunity to diphtheria, thus enabling selection of cases requiring immunization
- **1923–26** Gaston Ramon and Alexander inactivate diphtheria toxin and show that the "toxoid" provides lasting immunity with fewer side effects

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Hadassah Mount Scopus Assignment The " POSTAL" Connection

Dr. Josef Wallach, Moshe Kol Kallman

The period we are dealing with is after the 1948-9 armistice agreement between Israel and Jordan which partitioned Jerusalem (Figure 1).

As a Jerusalem born 10 years old boy (Josef), I "lived" through the 1948 Jerusalem siege.

At age 21 and after 2 years of regular military service, I became a student at the Jerusalem Hebrew University. At the same time, I was assigned to a military RESERVISTS unit, serving, as all did, a month each year in "MILUIM" (reserve). As A Jerusalem resident, I became a member of the "Jerusalem Brigade" which consists mostly of Jerusalem residents. In the period 1950 - 1967 the Brigade's task was to defend the City's borders and its surroundings.

Secret Mission

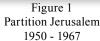
An important, but secret task was to take care of the Mount Scopus enclave (Figure 2), which by the 1949 armistice agreement should be guarded ONLY BY ISRAELI POLICEMEN. Thus part of the Reserve tasks was to be dressed in POLICE uniforms and be stationed at Mount Scopus for a one-month "vacation." This service was also done by regular service soldiers as described by Moshe Kol Kalman. I never served there.

During the one month or 35 days, all personal were separated from the world, until the next convoy took replaced them. The Jerusalem Brigade headquarters was stationed at the Jerusalem Schneller camp.

Jerusalem Schneller Compound

- Turkish (Ottoman) Period, 1917-18. "Syrichenwaisen House" - A shelter for orphan children from the 19thcentury Massacre in Syria.
- British Mandate period, 1917/18 -1948 Major British soldiers and police camp headquarters. When the Jewish underground irritated them, they would fire wildly all around.
- Israel period 1948 -? Israeli Military camp







Always The Collector

On one of my duty visits to my reserve unit, I succeeded in obtaining several covers/postcards all directed to soldiers/ reservists stationed at the Mount Scopus enclave. This postal service was secret at the time, thus the covers were coded "UP" with a red pencil, perpendicular arrow meaning UPWARDS TO MOUNT SCOPUS.

How these covers and other mail reached the isolated destination, is unknown to me and needs a further study! One possibility is via the U.N. force stationed at the borders of partitioned Jerusalem. They were in charge of all the border encounters including of course in charge of the monthly "Policemen" convoy to the mount until 1967.

Example "UP" covers







Figure 4



Figure 7 - Mandelbaum Gate Not ALL the policemen stationed in Jerusalem were soldiers. Only the

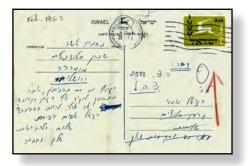
task group which every month replaced the former one on the mount. Thus the photo next to Mandelbaum gate shows real policemen from both sides at a quiet relaxed period along the borders inside the divided Jerusalem.



Figure 2









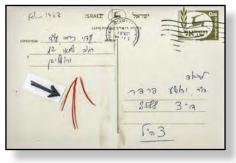


Figure 6

Addendum by Moshe Kallman

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I talked to Josef about my Mt. Scopus experience. You may very well know only policemen were allowed on the Mount, that was a total cover-up.

I belonged to the Golani brigade in 1963 and was dressed as a policeman armed to my teeth. The only way up was via the continued on page 20

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Mandelbaum Gate. There we stood at attention as we were approached by a Jordanian officer. He walked back and forth among us and then the officer approached me and asked in Hebrew "Are you from the Golani or Paratroopers." I was shocked but did not blink an eye; He could not prove it but was satisfied with his question. It seems that they knew very well that we were not policemen but the regular army.

After 35 days on the hill, I volunteered for another 35 days. I enjoyed myself there. Why? In the main building, I forgot the building's name, was the Hebrew University library which contained English literature which even today I very much enjoy reading. When off duty, I would go down to the library for a few hours to read in English.

To answer Yossi's (Josef) thought how these letters reached Mount Scopus, as I very clearly remember the night before going up to the Mount the people in charge would load the vehicle which was called a "Sandwich." Why, because the body of the vehicle was double, and everything possible was stuffed in, arms ammunition and mail.

Josef (Hebrew Yossi) and I talked for quite a while over the phone the other day and promised each other to meet after this terrible corona virus is over.

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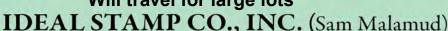


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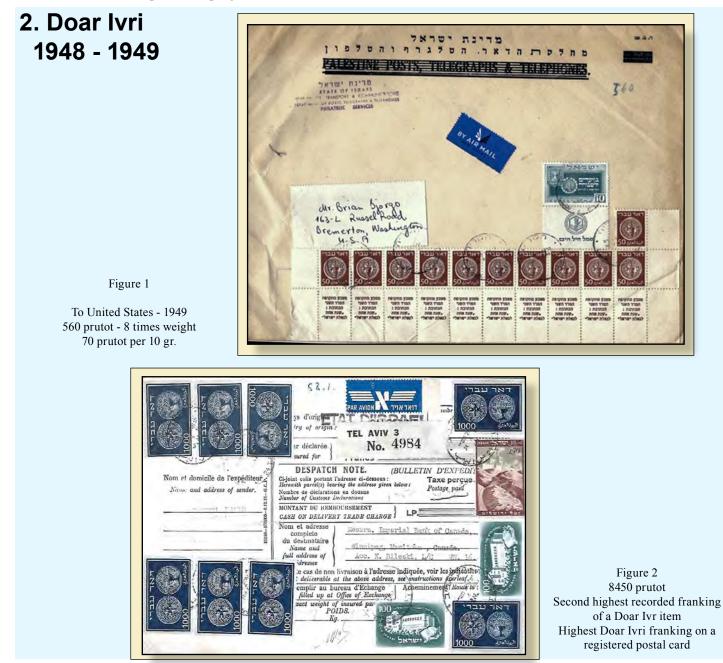
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1. Introduction

Stamp collectors enjoy looking at items of postal history covered with lots of stamps. Even if such pieces have been overfranked and do not reflect the correct postal rates, they can be highly visual or eye catching. Such pieces can be considered some of the "eye candy" of our beloved hobby.

As a child and adult, I enjoyed collecting Israeli stamps from the 1948 - 1953 classic period, hoping to find at least 1 used or mint copy for my album. High values were elusive and sometimes expensive to obtain. It never occurred to me years ago that people were franking parcel cards, commercial documents and large heavy mail with multiple copies of some of my favorite stamps.

This article shows viewers some of the postal history pieces I have discovered over the years. The postal history reflects the usage of the stamps from the classic period paying correct postal rates or charges. These usages are the most difficult to find.



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Figure 3 Bank Letter of Guarantee for £1,40.000 (Forty thousand Israeli Pounds - equal to U.S. \$160,000) October 20, 1948

Highest recorded number of Doar Ivri stamps used as revenues Highest number of Doar Ivri 1000 mils used (40)

2. First Festivals -1948 - 1949



Figure 4 780 mils - 12 times weight 65 mils per 10 gm. Tel Aviv to New York Postmarked October 15, 1948



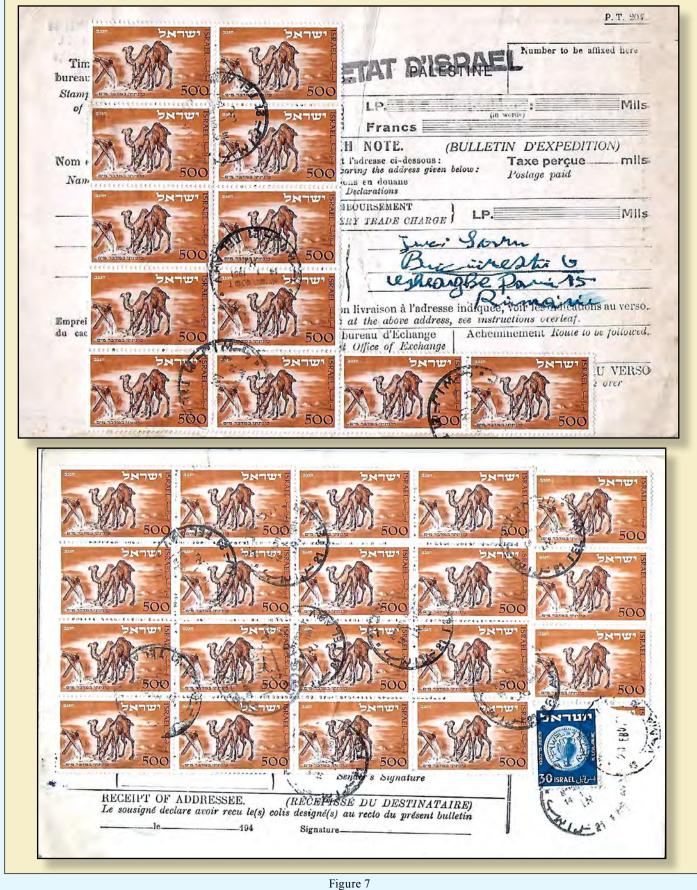
Figure 5 585 mils - 9 time weight 65 mils per 10 gr. Tel Aviv to New York Postmarked October 1948

3. Road To Jerusalem 1949



Figure 6 8080 prutot - highest recorded Jerusalem stamp franking Parcel card 1 parcel weighing 3 kg 200 gm Tel Aviv to New York Postmarked 1950

5. Negev 1950



1830 prutot, largest recorded Negev stamp franking 1 parcel card, Tel Aviv to Bucharest, Romania, Postmarked January 14, 1951, Arrival February 20, 1951

to be continued



Be an Up-Stander Say Something!

Gregg and Michelle Philipson

On March 9, 2020 Michelle and I presented to approximately 250 8th grade students in Central Texas. We held three sessions in the school library where we displayed Holocaust materials and engaged with the students and their teachers.

The kids were great and VERY attentive. During the presentation we ask the students to pass around a piece of left luggage left for all to touch. It is wonderful to see the manner with which they handle the bag.

It is with sadness and respect for the woman who it once belonged that they hand the bag to the next person.

The Speech

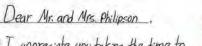
The "KdF" (Kraft durch Freude) or Strength through Joy Nazi propaganda Radio made in 1938 (seen in the photos) is a real eye opener for the students.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in

Washington, D.C. made an audio file for me of a Hitler speech to Nazi youth in 1938. From my mobile phone a student launches the file that plays the speech from a hidden Bluetooth speaker so that it appears to come from the original Nazi radio. They listen for a minute or so to this maniac spew his hate as they watch on the screen images of a 1938 massive Hitler youth rally in Nuremberg. It is an attention grabber to say the least.



Dear Mr. Philipson First off. I want to thank you for sharing your piece of the story with US. When I first started veading books and learning about the horrors of WWI | also felt the pain and suffering of the billions of people affected by this war. 1 heard the cries of each victim of the Holocaust And I knew, from then on, this could never be allowed to happen again. Your talk and your passion reignited that feeling so again, I want to express my gratitude for you and your work without driven people like you, we would be acomed to repeat mistory your collection of artifacts is more than just individual pieces it is a collection of stories of lives by cultivating these items you are giving many people hardship meaning. So, for the last time, thank upu! Sincerely



I appreciate you taking the time to come talk with us at Hill Country. The thing that I found most interesting was



the brown bay that you brought It's amazing that such an urtifact is still in such good condition! It's also scarg to think that someones most favorite belonging were put inthat case before she died. One more thing that I found interesting was the way the Nazis treated the Jewish. The way they treated them was far from humane. It makes me wonder how they became so rotten in the first place. One thing that I would like to compliment you on is your actions toward another student. After your phenomenal presentation, she walked up to you and told you about her uncle heing taken during the holocaust. You have a passion for collecting artifacts, but you still found enough goodness in your heart to give her one of the items you have colleded. Because of you corning to our school, I will remember that I should place my feet in someone else's spes, and see how they feel, before I say what I am going to say.

Holocaust Mail

We also pass around several pieces of "Sara and Israel" mail. One student, whose grandfather was а Holocaust survivor, was so shocked by the "Sara and Israel" mail that we gave one to her as a stark reminder of the life her grandfather had to endure. It was received as a loving and



Student given a "Sara" envelope.

meaningful gift and it brought tears to her eyes.

The Take Away Message

The students asked excellent questions and many stayed after to touch some of the artifacts, say thank you and let us know the positive impact that we made on them.

Michelle and I are so appreciative for the opportunity to be part of Texas Holocaust education programs where we can interact directly with the students and their teachers.

It is a privilege to be able to answer questions and address serious issues that the students are confronted with on a daily basis.

The students take away the message about how hate, bullying and apathy negatively impact their lives and the lives of their friends and families. They want to make their lives and the lives of others better and more meaningful. They understand that kindness is the key!! Be an Up-Stander!! "Say Something!"

With dee nest appreciation

Learning about the Holocaust illustrates the deadly consequences of isolating and demonizing others. The kids really get it!

Future Presentations

Sadly, many of our 2020 programs at Fort Hood, the University of Texas, Texas middle schools and other venues have now been canceled due to the pandemic currently affecting us all.

Our mission will continue but now we pray for the good health and safety of all mankind.

Postscript

Here are two letters reflective of the 100's we receive each year from the students. Over 100 letters were dropped off by a teacher at our home today.

We found them by the front door as everyone is "social distancing" these days.

We were personally touched by a quote in the letter (above on the left) with the line that begins with..."I want to express my gratitude."

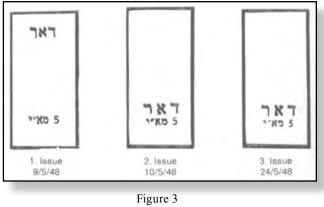
Note the suitcase at the bottom. Left luggage! Nice touch the class used on the paper for the thank you notes! •

Interim Period Forgery

Joe Weintrob



Figure 2 Haifa DOAR overprint



The Jerusalem DOAR overprints

My Observations

No value on the top KKL stamp. No hebrew text on either KKL stamp. (Figure 4). I asked 2 reputable dealers about the Tel Aviv Doar overprints and both said they are fakes.

Background

Every year since the Fifth Zionist Congress in Basel, the KKL has issued a new series of labels depicting scenes from the history of Jewry and Zionism, of pioneer settlements, pictures of leading Zionists, etc.

During May, 1948, supplies of these "stamps" in the offices of the KKL achieved a new - neither anticipated nor intended - significance: namely their use as postage stamps.

The KKL offices delivered all stocks on hand directly to the three central post offices in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. Contrary to the usage of various KKL stamps in the rest of the country, only one motif was chosen in Jerusalem: The UN partition map of Palestine.

Accounting was made considering only the nominal value of stamps received; the types of the stamps, however, were not detailed. It is, therefore, impossible to determine the exact number of each single value sold. It fell to the central postal administrations to change these donations and propaganda labels into postage stamps, by applying an overprint in Hebrew which simply read DOAR (Post).

The DOAR overprints

There are three different DOAR overprints, corresponding to the three postal administrations: Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem (Figures 1 - 3).

Tel Aviv DOAR Overprint

For overprinting the KKL labels, Tel Aviv used small rubber hand stamps, presumably 16 different ones.

In most instances a violet ink pad was used; a red pad was used occasionally.

In order to provide a sufficient supply of overprinted stamps within a reasonable period of time, the postal administrations availed themselves of the help of youthful volunteers - often school children. Haste and use of nonqualified personnel are the reason for so many irregular overprints.

With respect to the distribution of KKL stamps through the KKL office to the post offices in the southern district, there was one peculiarity which has not been revealed heretofore and is, therefore, of interest:

The Rehovot post office not only received - like all the other post offices in the district - their DOAR overprinted stamps from Tel Aviv but it also received a certain supply of stamps without the DOAR overprint directly from the KKL office in Rehovot. (This fact has been verified by Dr. E. Jungwirth upon inquiry at the KKL-office and the local post office in Rehovot).

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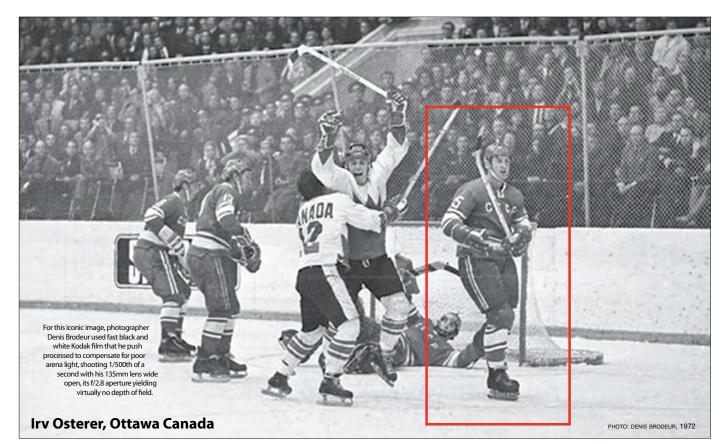
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For the Defence – YURI LYAPKIN

For Canadian hockey fans of a certain vintage, the eight game series between Canada and the Soviet Union in September, 1972 provided our country's greatest sporting moment.

International hockey in this era was open only to amateurs. Thus, the best National Hockey League professionals were not eligible to participate in either the International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships or the Olympic Games.

Although game, Canadian amateur teams were no match for the USSR, whose players trained year round, played hockey full time and retained amateur status because they were selected from the ranks of the Soviet Army. The Russians regularly thrashed all competition and had a streak of nine consecutive IIHF and Olympic gold medals.

Canadian fans were certain that if the best NHL players were allowed to compete, they would end Soviet domination. The Russians were also eager to test themselves against the game's best. Both parties agreed to an eight game affair — four games across Canada in NHL arenas and four games at the Luzhniki Sports Palace in Moscow.

The Soviet strength, lay in the basic skills: skating, endurance and conditioning. Their

strategy, featured an all-out offensive attack. Their coach believed that in September, the USSR would be better at team play, speed, conditioning and mental toughness than the NHL pros after a long summer layoff.

At the time, NHL players didn't exercise seriously during the off-season and would skate themselves into condition at training camp. Even so, most expected that Canada would handily defeat the Soviet Union, and predicted an eight game sweep — but this air of confidence quickly disappeared when Canada lost the opening game in Montreal 7-3. It was an emotional series, with Canadian hockey pride hanging in the balance.

The series was tied heading into the final game in Moscow, which ended in a dramatic fashion, with Paul Henderson scoring in the final seconds to give Canada the victory. The Denis Brodeur photograph clearly identifies all the players on the ice — including Russian Jewish defenceman Yuri Lyapkin.

The Summit Series would have a lasting impact on the game. Russian players, young and old, seem unanimous in describing that 1972 series as a watershed that changed the dynamics and style of Russian and North American hockey.



There were four Russian players in the zone, but none of them saw Henderson behind them or picked up Phil Esposito, who was surging towards the net. Both Lyapkin and Vasiliev went for the loose puck, while Yakushev and Shadrin moved up ice. Vasiliev tried to clear the zone, but the puck rolled off his stick. Esposito intercepted the puck and fired a shot toward the net. By this time Henderson had picked himself up off the ice, picked up Esposito's rebound [and] fired the puck at Tretiak. The Soviet goalkeeper got a toe on the shot but lost his balance as he made the save. Henderson pounced on the rebound and dribbled the puck under a prone Tretiak just as Lyapkin reached him. Somehow, Henderson and Esposito had out-manoeuvred four Soviet defenders to aive Canada a 6-5 lead with just 34 ticks left on the clock.

— Dan Diamond, Total Hockey

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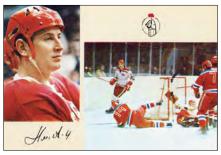


YURI EVGENIEVICH LYAPKIN

For thirteen years Lyapkin (1945–) from Balashikha, Russia was an elite defenseman in the Soviet League. He started his hockey career in 1964 with

Nikolay Epstein's Khimik Voskresensk.

Epstein had a huge impact on Lyapkin's career. He saw Yuri as a smart defender with excellent hands and a great passer— so useful to initiate the attack.



Lyapkin on Russian hockey postcard c. 1973

In 1972, Lyapkin moved to *Spartak Moskva*, where he won his only Soviet title 1976. He returned to *Khimik* in 1976-77 and was a player coach there in 1977-78. After a final season with *Spartak* in 1978-79, Yuri finished his career in Japan skating with the JIHL *Oji Seishi Eagles* from 1979-82.

Lyapkin won gold medals with Russia at the IIHF World Championships in 1971, 1973, 1974, and 1975. Yuri also played in the eight game 1974 WHA Summit Series.

The USSR finished second in the 1976 IIHF tournament, but later that same year the undefeated Soviet team captured gold at the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

Lyapkin coached in Nagano, Japan from 1992-98 and from 1999-2002 and returned home to be general manager of Krylya Sovetov Moskva in the Russian Second Division. He also was one of the managers of the Russian hockey team at the Ngano Olympics in 1998 and for a time, was general manager of the Soviet Wings hockey team in Moscow.

Lyapkin recently celebrated his 75th birthday and is currently the General Director of *Hockey Legends*, an organization that arranges international friendly matches across Russia and neighboring countries — all aimed at supporting hockey and healthy lifestyles.

LYAPKIN and the SERIES of the CENTURY

Lyapkin competed in the 1972 NHL Summit series and was on the ice when Henderson scored the winning goal with 30 seconds left to play in the final game at Luzhniki. He was the Soviet defenceman who tried in vain to intercept the fateful shot and is often blamed for that deciding goal. The moment was captured by a Denis Brodeur image that shows Henderson slipping the puck past goalie Vladislav Tretiak and Lyapkin on the ice a few feet away.

"I'm on all of Paul's T-shirts and all the hockey cards, standing there frozen in time, looking beaten," Yuri recounted in a November 10, 2000 CBC interview.

In 1997, Brodeur's photos were used as source images for both 45¢ full gum se-tenant stamps used in the booklet issued by Canada Post to mark the 25th anniversary of the Summit Series.

On the stamp showing number 12 front and center (Yvan Cournoyer) hugging Paul Henderson, you can clearly see our Jewish defenceman, on the right side of the illustration, underneath the numeral 45. This would make Lyapkin the only identifiable Jew to appear on a hockey stamp — an interesting addition to any Judaica collection.

Lyapkin was inducted into the Russian/Soviet Hockey Hall of Fame in 1973 and into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2020. An arena in Balashikha his hometown, has been named in his honour.



▼ Canada Post released a limited edition Series of the Century 25th Anniversary Gift Box that included this unfolded, specially cancelled booklet pane.



The 1972 Canada-USSR hockay showdown was an eight-game exhibition series between the Soviet National Team and a team of Canadian-born professionals from the National Hockey League It was a benchmark competition, with the best players from the world's two great hockay power facing off for the first time. The series gave coaches, scouts and fans a chance to compare vasily different hockey syles that had evolved in a limost complete isolar tion from each other. La confrantation Canada-U.R.S.S. de 1972 fur une sèrie de huit parties horsconcurs mellant aux prises l'équipe nationale soviétique et une formation regroupant des joueurs de la Ligue nationale de hockey nás au Canada. Ce fut une rencontre historique : pour la première fois, les meilleurs joueurs des deux superpuissances du hockey s'affrantaient. Entraîneursachéfs, recruteurs et amateurs purent comparer deux styles de jeu tout à fait differents qui avaient évalué séparáment.



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IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT to track Jewish athletes from the USSR, as much effort was invested to eradicate religious practice under the Communist region. Public shows of faith or support for Israel were often met with job loss, imprisonment, banishment and in Stalin's time, much worse.

On December 20, 2019, the Russian Post Office via the JSC Marka company issued an "artistic stamped" commemorative envelope designed by M. Podobed (JSC Marka N^o 2019-138) on the 100th anniversary of the birth of a renowned Jewish hockey coach. The envelope is part of an ongoing series that reflects on the multinational state structure of the Russian Federation.



Nickolay Epstein (1919-2005) was born in Kolomna, an ancient city of Moscow Oblast, situated at the confluence of the Moskva and Oka Rivers, 114 kilometers southeast of Moscow. In his youth, Epstein was a very

competitive soccer player. He was also part of the effort to grow hockey in the USSR and to ultimately compete internationally.

Although Epstein's playing career saw him take the ice for Dzerzhinets Chelyabinsk (1947-49), Lokomotiv Moscow (1949-50), Spartak Moscow and Khimik Elektrostal (1951-53), it is as head coach with Khimik from 1953-1975 that he achieved legendary status in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

He is considered to have been the grandfather of hockey in Voskresensk, Russia. In 1951, he founded *Khimik*, now one of Russia's oldest hockey clubs. Epstein is also credited with building the Voskresensk Ice Palace in 1953, designing its stained-glass windows and even flooding the rink to make ice. The arena was built to give local fertilizer plant workers a place to play hockey and also to develop elite players from the surrounding area.

Khimik was never expected to compete with Moscow Dynamo and CSKA, but through Nickolay's extraordinary efforts, and his coaching philosophy known for giving his players opportunities



EPSTEIN WITH A GROUP OF YOUNG PLAYERS AT THE VOSKRESENSK ICE PALACE

to improvise and create on the ice, the team quickly grew to be a national contender using almost exclusively regional athletes.

From 1957 to 1989, *Khimik* was one of the best Russian teams of the Soviet era, winning national championships, three bronze medals and one silver championship!

Epstein was also head coach of the Soviet National Team and the Soviet Junior National Team that won a European Championship. with **Vladislav Tretyak** in goal.

Hockey fans would be familiar with many of the players that graduated from Epstein's *Khimik* hockey program. They include IIHF Division A World champion defensemen Alexander Ragulin and Yuri Lyapkin and forwards Vladimir and Alexander Golikov along with NHL Stanley Cup winners Igor Larionov, Valery Kamensky, Valery Zelepukin and Vyacheslav Kozlov.

Epstein helped coach the Israeli National teams in IIHF Group B competition c.1990-2000. He was inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and was one of the inaugural inductees to the Russian Ice Hockey Hall of Fame in March 2004.

Epstein, who in his latter years suffered from Alzheimer's Disease passed away in 2005. A son Mark survives him.

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Tribute to Forgotten Overprint

Yefim Rozenshteyn

In 1962 two United Nations agencies – Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNWRA) – took an initiative "under which more than 70 countries simultaneously issued postage stamps to draw attention to and help meet world refugee needs"[1].

Supporting the Plan



Figure 1 Refugee stamp Plan logo

Israel issued and donated to the plan 25,000 sets of 2 stamps (Scott No. 178 - 179) with the planned total cost of \$10,417.

The designs of the two stamps symbolize the ingathering and resettlement of refugees from the Arab Diaspora to Israel.





The tab inscription of the first stamp, Figure 2

י וָאָשָׂא אֶתְכֶם עַל-פַּנְפִי נְשֶׁרִים יווּ מוּ that I have borne you on wings of eagles...' (Exodus 19: 4)

The tab inscription of the second stamp, Figure 3

י וְיָשֶׁבוֹ, אִישׁ הַחַת גַפְנוֹ וְתַחַת הְאֵנָתוֹ וְאֵין מַחֲרִיד "They will sit, each man under his vine and his fig tree, and none will make them afraid..." (Micah 4: 4).

At least 3 articles related to the World Refugee Year and the Operation 'Magic Carpet' appeared in **The Israel Philatelist** [10, 11, 12].

There is also a complete reference book and a color guide of the stamps issued under this plan [3].

Proceedings Distribution

According to the plan, the net proceeds were expected to total \$1,587,641.45 to cover refugees worldwide.

The planned distribution of the proceeds was broken down by refugee areas and included \$396,910.36 (a quarter of all proceeds) for Palestinian Arab refugees in the Middle East. This amount included \$274,519.48 going to UNRWA and \$122,390.88 being transferred directly to other organizations in accordance with the wishes expressed by the donors [1].

The plan didn't include any allotment for Jewish refugees.

Different Approach

There was at least one case known to me of a different approach from the Dominican Republic, predating the U.N. initiative by four years. They surcharged an already issued set of stamps to benefit both groups of refugees (Figures 5, 6).

According to Danilo Mueses [4], Decree No. 3678 of April 12, 1958, authorized the overprinting of 50,000 sets of the Scott No. 484-488 and No. C103-105. An overprint of a Star of David, the Red Crescent and a surcharge of 2c to raise funds to help the Palestinian refugee was added. The decree also authorized the overprinting of 5,000 miniature sheets (perforated and imperforated) with a surcharge with 5c.

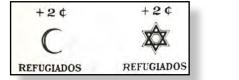


Figure 4 Overprints

As the Decree further states "The purpose of the sets was to raise funds to help both the Israeli and Arabs refugees".

Borodinsky [2] lists the basic stamps and the surcharged overprints under the "Refugees" category in the listing by Country.



Figure 5 Example overprinted stamps

The major stamp catalogs are very inconsistent in the description and numbering of the overprinted and surcharged stamps. Only Yvert & Tellier shows the overprints and surcharges explicitly (Figure 4).

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Figures 6, 7, 8 Miniature sheets described in the footnote to Scott No. 488. They additionally carry the marginal United Nations emblem and "UNRWA" imprint (Figures 7, 8).



The overprinted and surcharged stamps listed in Scott are No. B11-B20 and No. CB7-CB12.

Miniature sheets described in the footnote to Scott No. 488; "they additionally carry the marginal United Nations emblem and 'UNRWA' imprint."

The total amount raised all sets and miniature sheets was \$49,200 including the surcharges' \$10,200.

Interestingly, the author [4] says:

"So the Dominican Government raised \$10,200 for the refugees, but at the same time it achieved the benefits of \$39,000. This was achieved by the sale of thousands of stamps they have not been able to sell. They were the sets without the overprint and they would have laid in the vaults of the Reserve Bank".

Overprinted Stamps

The overprint was applied by the Waterlow & Sons, the same house that produced the stamps. They were issued on May 26, 1958.

The advertisement of these sets and the miniature sheets were described by the Elmont Stamp Co. as "The 'Surprise' Issue of the Year" appeared in The Israel Philatelist [9]. It also mentioned in the sale of 4 FDCs (no cachets).

Postscript: Mueses [4] is skeptical of the intention of the Decree. The were dozens of regular and airmail sets overprinted and surcharged in 1957 - 1966 by the Dominican Republic Postal Services. It was also the common way for many other countries to deliver the message and save time and money without creating new stamps.

Remember 1938

We also need to remember that the Dominican Republic was the only country among the participants of the infamous Evian Conference of 1938 [5] that offered and accepted the Jewish refugees from Germany. It offered to accept up to 100,000 Jewish refugees. It is estimated that 5,000 visas were issued, but only about 700 Jews reached the country before World War II started and the German borders were closed.

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Figure 1 Booklet cover



Example pane.

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Forerunners of the Holy Land

Robert Pildes, M.D.

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue and over the next several issues, I will be including selected exhibit pages from his gold medal exhibit. I want to thank Dr. Pildes for permitting me to publish his exhibit pages. Note: white space on exhibit pages has been sometimes eliminated to maximize the size of cover and write-up.

This exhibit illustrates the postal history of that area of the Ottoman Empire that became Palestine and eventually Israel. The time period covered starts in the pre philatelic era with an example as early as 1480, then covers the adhesive period, which in the Turkish administration, extends to the end of World War I, while all Foreign Administration offices were closed by the Turkish authorities with the outbreak of World War I on October 1, 1914

It is organized by major divisions into the Postal Administration of Turkey and the foreign administrations of Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Russia. The major divisions are then divided into the various types of postal services, starting with printed matter, then postcards, letters, etc. with each showing the respected rates. Within each special service, the origins are shown by city, starting first with Jerusalem as it being the major city, and the others in alphabetical order.

Turkish Postal services were apparently started between 1840-1846 with a courier service between Jerusalem and Beirut on a definite schedule. Foreign administration services were the result of the so called "Capitulation Treaties" that allowed foreign nations to maintain postal services. People preferred the foreign services as they were more rapid and reliable than the Turkish Post.

More than a third of the items in this exhibit represent unusual/rare destinations and the research performed is indicated by their number known and by the notation of earlier and latest dates than those that are recorded for specific postmarks in the literature. Historical references are also included

TURKISH ADMINISTRATION

Frame 1: Pre UPU mail, Egyptian Post Office Jaffa, Printed matter 2-10 pa postcards

Frame 2: Domestic and Foreign Postcards 10-20 pa, unusual destinations

Frame 3: Jerusalem Branch Offices; collection box letters, littoral rate, registered mail

Frame 4: Registered and advice of receipt; highest franking; postage due

AUSTRIAN ADMINISTRATION

Pre UPU mail, soldi rates including 4 soldi

Frame 5: Soldi Postcards, foreign Postcards 10 centimes rare destinations, cachets Aus Jerusalem, Bethlehem Frame 6: 20 para Postcards unusual destinations, PETA TIQUA and NAZARETH mail Frame 7: TIBERIAS local, rare destinations letters, registered mail, parcel post, postage due

FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Frame 8: Earliest Jerusalem Cross; various rates and destinations; registered and advice of receipt, postage due

GERMAN ADMINISTRATION

Frame 9: Various rates and destination; Brazil, Jaffa 1st Day; auxiliary agencies and collection box mail

RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIONS

Frame 10: Russian kopeck rates; printed matter to New Zealand; registered mail; postage due Italian: unusual destination; registered letters, postage due applied in Jerusalem (only one)

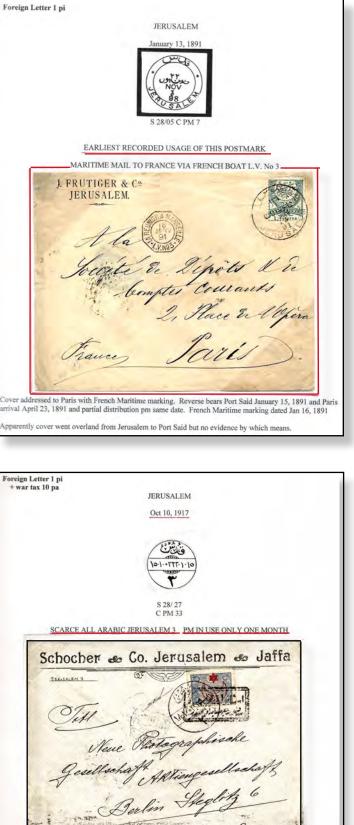
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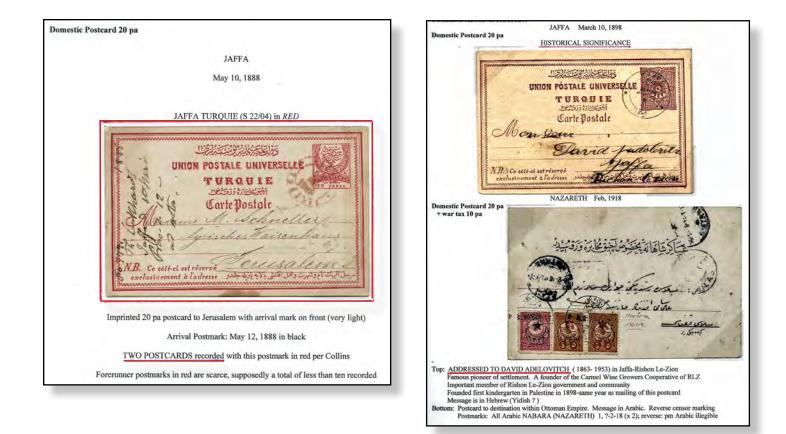
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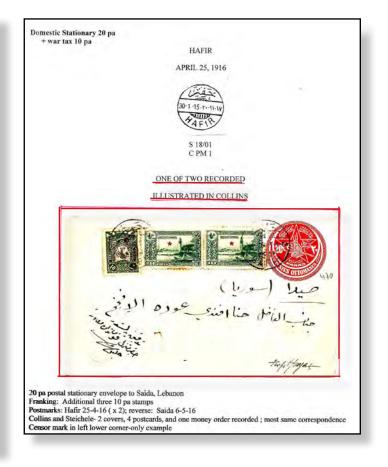
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to be continued

Dissecting a Cover

Donald A. Chafetz Translator: Dr. David Dubin **JNF Expert: Joe Weintrob**

A friend of mine, Bill O'Connor, found the cover in Figure 1 in a bundle of covers he purchased. He challenged me to explain the cover markings, cancellations and stamps/ labels. With the help of my library, Dr. David Dubin and Joe Weintrob here is what I determined is the story. Please correct me if I am wrong.

The cover is a souvenir from the 1949 Tabul First National Stamp Exhibition.

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Postmark Outside circle Top: Independence Day Bottom:"Tabul"stamp **Exposition 1949**

Inside circle: Military Mail: 4 May 1949 Headquarters (I think literally, "office")

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Figure 2

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6. A Different R-Label from the Military Post Office at Tabul, The Israel Philatelist 1981, Vol. 32, No. 7-8, p. 2602



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6. Label: Top line: Keren Keyemet LeYisrael (ie JNF) Inside the circle A quote from Numbers 14:30) "Let us go up and inherit her (namely the land of Israel) for we will be capable of doing so."

Below circle: 1882 BILU (in large letters at center). BILU was the pre-Zionist organization. 1942

Bottom line: Bet Yaakov Lechu VeNelcha (the initials spell BILU, a quote from Isaiah 2:5, "House of Jacob, come and let's go." ■



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Inventory Renewal of Existing Stamps

The Communications Department (which includes the Postal Service) is prepared for the new rate. Sale of the stamp discontinued on March 14, 2006



"The explanation for the round numbers used in postal rates: Accounts in Agorot (hundreds of Agorot) confuses postal workers"

The manager of the Postal Service revealed that stamps with round number denominations were prepared even before rate increases were authorized

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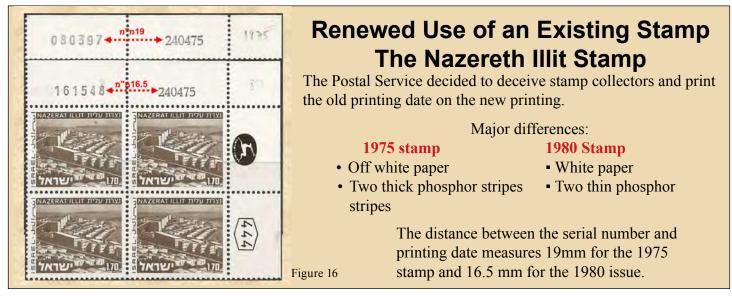
There was no stamp with a face value of 6.00 Lira

Regular mail postal rate was valid between August 15, 1980 - September 30, 1980.

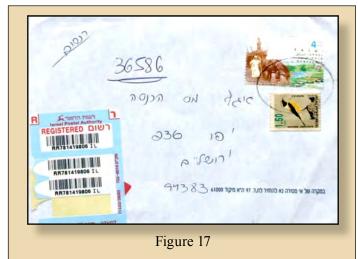


A 1.70 Lira stamp was needed to make the 6.00 Lira rate





Renewed Use of an Existing Stamp

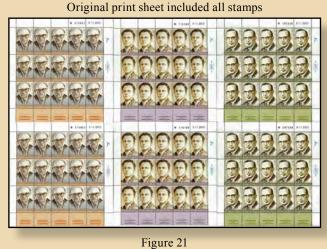


Between August 14, 2003 - October 30, 2006 the cost for mailing a registered letter was 6.20 New Shekel.



Attempts were made to conceal the reprinting from the public but in practice the printing went awary The date and sheet number information was accidentally moved one stamp to the right

How a Commemorative stamp turns into a Definitive stamp



Reconstructed print sheet

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Figure 18

The quantity did not meet the need for the volume of postal usage!

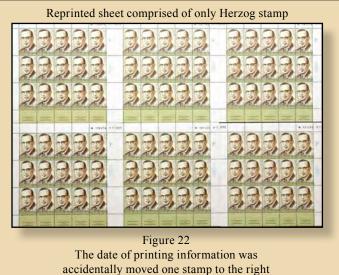


Figure 20

It was decided to issue a second edition

This despite the fact that the stamp is a commemorative stamp and not a definitive.

The reprint stamp was changed and some minor additions made to imporve the stamps appearance



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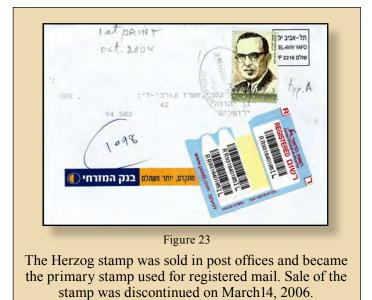
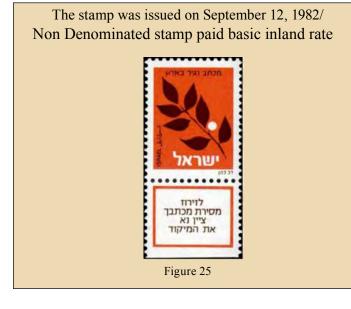
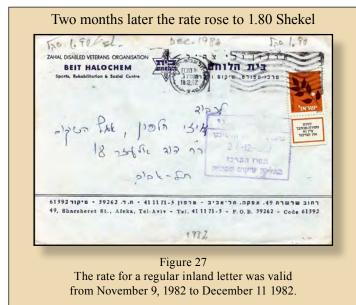


Figure 24The new stamps were sold in post offices until March 14, 2006

Stamps with no face value (i.e. non Denominated Stamps)





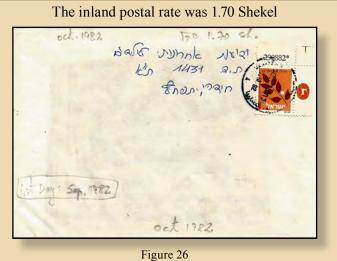


Figure 26 The rate for a regular inland letter was valid from August 15, 1982 to November 8, 1982.

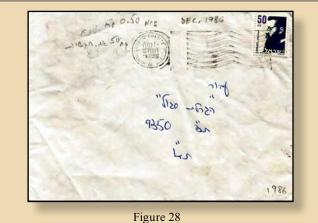


Figure 28 On September 1, 1989 the mail rate was 0.50 New Shekels. The rate was (nominally) in effect from September 1, 1989 to April 30, 1990. ■

to be continued

The Military Agrah Revenue Stamps – A Series

Arthur Harris, Benjamin Wallace

Foreword

Collectors of the State of Israel and military revenues are very familiar with William **Wallerstein's Specialized Catalogue of Palestine and Israel Revenues**. The military Agrah revenues are divided into four main sections:

- GS = Gaza and Sinai,
- WB = West Bank,
- KB = Kamat Brioot (Health Officer) and
- DF = Drug Fee.



Figure 1 - GSA 1 turquoise



Figure 2 - unrecorded light blue

1st Military Revenues

1967 saw the introduction of the first Agrah military revenue stamps in the Gaza Strip. The format of this series (**Wallerstein GSA 1-8**) is identical to the regular Agrah with the menorah emblem of the State of Israel in the upper right, Haotzar (Treasury) printed below it and Hotemet (Cachet, Seal) below Haotzar with the corresponding left-sided tab. There is one major difference and that is the additional text printed across the bottom of each stamp. The text reads "Mifkedet Kochot Zahal B'Retsoat Aza V'Sinai" meaning "Zahal Headquarter Forces in Gaza and Sinai."

Wallerstein lists eight denominations in this series, Bale lists only six.

In 1977, according to Wallerstein, the 10 lirot stamp with the error was reprinted. This value is most commonly seen.



Figure 3 - GSA 2 red



Figure 4 - GSA 3 pale rose



Figure 5 - unlisted darker rose



Figure 6 - GSA 4 yellow







Figure 8 - GSA 6C violet, (also pale violet & bright purple) with Zahal erroneously printed on top of the stamp.



Figure 9 - GSA 8 magenta

Figure 11 illustrates a military government pass with an El Arish cachet, which served as an exit permit via El-Qantara (by the Suez Canal) in 1971.

Additional series - GSB and others - will appear in future issues of The Israel Philatelist •





Usage

The usage of these revenue stamps is most frequently seen on exit passes/travel permits to Jordan as well as to other Arab countries (Figure 10), on passports as well as on identity papers. The stamp was put on the permit and the tab was put on the application and remained on file with the military government.



Figure 10

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U.S.S. Straus (DE-408)

Joe Weintrob



E nsign David B. Straus, Jr., Supply Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve was born on August 13, 1916 in Houston, Texas. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve on July 31, 1941; reported for active duty on August 22, 1941. He was assigned to the USS Lexington on October 13, 1941. On May 5, 1942, while serving as Storekeeper Second Class, he was promoted to the grade of Ensign, Supply Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve. Ensign Straus was killed on May 8, 1942 in action against the enemy on board USS Lexington during the battle of the Coral Sea.

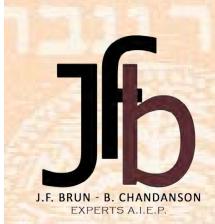
Ensign Straus Jr. was lost at sea but is remembered at the American military cemetery in Manila, Philippines. He is listed on the The Tablets of the Missing – a listing of the dead with no known graves. These listings always include thousands lost at sea. http://lost-at-sea-memorials. com/?p=1986



USS Straus DE-408

Doar Ivri

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Rescue of Polish Jews in World War II Żegota

Gene Eisen

Poland is Invaded

September 1, 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the east. Two days later, Britain and France declared war on Germany and World War II begins. September 17, 1939 the Soviet Union attacked Poland from the west. The Polish military was no match against the two behemoths; Poland was forced to surrender, and Germany and the Soviet Union divided it up. June 22, 1941, Germany broke its pact with the Soviets and attacked them on all fronts.

Nazi's Goals

The aim of the Nazi regime was evident; it was the complete annihilation of Polish Jewry. Severe restrictions on all Jews were ordered. The penalty for hiding Jews was immediate execution. In larger cities, Jews were crowded into ghettos where there was a shortage of food, and disease became rampant. From the ghettos, Jews were shipped to concentration camps where they were systematically murdered. In the smaller towns, Jews were simply murdered en masse. By mid-1942, approximately one million Polish Jews or one-third of the population was dead because of starvation, disease or cold-blooded murder.

Polish Resistance

The Polish Underground began soon after the country was invaded. Polish soldiers who had not been captured buried their uniforms and became the core of the Polish Resistance known as the Home Army (Armi Kragow or AK). By 1942, it was apparent that rescue of Polish Jews that remained alive was impossible from outside Polish borders. If Jews were to survive, they desperately needed immediate assistance from the Polish Underground.

Jewish Aid Council: Żegota

It was under these circumstances that Roda Pomecy Zydom "Żegota" (The Jewish Aid Council Żegota), also known by the code name Konrad Żegota, was formed on September 27, 1942. The founders were two Catholic Polish women activists, Zofia Kossak-Sczuecka (1890-1968) and Wanda Krahelska-Filipowicz (1886-1968). In 2017, the Polish Postal Authority issued a pre-paid postcard commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of Żegota (Figure 1). On the card is a portrait of one of the co-founders, Kossak-Sczuecka. For some reason, Krahelska-Filipowicz is not included on the card; her portrait is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 1 Zofia Kossak-Sczuecka

Kossak-Sczuecka withdrew from Żegota when Jews were added to the organization because she felt that Jews had their own resistance organization and Żegota should be a purely Christian organization. However, she



Figure 2 Wanda Krahelska-Filipowicz

went on to assist in organizations that served as a liaison between Żegota and Catholic convents and orphanages.

The second portrait on the postcard is that of Leopold Rutkowski-Zawadzki (1887-1949), head of the Department of Internal affairs of the Government Delegation of the Republic of Poland in Exile in London (1941-1944), one of the important funding sources of Żegota. Funding also was supplied by the Underground resources of the AK. Coordination of funding and activities also was established with the Jewish Underground.

Żegota's Organization

Żegota's first goal was to provide a safe haven for the Jews to protect them from the Nazis. A key strategy was smuggling Jews out of ghettos into the "Aryan" sector of the cities. The next step was based, in part, on the physical features of the individual. Jews who had Aryan features and spoke Polish fluently could pass as Christians, obtain false identification papers and seek employment. Those Jews with Semitic features would have to go into hiding, where they would have to be provided with housing, food, medical care and toilet facilities. Żegota had to assign a trusted guardian to assure their safety. Three key members of the Żegota organization who aided in rescuing Polish Jews were:



Figure 3 Emilia Hizowa

Emilia Hizowa (1895-1970) who joined Żegota in 1942 and was head of the Housing Office (Figure 3). She was an innovative architect, designing hiding places and false walls to protect the Jews within and was instrumental in organizing food distribution to those Jews who were in hiding.

Irena Sendler (1910-2008) head of the Children's Section of Żegota was a social worker who had access to the Warsaw Ghetto. She created a network that smuggled almost 2,500 Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto, finding places for them to hide in convents, orphanages and Christian homes. When her activities were discovered by the Nazis, she was arrested, tortured and sentenced to death, but was able to escape. In 1965, Sendler was recognized as a **Righteous Among the Nations** by Yad Vashem (RNYV).

In 2010 the Polish Postal Authority issued a pre-paid postcard commemorating the birth of Irene Sendler (Figure 4). To recognize the tenth anniversary of Sendler's death, 2018 has been designated "The Year of Irena Sendler," and Poland issued a stamp on March 21, 2018 with a portrait of Sendler (Figure 5).

Henryk Wolinski (1901-1986) was an AK liaison with the Jewish Fighting Organization (Figure 6) He headed a Żegota cell that saved almost 300 Jews and also harbored over 25 Jews in his own apartment. He was also recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.

Memorials to Żegota

One of the secret meeting places of the Żegota organization was in downtown Warsaw at 24 Zurawa Street. Zegota was commemorated there by placing a monument (Figure 7) in front of the building, which reads:

In 1942-44, in this building, there was a secret secretariat of the Council to Aid Jews

"Żegota", the social organization of the Polish Underground State, which saved lives of Jews who were





Figure 7

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Figure 8

at risk of death from the Nazi occupiers. This memorial was placed here on the 54th anniversary of the (Warsaw) Ghetto Uprising through the efforts of the Association of Jewish Veterans of the Republic of Poland. President of Warsaw."

Żegota was commemorated in Israel in 1963 by a plaque and the planting of an olive tree by Wladyslaw Bartoszewski on the Avenue of the **Righteous Among the Nations** by Yad Vashem (Figure 8).

Bartoszewski was a Polish Catholic member of Żegota who helped provide Jews with food, shelter and medical care in the Warsaw Ghetto. He was also honored as **Righteous Among the Nations** by Yad Vashem He died in 2015, and Poland issued a stamp in his memory on November 5, 2015 (Figure 9).



Figure 9 Wladyslaw Bartoszewski

The words of Zbignew Brezinski exemplify the bravery of the members of Żegota: "Żegota is the story of extraordinary heroism amid unique depravity...."

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Isaac Leib Goldberg

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Moshe Kol Kalman



Isaac Goldberg was born in a town called Sakiai which was then part of the Russian Empire. He studied in a heder under the supervision of Rabbi Yitzhak Alhanan Spector. In later years, he was a merchant in Vilna and was active in the Zionist movement. He served as part of the Vilna delegation to the first Zionist Congress in 1897 and was a member of the Hovevie Zion movement. As a result of his Zionist activities, he was arrested in Russia.

Goldberg dedicated most of his time working for the Zionist cause. At the Fifth Zionist Congress, he was one of the first members to contribute to the establishment of the KKL-JNF fund and one of the founders of Carmel Mizrachi. His orange grove was one of the most progressive and modern groves at the time. The grove was on the border with Ramat Gan and Tel Avi, a way station between Jaffa and Petach Tikva. It was used mainly by young people from the Second Aliyah on their way to Petach Tikva.

In 1910 Goldberg purchased about half the land of Moshav Har-Tuv which at the time was in financial difficulties. At the Moshav, he established the most modern cattle ranch at the time in Eretz Israel and also supported the planting of trees around the moshav. During World War I, Goldberg purchased land from the Templars on Mount Carmel. He continued on page 56

YONAH KREMENETSKY 1850-1934

Moshe Kol Kalman

Yonah Kremenetsky, was born on February 15, 1850 in Odessa, Ukraine. He received a traditional Jewish education but study electrical engineering. In 1880, after arriving in Vienna he become one of the pioneers of the electricity industry in the Austro-Hungarian empire. In 1883 he was asked by the Austrian heir to the throne, Prince Rudolf, to join the preparatory committee of the Exhibition Innovations - Electricity held in Vienna the same year.



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Herzl Meeting-Fund Raising

At the end of the 19th century Kremenetsky met with Herzl, father of political Zionism. During the Fifth Zionist Congress in 1901, Kremenetsky urged the Congress to approve the establishment of the Jewish National Fund. The Congress approved the establishment of the Fund. Kremenetsky hurried to be the first donor. Herzl followed his lead with the second donation and David Wolfson, assistant to Herzl with the third donation. A month after the establishment of the KKL-JNF, was chosen as its first chairman. He held the position from 1902-1907. As chairman he was looking for effective ways to spread the purpose for the establishment of the fund and to collect money. Kremenetsky found 3 ways of solicit contributions:

1. BLUE BOX - the blue boxes were used for collecting donations for the KKL-JNF. They were scattered

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also paid 7,500Palestine Pounds to buy land from Sir John Grey Hill. The land was used for the building of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem. He transferred the ownership of the land to the KKL-JNF.

Goldberg left his signature on newspapers in Eretz Israel too. He was the editor and publisher of the Zionist Histadrut periodical **Haolam** and the publisher of the Hebrew newspaper **Ha'am**. Immigrating to Eretz Israel in 1919 he was one of the early founders of the newspaper **Ha'artz**.

Isaac Goldberg died in Switzerland in the summer of 1935 and is buried in the old cemetery of Tel-Aviv.



around the Jewish communities in Europe and were one of the main ways of collecting donations.

2. STAMPS

Kremenetsky printed and sold stamp-like labels in order to provide an inexpensive means of collecting donations. The donation was according to the value embedded on stamp and was considered a contribution

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to the KKL-JNF. The stamps were also used on official documents of the Zionist institutions. In 1948 some of these stamps, overprinted "DOAR," were the first official stamps of the State of Israel.

3. GOLDEN BOOK - while the blue box and the stamps were designed to collect donations, Kremenetsky used other measures to encourage capital contributions from supporters. The "Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund" has the names of major donors since the beginning of the fund and is still in use.

Kremenetsky Death

Yona Kremenetsky was one of Herzl's closest friends. After Herzl's death, Kremenetsky helped to support Herzl's widow. At the age of 84, Kremenetsky died in Vienna. Three days later a memorial service was held for him in Jerusalem. Present at the service were Menachem Ussishkin KKL-JNF President and Nachum Sokolov, president of the World Zionist Organization.

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SIP President's column



I hope that all our members and their family members are able to avoid the virus affecting us and the world.

In the past week, I have talked with several long time members of our society and also heard how they are dealing with the stay at home order. Dr. Robert Pildes told me he is going through drawers, cabinets and boxes finding philatelic material long

Howard Chapman

forgotten. Each find is like purchasing something new for his collection. We look forward to a new or expanded exhibit from Bob.

Our editor, Don Chafetz, has continued to do a gold medal job on The Israel Philatelist. Being stuck at home has given Don the opportunity work even more hours on getting our Journal to the printer.

The operation of our society takes a lot of work and many volunteers. We are in need of a CPA to step up as a volunteer to become our treasurer/controller. This truly is one of the most important Society positions. I am currently doing the duties of the treasurer/controller in addition to being President. I would gladly let a volunteer become assistant treasurer until they learn the required work.

Convention

Our next convention is planned for NOJEX 2020 on October 23-25. We truly hope things in our world are better by then. It is always good to look forward to a positive future event. Let's all plan to make this the best Society Convention in recent years.

Past President Ed Kroft will be serving as a judge on the NOJEX jury. He will be giving a lecture Sunday morning on the topic "Palestine Aerophilately 1919-1948." Please plan an exhibit for NOJEX. Lets give Ed and the other judges a lot to review.

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Monsters Sheet 6 stamps	each 4.10 NIS

Autumn Flowes



Sigd Festival

The Sigd Festival is unique to Ethiopian Jewry and is celebrated each year on the Hebrew date of 29th Heshvan, 50 days after Yom Kippur.

In addition to the name Sigd (which stems from the Hebrew word Sgida, meaning worship) it is also called the "festival of supplication" and the "annual gathering". It is a day of fasting and purification, including a



ceremony to renew the covenant between the people and God and a prayer to return to Jerusalem.

Monsters



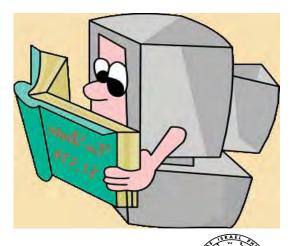
Monsters have been part of human lure""throughout history. They arouse our fears as well as our curiosity. Monsters are found in Greek and Indian mythology, in China and Japan, among the Vikings and African tribes, as well as the Biblical Nephili and Og king of Bashan and the Golem from Prague in Jewish folklore."

These monsters symbolize the fear of the unknown, which is especially prevalent in young children. At this age anxiety and thoughts turn into terrible creatures hiding in the room, under the bed or in the closet which may come out of hiding at night and cause harm. Every parent experiences his/her child's fear of these "monsters" and their real fear of them, most commonly at bedtime. This fear can persist for many months.

The monsters are depicted as funny clumsy characters that, despite their frightening and threatening appearance, are actually good creatures that just want to be loved, encouraged and have friends like everyone else.

The stamp series was inspired by the Monsters exhibit at the Eretz Israel Museum. ■





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