Many thanks to everyone who contacted me, via the “mention” in Stamp Magazine/Stamp Monthly and here is the Newsletter!. (It is Number 2 – as the introductory letter was No. 1)

Members List:-
Here is a list of all members who are in the Society.
I have respected the collectors wishes and have just listed the details that they requested.
The “membership number” is in the order that I received the applications.
So over a period of time, the lower the number – the longer that you have been a member. Therefore the higher your number, the newer you are.
The membership numbers, just denote how many members joined – and it is more of a curiosity value than anything else.

Although this Society, is dedicated solely to Judaica, whilst listing the Members below, I have listed their other interests too. – Any amendments to the details/interests, then please let me know.

001:– Gary Goodman. 26 Dunbabin Road, Liverpool. L15 6XN.
Tel :- 0151-722-4920 / 07957-160339
Email:- gary.goodman26@btinternet.com
Interests:- Judaica themed stamps. Judaica themed postmarks. (Also collect:-G.B.-Israel- Bananas depicted on stamps – Post-Offices on stamps. Also collect postmarks from all over the world. – G.B. postal history of postmarks and pictures, photographs and postcards of Post Offices).

002:– Anonymous – Manchester.
Interests:- Judaica – (But does not wish to exchange or correspond)

003:– Mrs E. Lori.
Email:- esmelori@aol.com
Interests:- Judaica collection – currently mainly Synagogues and Holocaust related.  
(Also collect:- Israel/Switzerland/Germany as general collections.  
Specialises in anything to do with Girl Guides.)

004:-  Terry Curzon. 11 Ash Close, Stanmore, Middlesex. HA7 3RH.  
Tel:- 07885-235656  
Email:- terry@kbsp.co.uk  
Interests:- Judaica.

005:-  S.W.Stuart Menzies.  
Email :- stuart@swsm.co.uk  
Interests :- Medicine – all areas.  
History of Bible Translations  

006:-  John Embrey. Nimrod House, Muckhart, Dollar,  
Clackmannanshire. FK14 7JH.  
Email:- embrey@lineone.net  
Interests:- First Day and other covers only.

I have also received 2 other enquiries – but they have not yet returned their membership forms.  
If anymore members join, then I will notify you in the Newsletter, as and when.

Now that we know who is in the society –  
So lets begin!!

I thought that I would begin with the subject of:-  
Judaica Stamp Dealers  
Although there are many stamp dealers that advertise in the 3 U.K. stamp publications – There are very, very, few that sell Judaica stamps – or even know what Judaica is!.

Over the years, I have practically contacted nearly every advertiser that appears in the magazines, that sell mint stamps.  
Many dealers in the U.K. either don’t know what Judaica is – and/or many dealers I find, are simply not interested in trying to obtain Judaica for you. Many dealers in this country, just want to sell you what they want to sell you – and not what you require.  
Except for the dealers listed below, I find that you often get a better deal on Judaica, from overseas in the U.S.A. and Canada.
The following is a list of Stamp Dealers that I have been successful with, and been able to purchase at least some Judaica stamps from. They are purely judged on my experiences.

**Buchannan Street Stamps, 205 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.**

An amazing shop in the city centre.

**Pros:** Able to help yourself, and look through many albums, selected by yourself from shelves of albums. The proprietor Gordon Carrol – who is friendly and obliging - is never far away, should you have a question, or if you cannot find a specific countries album. If you have a Wants List, then this is the ideal way, as you can go through the albums at your own leisure, and look for your stamps required.

**Cons:** The shop does not specialise in Judaica and does not have Judaica in any of his Thematic albums. You have to look for yourself for the Judaica. – But if you look hard enough – you can find a fair amount. (Infact the shop actually specialises in G.B. First Day Covers) But the above Pros, far outweigh the cons.

I can honestly say that this is the best Stamp Shop I have ever visited.

**Avion Thematics, Notts.**

**Pros:** Proprietor Mr West, is very obliging. – and knows what Judaica is. They have a list of Judaica stamps for sale. – even the scarce South African Bible Society stamp that depicts the Lords name in Hebrew. (They have this for a reasonably low price too.).

**Cons:** Maybe a little too many from the “sticky label” countries – But that is only a personal opinion.

**M & N Haworth, Clitheroe, Lancashire. (Mail Order)**

**Pros:** At least he knows what Judaica is! – and any stamps purchased are in pristine condition.

**Cons:** His stamps can be expensive.

**Tony Bray, Shipley, West Yorkshire.**

**Pros:** A new issue dealer that stocks New Issues from all countries.
He has the stock and the range of new issues – But you need to know what you are looking for, to order, from his extensive new issue lists. His stamps come in good condition.

Cons:- Although he offers a standing order service – this does not include Judaica unfortunately.

Judaica Sales Registered, Canada.
Pros:- A Judaica specialist – Stocks hundreds of Judaica themed stamps. All the stamps received are in perfect condition.

Cons:- Postage expensive from overseas.

They are all only my personal experiences – and would be interested to hear where other members get their Judaica stamps from. (After-all, this is YOUR newsletter and I will include whatever anybody submits to me. i.e. Comments, views, opinions, and even adverts of Wanteds and For Sales).

I am always looking out for other dealers that I can purchase Judaica stamps from.

Because of my experiences of poor availability of Judaica, I decided a number of years ago, that whenever I purchase Judaica themed stamps for my collection, to purchase duplicates at the same time, to ideally swap with fellow collectors, or sell.

Adverts:-
These are FREE.
Please send them in (For Sale, Wanted, etc) and I will list them.

I will “set the ball rolling” with the following advert:-

JUDAICA THEMED MINT STAMPS AND JUST A COUPLE OF JUDAICA FIRST DAY COVERS.
IDEALLY WOULD LIKE TO SWAP – BUT WILL SELL.
CAN SEND IN POST (OR EMAIL) LIST.
CONTACT:- GARY GOODMAN. 26 DUNBABIN ROAD, LIVERPOOL. L15 6XN.
FOR SALE:- APPROXIMATELY 100 ISRAELI COVERS – (1950’S – 1980’S) – NOT HIGH VALUE COVERS, BUT A NICE COLLECTION, ESPECIALLY FOR ANYONE STARTING TO BUILD AN ISRAELI FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTION. FURTHER DETAILS FROM MRS J. DYSCH – TEL:- 0208-428-7333

FOR SALE:- 1959 MASONIC PILGRAMAGE TO ISRAEL COVERS – AND ALSO SOME MASONIC RELATED PAPERS. WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MASONIC THEMATIC COLLECTORS. FURTHER DETAILS FROM MRS J DYSCH – TEL:- 0208-428-7333

“Have Your Say”
This is your Newsletter, so send in your opinions, and views, letters, and adverts. You don’t want to just listen to my views all the time! The Newsletter will never be “too heavy” – but it will always be Judaica related.

Jewish Community in Cuba.
The Jewish Community in Cuba will be 100 years old this year (2006). At the moment I have not heard of any stamp being issued to commemorate this landmark. We will have to wait and see!!.

Egyptian Treasures.
In 2004, Egypt issued a prestige stamp booklet. There were 30 stamps in the booklet, but one of the stamps depicts Ben Ezra Synagogue. Thus making this booklet Judaica related. For some unknown reason, the Philatelic press, said that this book was issued in very limited quantities, and apparently scarce.
I must admit, I had a problem purchasing this booklet in the U.K. But to be fair, I often find it hard to purchase any Judaica related stamps in this country!
A friend of mine, was visiting Egypt, last year, so I asked him to purchase some of these booklets for me, that is, if he was able to obtain any!.
I am pleased to say, that he was able to. – And I have a few spare booklets if anyone is interested.
They are currently being advertised by stamp dealer Tony Bray on his web site at £27.50 each.
However, I have them available for £18, if anyone is interested. Or ideally, I am willing to swap them for other Judaica stamps. What do you have to offer?.

Next month, I will discuss the subject of Judaica Stamp Catalogues.

Bye for now. And Happy Collecting.

Gary.