VERY FRUSTRATING!!!

In the latest Gibbons Stamp Monthly – May 2006 issue. There is a listing of foreign Postal Stationery items. Included in this were 3 Judaica related items:-


Argentina – 9th December 2005 – 75th Anniversary of Israel Association in Argentina with 75c stamp imprint.


But how very frustrating, in that these items are mentioned, and the Estonia issue is even beautifully illustrated, with the Israeli flag clearly depicted. – But there is no dealer to my knowledge in the whole of the magazine who sells these items.

Instead, I have had to go on the internet – (not the ideal way to buy stamps – or am I being old fashion at 44!!). – After a couple of emails, I have been able to track down the Estonia issue – and quite nice they are. But it would have been so much easier, if I could have purchased them from a dealer that advertises in the stamp magazines.

It is the same old story, the dealers don’t have what we want. – They just want to sell to us what they want to. No wonder the hobby is in the state it is!.

Can anyone please tell me from where I could obtain the Argentinian issues from?………………or is anyone going to Argentina for their holidays????
A.B.C. OR X.Y.Z!!!

Whilst looking through my Judaica collection recently, I noticed that many of the stamp issues were from countries at the beginning of the alphabet.
I had 136 stamp issues from countries beginning with A,
And had 138 stamp issues from countries B to E.
Countries with F had 102 stamp issues,
Whilst countries G to I totalled 260 issues.

I was not too surprised with these findings and “high figures”, as in recent years there has been an abundance of stamp issues, (Judaica related that is) from these countries, “at the front of the book”!

For instance, Argentina issued in 1990 stamps relating to Jewish Immigration, and also again in 2005. Also in 2005, a Religious Temples issue included a stamp depicting a synagogue. – and in the same year, there was also a stamp commemorating Rotary, and also a stamp for Albert Einstein.

Austria too, also have issued an abundance of Judaica related issues. These include a joint issue in 2004 with Hungary and Israel, commemorating Theodor Herzl. Then in 2005, Judaica related issues included, a stamp depicting the Imperial Post-Office in Jerusalem, a Miniature Sheet, commemorating Carl Djerassi, and a stamp commemorating Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

France, despite all the “goings-on” in that country, have also released Judaica related stamps – in 2005 alone, there were stamps released for Raschi, (the famous Bible commentator), Writer Raymond Aron, Chief Rabbi of France Jacob Kaplan, and Albert Einstein, to name but a few.

And even Germany, constantly surprisingly bring out Judaica related issues. In 2005 this included, Albert Einstein, Boxer Max Schmeling, and a joint issue with Israel, commemorating an Israel/Germany Diplomatic Relations issue.

In conclusion, 59 countries at the beginning of the book, up to and including the letter I, created 636 Judaica related stamp issues.

At the back of the book, the letter S to Ukraine created 98 stamp issues.
Whilst the United Nations and the United States Of America totalled 96 issues.
And Uruguay to Zambia totalled 26 issues.
In conclusion, S to Z, amounted to 34 countries and a total of 220 Judaica Stamp related issues. – With the United States Of America, amounting the most issues in this sector. These figures represent what I actually have in my collection, and not necessarily what is available. ( - That is, if you can or could obtain them!!).

Although the countries at the beginning of the book, have issued quite a number of Judaica related issues in the last few years, as mentioned above. However, I don’t think that this is the only reason for all the Judaica issues at the front of the book.

Personally, I think that there is another important factor – and that is, whenever I look through dealers price lists – or go through a Stamp Dealers stock, - although, there are not many dealer’s stocks to go through!! I tend to start from the letter A. Then on to B, C, D, E, etc, etc, However, for whatever, reason there may be, sometimes I never make it to X, Y, Z,. Sometimes, it could be that I run out of time looking through dealers stockbooks, or sometimes it is that I have got fed up looking at the lack of Judaica stock, in a dealer’s stockbook, and I give-up, and never make it to the end of the alphabet.

The other reason for not getting to X, Y, Z, is that sometimes when looking through dealer’s lists, I have overspent my budget, and cannot afford all the stamps on a list, towards the end of the list.

Because of these two reasons, the countries at the back of the book tend to get neglected. So, therefore, I now often look at dealer’s lists from the back – and work backwards. The same applies to dealer’s stockbooks. This way, my collection, will hopefully, be more balanced in the future.

Am I just being silly – or do I have a point? I would be interested in your comments for publication in a future newsletter.

Finally, if you have any articles, information, or adverts, for inclusion in a forthcoming newsletter – then please just send them in by e-mail or post. – I would be delighted to receive any input what-so-ever for publication in a future newsletter.

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