Many thanks for all the information received on various Judaica items. Please keep sending in whatever information that you come across, no matter how small it may appear. The more information received for publication in the newsletter, then makes the newsletter, that little bit more interesting.

We also welcome another new member:

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Charles Wildstein (016) has submitted a list of recent new Judaica issues, and details of various philatelic web sites that you may find of interest:

RECENT NEW JUDAICA ISSUES
(Israel:) - 17th December 2006 – 120th Anniversary of Esperanto)
Germany: - October 2006 – Hannah Arendt – 100th Anniversary.
Spain: - September 2006 – 20th Anniversary of diplomatic relations with Israel.
Khazakstan: - 2006 – Chabad synagogue in Alma Ata.
United States of America: - 11th November 2006 – Cancellation commemorating Judy Resnick. (Space astronaut).
VARIOUS PHILATELIC WEB SITES
(Some of these sites may be beneficial with your Judaica collecting)

www.wnsstamps.ch  - An interesting site – Gives the stamps issued in most of the countries since 2002.

www.free-stampcatalogue.com  - This is a Dutch dealers price list with most of the stamps illustrated - but you have to decipher the judaica material. (Catalogue numbering is Michel)

www.philaguide.com

www.stampshows.com

www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org  - Non philatelic – but very interesting for Judaica.

Raymond Hart (007) has sent in the following interesting information regarding “Righteous Gentiles”, and details of stamps from various countries relating to this subject:

On 19th January 2007, the French Post Office produced a stamp “Les Justes De France”.
It refers to “Righteous Gentiles” who are commemorated at Yad Vashem.
Three postcards and a souvenir envelope were also produced in France.

Also in France a series of five envelopes first day have been produced concerning the rehabilitation of Alfred Dreyfus, who appeared recently on a stamp – relating to:- Emile Zola, Jean J’aures, Bernard Lazare, Rabbi Zadoc Kahn, and Auguste Scheurer-Kestner.
These can be obtained from Pro Arte in France at a price of 20 euros per set.

Their contact details are:-
Pro Arte,
103 Avenue Georges-Gosnat,
94200 Ivry – Sur – Seine,
France.
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Various stamps have been issued for “Righteous Gentiles” on this subject:-

Belgium:- Yvert number 2637, in memory of Yvonne Nevejean, Head of Oeuvre Nationale D’Enfance in Belgium in 1940. Recognised to have saved at least 4,000 Belgian Jews from deportation. Recognised at Yad Vashem in 1965.

Belgium:- Yvert 326, (and certainly many others as well). Queen Elizabeth of Belgium who worked with Yvonne Nevejean (see above), and prevented 60 children at a children’s home in Wezembeek from being deported to Auschwitz.

France:- Yvert number 2153, issued in 1981 in honour of Pastor Marc Boegner who was head with Cardinal Pierre Marie Gerlier of “Amitie Chretienne” devoted to saving the lives of thousands of French Jews. Recognised in 1988 as a “Righteous Gentile”.

Germany:- Yvert number 621, issued in 1973, Maximillian Korbe who was a priest who helped save Jews in Auschwitz camp.

Lithuania:- issued in 1994 a stamp in memory of Chiune-Sempo, and his wife Yukiko Sugihara, Japanese, who were recognised in 1984 by Yad Vashem. They probably saved about 6,000 Jews in 1940.

Portugal:- Yvert number 2052, issued in 1995, in honour of Aristides De Sousa Mendes who issued about 30,000 visas contrary to the instruction of Dictator Salazar of Portugal, to save Jews in Bordeaux in France. Rejected by the Portuguese state he was only rehabilitated in 1988.

Spain:- Yvert number 3175 for Angel Sanz Briz Ambassador in Budapest who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews by the issue of safe conducts, and was recognised by Yad Vashem in 1991.

Sweden:- Yvert number 1427, issued in 1967, Folke Bernadotte who saved 400 Danish Jews in Theresenstadt in 1944, and has a forest planted in his name in Israel.

Switzerland:- Yvert number 1624, issued in 1999, representing the efforts of Consul Carl Lutz, in saving about 62,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation. Recognised at Yad Vashem in 1965.

United States Of America:- Yvert number 2586, issued in 1987, in memory of Raoul Wallenberg, who saved at least 100,000 Jews from the Holocaust and was recognised as a “Righteous Gentile” in 1996, and was made an honorary Israeli in 1986.
He has been depicted on stamps from various countries.

Harriet M. Epstein (012) writes:-

Re: Ralph Lanesman’s article on people thought to be Jewish, who may actually not be – the following thoughts and facts:-

(a):- It does not appear that Yves Montand was born Jewish.
    Is it possible that he converted when he married Simone Signoret, who was Jewish?.

(b):- Clara Zetkin’s maiden name was Eissner. This is often a Jewish surname, but certainly not in itself proof that she was Jewish.

(c):- Frida Kahlo’s maternal grandmother was Jewish. Her name was Henriette Kaufmann. This would have been good enough for Hitler to consider her Jewish, but may not make the grade with some Judaica collectors.

Finally, I have still not received any clues about the Jewishness of Bela Lugosi or Cary Grant – Any information would be greatly appreciated.
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THE BEATLES

As expected, the demand for these covers was high.
And an instant return for these could be made, with covers fetching £50 plus on ebay.

For the record, Here are the postmarks, that were available:-

Penny Lane date stamp with a Meter Mark from a (Jewish) solicitors in Penny Lane.
St. Johns date stamp with a Meter Mark from a (Jewish) solicitors in Mathew Street. (Home of the Cavern Club).
Childwall date stamp – the nearest post office, to where Brian Epstein (Beatles Manager lived).
Also, nearest post office to where the owner of Hessy’s lived. (Beatles bought their first instruments there).
(If there is still anyone interested – I do have various permutations of postmarks still available – but I am seriously thinking of placing them on e-bay, due to the high prices they are now fetching.)