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I am pleased to introduce further new members to our society:-

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THE OBVIOUS IS NOT ALWAYS SO.
I don’t need to tell you all, that collecting Judaica, is interesting and even exciting, especially when you get that item, that you have always been looking for. Throughout my travels, both here at home, and even abroad, many people, who are not Philatelists, both Jewish and non-Jewish, are always interested when I tell them what theme I collect on stamps.
People show a genuine interest – and like to know more. This has resulted in me writing articles for Synagogue magazines, local publications, and even offers of giving talks too. (I am sure fellow members have also shared these similar experiences.)

With all the interest, I thought that I would submit a chatty light-hearted article, to the Jewish Press in the United Kingdom, where I reside. There are two “main” publications. There is the Jewish Telegraph, which has their Head Office 30 miles away in Manchester. They publish weekly, a Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Glasgow editions of the paper. The other publication, which in fact is the main paper and the largest circulation in the U.K. to British Jewry, is the Jewish Chronicle, and is based in London. I thought that both these publications would welcome, an interesting article about Judaica Stamp Collecting – and all that goes with it!.

After-all, how many times do you want to read that same old recipe for Challah, Chopped Liver or Lockshen-Pudding!.

However, to my surprise, the obvious publications, are not always so. The Jewish Telegraph, did not even acknowledge receipt of my article. – And completely ignored it for publication. Whilst the Jewish Chronicle, contacted me to say that, that sort of article was not suitable for their paper, and not within their parameters. Crazy, but the paper must think that readers want to read adverts and features about non-kosher burger restaurants instead!.

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A POSSIBLE JUDAICA STAMP FROM ESTONIA? – WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE!.
Estonia opened their first synagogue since World War Two in Talinn on Wednesday 16th May 2007. Estonia is home to 3,000 Jews. We will have to wait and see if the country issues a stamp to mark this historic occasion.

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BARBADOS ISSUE A JUDAICA SET
Barbados issued a set of stamps on 15th May 2007, titled “Jewish Synagogue Museum”. There are 4 values in the set – a 5c, 10c, $1.40 and $2.50. The 5c stamp depicts the interior of The Jewish Synagogue. Which also shows the Holy Ark and The Ten Commandments, above it.
It is interesting to note, that G-d’s name appears on the Ten Commandments. – It is hard to decipher the exact wording of how his name is spelt, unless you have a very strong magnifying glass. – Although if anyone has been to this synagogue in Bridgetown, then “we” can find out the correct spelling.

The 10c stamp shows the outside of the Jewish Synagogue “Nidhe Israel” Museum. Whilst the $1.40 depicts a “Hanukiah” (candelabra), and the $2.50 value depicts a Stained Glass Window from the Synagogue.

The First Day Cover features the entrance to the synagogue. There is also a Presentation Pack. However, the pack itself does not have anything associated with Judaica – except for the leaflet inside, which tells you about the Synagogue issue.

This issue is available on my Judaica list – if anyone is interested.

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CANADA ISSUES A JUDAICA SET
Thanks to Charles Wildstein for confirming for me, that there is a Judaica relevance in the following stamp issue by Canada.
One stamp depicts The Canadian National Gallery, which had Moshe Safdie as the Architect for this building.
Moshe Safdie was born in Haifa, Israel in 1938.

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CONFIMATION OF “JUDAICA” ON G.B. BEATLES STAMPS
Following the information in the last newsletter, regarding Jewish personalities that appear on the Sergeant Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band album cover, which was depicted on one of the stamps.
Member Ira Licht, has contacted me to confirm that Wallace Berman (Artist) was Jewish, and that Richard Lindner (Artist), was Jewish and a refugee. However, H.C. Westermann was not Jewish.

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“AND ANOTHER JUDAICA PERSON”
New member Claude Wainstain has also informed me that Sigmund Freud also appears on the Beatles stamp.
I have a feeling that this list may continue to grow!!
If you know of any other people on the record sleeve/stamp, then please let me know.

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CAN YOU HELP?
Various countries including Great Britain are issuing stamps to commemorate the Harry Potter books and films.
Can anyone please confirm for me that the actor who plays Harry Potter, that is Daniel Radcliffe – if he is Jewish or if any of his family are?.
I had read in a newspaper that his Grandmother is or was. – But I don’t always believe what I read in the papers. Often certain papers like to “sensationalise” these type of things.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED
The author George Simeon has been depicted on stamps from Belgium and France in recent years.
I believe that he was a Catholic. – But there is a Judaica connection somewhere.
Was Maigret the detective, that he wrote about, - was he Jewish??
Hope someone can solve the mystery!.

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IN REPLY TO LOUIS SCHONFELD.....

Harriet M. Epstein has replied to Louis Schonfeld’s comments last month:-

“I think Louis Schonfeld has some excellent ideas. However, they will take a lot of volunteer time to bring about. I am a family caregiver, and can’t do much, but if some of our members can, it would be a boon to have checklists, subscription services, etc,. I hope the subscription service will be by sub-topics as I do not aim to collect all Judaica, only my favourite sub-topics.”

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FROM GARY
I would just like to say, in answer to “subscription services” – It would be fantastic to be able to offer a service, of all Judaica new issues. But it can be hard to try and locate every new Judaica issue.
However, I always try to buy Judaica stock, where ever I am on my travels, and am in constant contact with various stamp dealers, both home and abroad. I try to carry a good stock of Judaica themed stamps, - and already a number of members are aware of my stock, and have purchased stock from me. Most of my stock is from current issues from now, going back 20 or so years.

If anyone would like a copy of my stock for sale, then please just let me know, and I will e-mail you my latest list.

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