SOCIETY COVERS HAVE ARRIVED!!
I am pleased to say that the Society covers have arrived, and the members that have already ordered one, should receive it in the post within the next couple of days, if not already. (*SEE BELOW*)

In an attachment with this newsletter, is illustrated the colour design of the actual cover.

Your views on the cover, and any future ideas will be greatly appreciated. (Good or bad!).

Although I like the design, I am disappointed that one of the Dreidels clashes with the postmark. – Maybe I was badly advised regarding the layout of the cover. – But at least I will be well aware, should there be a next time.

Unfortunately some of the covers are not to the standard, that I would like them to have been in, in pristine condition. Afterall if I would not put them in my collection, then why should you. Therefore, although it states that it is a limited edition of 20, which is still correct. Infact, there are only 16 in perfect condition, and the other 4 will not be sold at full price.

As I had already mentioned the prices in the previous newsletter – these prices will remain the same. But technically, they should have been a little dearer to cover the costs fully, of these 4 covers.

*THERE WILL BE A DELAY IN SENDING THE COVERS, AS I AM WAITING FOR THE CARD INSERTS TO ARRIVE.*

When I received the covers, there were no card inserts as originally discussed with the cover producer. These are now being posted out to me. – I would have thought they would be white to match the cover, but I believe they are a light beige, “hand-cut” from beige card!. – (I suppose collectors could always replace these for their own white card!). I must say that I am disappointed with this outcome.
Please don’t think I am being critical of anyone. But I believe in being perfectly honest, with all fellow members, regarding these covers. At least for future covers I know what to improve on. This society is “your” society, so please tell me of any comments or suggestions that you may have regarding this cover. – Or if you know of anyone that can produce the covers for us. I am grateful for all the help and co-operation received by the cover producer for this issue, - but I am always looking for ideas, and better prices etc, so if “we” can have the choice of a couple of cover producers, then this has got to be a good thing.

The cost of a cover is:-
U.K.: - £5.00 + £1.00 postage and packing.
U.S.A.: - $10.00 + $4.00 postage & packing. (Air-Mail Ordinary post)
Europe: - £8.00 + £3.00 postage & packing. (Air-Mail Ordinary post)
(Overseas Registered post is an additional $12/e7.00/£4.30)

Please note: - Packages are not insured unless Registered post is used.

There are still a few covers remaining – So if you want one, please e-mail me first to reserve one of the last few.
(judaicathematicsociety@talktalk.net)

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JUDAICA RELATED U.S.A. ISSUES
Many thanks for the response to the question of U.S.A. Judaica related issues for 2008. March 6th. will see the issue of 4 stamps depicting American Scientists. Scientist Gerty Cori was born of Jewish parents. However the other 3 stamps are not Judaica related.

It is the same situation, with the April 22nd. Issue of American Journalists. This issue will consist of 5 stamps, but only 1 stamp will be Judaica related. That of journalist Martha Gellhorn.

I would be interested in members comments regarding the question, of whether “the society” should produce and release a First Day Cover on these occasions.
I will put my thoughts into the pot!
I don’t think there would be a good enough demand/response to a cover for these issues. The reason being, in that the complete sets are not Judaica related – only a single stamp. – And to produce a cover properly, the complete set would have to be serviced on the cover.
I would have thought it would “not be complete” to just service the single stamp in the set.
Your opinions are awaiting.

DESIGN ERROR ON U.S.A. GERTI CORI STAMP
The American Scientists issue depicting biochemist Gerti Cori, actually has a mistake in the chemical formula on the stamp.
I believer that the stamp will not be recalled, and the error will appear.
The stamp will show the incorrect structural formula for cori ester,
A derivative of glucose, which Gerti Cori and her husband discovered.
On the stamp, a line is incorrectly drawn to the second “O” in OPO 2/-3”. It should in fact be drawn to the first “O”.

UNITED NATIONS JUDAICA THEMED ISSUE
The United Nations are issuing a joint-issue with Israel on February 1st. – (although the United Nations web-site states January 27th.)
The Remembrance and Beyond stamps, will mark the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust.
There will be a single stamp, issued at each of their U.N offices in the U.S.A., Switzerland and Austria.
The stamps are available in a mini-sheet format of 9, which will consist of the 3 stamps. In the top portion of the stamp sheet there is a statement by Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the UNO.

Another Judaica related issue, will be issued on May 8th. Two personalised stamp panes will be issued to commemorate the Essen stamp show in Germany, and the Israel world philatelic exhibition, which will be taking place from May 14th. (I am pleased to say that I will be attending this show in Israel.)
The sheet will consist of 10 United Nations stamps, with pre-printed se-tenant labels honouring the shows.
JUDAICA ISSUES FROM GERMANY
April 10th, will see Germany issue a single stamp to commemorate the 100th Birth Anniversary of humanitarian Oskar Schindler. (1908-1974).

Another stamp to be issued on this date, is a stamp to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of physicist Max Planck. (1858-1947).

July 10th. will see Author Franz Kafka (1883-1924) commemorated on a stamp, to commemorate his 125th Birth Anniversary.

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NEW DISCOVERIES AND FUTURE ISSUES
Thanks to Charles Wildstein for his correspondence on various issues including:-

Serbia: - 1st. November 2007 – In a set of 3, a painting by Frida Kahlo.
Future Issues: -
Croatia: - 1st. December 2008 – Painting by Oskar Herman.
Croatia: - 2008 – Commemorative postcard – Esperanto.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS
It is with deep regret that I have to announce the passing away of one of our members: -
009: - Dr. Norman Peters, London.

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ARTICLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED. (NOT MONETARY!)
To keep the newsletter of interest and varied, I urgently need articles, news, snippets of information etc.
Maybe even, Letters to the Editor – and also controversial topics, which will then make other members write in.

Just a thought but if every member wrote one article for the newsletter, we would then have enough articles for one to appear in each newsletter for 3 years!.

Don’t forget, there is no restriction on the amount of adverts you submit. (Wanted, For Sale, Swap, etc.)