MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
A member has asked me, in what parts of the world our members come from.
I thought it would be interesting to list the countries these members come from:-
16 members from the U.S.A.
11 members from the U.K.
4 members from Israel.
2 members from France.
1 member from Canada.

I would like to take this opportunity of re-assuring everyone, that I do not release your e-mail address or addresses and telephone numbers etc, to anyone
I know we had the problem once of someone contacting everybody. Since this mishap I now don’t show fellow members e-mail addresses at the top of your newsletters, when it arrives as an e-mail.

Adverts are free, so if anyone wants to contact all the members, then this is the way to do it.

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U.S.A. TO ISSUE 2008 HANUKKAH STAMP
Despite it not being officially listed in their original list, the U.S.A. have now listed, and will be issuing a Hanukkah stamp in 2008.
It will be issued on 31st. October, and will be the same format as last year depicting the Dreidel.
The only difference will be the value on the stamp, which will probably be 42c. It all depends when the postal rate increase takes place, and to what price!.

DESIGN THE HANUKKAH COVER?
The Hanukkah issue, will be a good enough reason for the Society to produce another cover.
However, this time, I would like to give the opportunity to all members to submit their ideas of design etc. for the cover.

If I may, I would just like to start the ideas, by sharing with you my suggestion for a design.
I suggest a Menorah with coloured candles burning.
Above the Menorah would be a small arc/semi-circle of Stars of David. – And below the Menorah there would be another arc/semi-circle in the opposite direction depicting small Dreidels.
(Of course, the design would not be as wide as our first cover – to enable no collision with the postmark)

This is only a first idea, and I would welcome all your comments, suggestions and ideas.
Of course, I am also looking for some “Judaica Thematic Society” wording to be included on the cover too.
Any ideas?.

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UNITED NATIONS “HOLOCAUST” ISSUE
Thanks to member Charles Wildstein, I can confirm that this issue was issued on 27th. January 2008, and not the 1st. February.

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NEW ISSUE
Italy issued on 12th. February, an issue to commemorate the centenary of the Olivetti typewriter.
Olivetti founded by the Jewish Camillo Olivetti.
(Thanks again to Charled Wildstein for this information).

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ANTI-ISRAEL ISSUE?
According to a Palestinian news agency, members of the Arab League, which consists of 22 countries, will release a joint stamp issue in support of Palestinians.
A single design will be issued by all these countries in March.
This sounds like an “Anti-Israel issue”?.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BELGIUM
On the 17th. March 2008, Belgium will issue a single stamp depicting a “Menorah” commemorating the Jewish Community In Belgium. With a blueish background design.
The stamp will be available in a sheetlet of 10. But the sheetlet is plain with just a white side-band around the sheet – and the name of the issue printed along the top edging of the sheet.
The First Day Cover depicts a “Menorah” which is the same depiction as the “Menorah” on the stamp, and, as on the handstamp.

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HOLOCAUST ON STAMPS
BY
KEITH NEWBITT
Inspired by the occasional new issue and the stamps of DDR, I decided to research Holocaust issues.
This quickly grew into a display which has been greatly expanded over the past few years and is comprised of about 110 items from 28 countries, and which now forms part of “The Diaspora, Exile and Return” display.

Anti-Semitism is part of the Diaspora display, but it is useful to list it here.
Starting with Alfred Dreyfus on an Israeli cover, and French stamps of Emile Zola, Georges Clemenceau, and the centenary of the presentation of the Legion D’Honneur to Dreyfus. The Austrian Anschlus stamp, a cover with an anti-semitic slogan, a postcard from Graz, German propaganda stamps of Great Britain issues and a JNF (Jewish National Fund) label complete this section.

”The Hitler Years” follows with issues for Kristalnacht, the yellow star, banning of books and newspapers, Heine with his prophetic “where books are burned, one will end up burning people”. Deportation, (Westerbork, Netherlands; Veld’Hiver, Paris; Italy.) Babi Yar and the destruction of communities. (Synagogue and Art stamps).

Six concentration camps (mostly DDR) and on a double-page spread five camps, and five of the six extermination camps and deportation from Estonia appear. A St. Vincent Grenadines WW2 sheet shows the notorious rail entrance of Auschwitz, along with stamps of Auschwitz 1, Birkenau and Monowitz.
Individuals: Anne Frank and Edith Stein; Rebellions; Partisans; Vilna and Warsaw risings; Warsaw stamps, souvenir sheet and the Zuckermans.


Liberation: Israel Dachau miniature sheet; 50th. Anniversary, Germany and stamps from Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Tonga. Memorials include camps and National memorial stamps and the display ends with two pages devoted to Yad Vashem. It seems as though in the last few and the coming months there is a sudden rush of Holocaust stamps, much of which I am afraid seems to be very speculative. For instance, I bought the first Grenada sheet but they have gone on to issue another three sheets at £6.95, so I shall be wanting to see if any of these and other issues (mainly Caribbean) are worth it before purchasing.

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Many thanks to Keith for submitting the above article.
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**ADVERTS:**

**WANTED** – Looking for a list of Anti-Israel stamps.

Does anyone have such a list, or knows of where one could be obtained from?

Please contact:- David Blumenthal. Institute of Jewish Studies, Candler Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322, U.S.A.

E-mail:- relrdb@emory.edu

**CAN YOU HELP?** –

I am a student at Emory University. I am attempting to make a comprehensive topical list on Judaica Sports Stamps, and was wondering if any members of the Judaica Thematic Society, would be
able to provide me with some information please.
Contact:- Evan Kassimir. E-mail:- ekassim@emory.edu

WANTED – Looking for Holocaust and Anti-Israel stamps and material to purchase.
Also looking for stamps and material from Theresienstadt and other camps.
Contact:- Keith Newbitt. 17 Medlar Close, Witham, Essex, CM8 2SU.
Telephone:- 01376-516409. E-mail:- judithamy2@aol.com

CAN YOU HELP? -
Emory University is presently attempting to catalogue the Sol Singer Stamp Collection, an extensive collection containing an array of Jewish stamps. Any assistance regarding certain themes found within this collection would be hugely beneficial for the completion of this task.
Please contact the following individuals with any information on the topics of:
• Anti-Israel stamps Geoffrey Horowitz (geoffrey.horowitz@emory.edu)
• Holocaust stamps Carolyn Lee (kelee6@emory.edu)
• Stamps relating to Jewish athletes Evan Kassimir (ekassim@emory.edu)
• Stamps relating to Jewish painters Saryn Levy (slevy3@emory.edu)

Thank you all very much and we look forward to your responses!

I would be very grateful if members could help the above students, if at all possible.
I must admit, that I find it very rewarding, when I am able to answer their e-mails with the necessary information and listings.
I know that some of the students, do not have any prior knowledge of stamps – but they do have a general interest in Jewish history.

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