APOLOGIES
My sincere apologies for the delay in the January newsletter.
In December, I was in hospital – to cut a very long story short, what was supposed to have been an 8 day stay, resulted in me being re-admitted due to a virus I had apparently caught, and I was in for over 3 weeks!.
I have also come out with apparent memory loss for November and December. (very weird and strange).
So, therefore apologies for the shortened newsletter.
Due to my circumstances, I have also had to combine two months into one. That is, unless, I get articles from fellow members that I could publish for next month.
In these circumstances your co-operation would be greatly appreciated, as I would like to still maintain a continuous flow of newsletters.

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HANUKKAH – SOCIETY FIRST DAY COVER
As mentioned a couple of months ago, this limited edition cover is now a sell-out.
Unfortunately, the cover designer has told me that the covers were received to him with poor postmarks. I insisted that they were either replaced or scrap the cover completely.
I should be receiving replacements within the next couple of weeks – then I will contact the members by e-mail, who have ordered them, regarding payment.
Due to the fact that I have had to return the covers to the U.S.A. and lengthy phone-calls etc, and also the very poor exchange rates, unfortunately the covers have had to increase in price to cover my costs.
The cost to U.K. members is £8 (Inc.postage).
Covers to the U.S.A. and Israel paying in dollars is $18 (Inc.postage) or £10 if paying in £ sterling.
If paying in Euros, it is 14 Euros (Inc.postage) or £10 if paying in £ sterling.
The cover is a limited edition of 20 covers only, and is highly collectable.
There is already a waiting list for the covers. (We have 58 members!)

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A JUDAICA ISSUE NEARLY MISSED
An issue that I nearly missed, was released by Turkey on 17th July 2008.
Titled Precedent For Humanity:- Turkish Diplomats Who Saved Jews During World War II.
There are two values, which both depict doves of peace, a portrait and a signature.
The 65k value depicts Selahattin Ulkumen, (1914-2003). He was a Consul-General in Rhodes, (1943-1944):
He prevented the June 1944 deportation to Auschwitz of the 1800 Jews on the island.
The stamp also depicts a camp scene.

The 80k value depicts Necdet Kent, (1911-2002). Vice-Consul in Marseille, (1941-1944).
He forced removal of about 80 Jews from cattle trucks of a deportation train. He also issued Turkish passports to Jews.

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