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Many thanks to Seymour Nussenbaum, for the following information: -

**JUDAICA CONNECTIONS ON THE US BLACK CINEMA STAMPS (U.S.A. STAMP ISSUE)***

Josephine Baker- Reported to have had a Jewish father and an Afro-American mother, this has not been definitely established. Some Judaica sources list her as having been half-Jewish while others do not. Personally, I will keep this stamp in my collection until I can get further information.

Duke Ellington- The name of Alfred N. Sack- 1898-1969 appears on the stamp over the word “Duke”. Sack was a Jewish entrepreneur who produced the film “Black and Tan”.

Sport of the Gods- “A Reol Picture” and “Reol Productions” appear on the stamp. Reol was a company founded by Robert J. Levy, a New York Jewish businessman, to produce black films.

Hallelujah- This one is a real bonanza! The word “Hallelujah” is from the Hebrew, meaning “Praise ye the Lord”. The film was produced by MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), founded by Samuel
Goldwyn (born Goldfish)- 1882-1974 and Louis B. Mayer- 1885-1957. The poster on the stamp was designed by Al Hirschfeld- 1903-2003 and the rights to reproduce the poster are held by Margo Feiden Galleries. This information appears on the back of the sheet, on the backing paper.

As far as I can see, the Mr. Jordan stamp does not have a Judaica connection. I would appreciate it if anybody can add to this information.

Seymour Nussenbaum.

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CROATIA STAMP ISSUE
Thanks to Charles Wildstein for details of the following Judaica stamp issue:-
Croatia issued on 1st. December 2008, a stamp depicting a painting by Oskar Herman.
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ROMANIAN STAMP ISSUE.
I believe Romania are issuing a joint stamp issue with Israel sometime this year. – But at present, I do not know what the stamp issue will depict.
Do any of our members have any more information on this issue?.

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FRENCH NEW ISSUE - & OTHERS IN 2009
(Thanks to Charles Wildstein for the information)
France 28 Feb / 1 March : Fete du timbre . Day of philately . comics of the Warner Bros studios [ Warner Bros were Jewish ] Daffy duck , Bugs bunny and others . 3 stamps in sheets , a booklet of 12 , one MS , 3 sheetlets of 5 stamps.

On 29th. May 2009 Austria will be issuing a miniature sheet depicting Simon Wiesenthal “Recht Nicht Rache” – Justice Not Vengeance.

Vatican will be issuing a Felix Mendelsohn Bartholdy stamp.

Later in the year, Brazil will issue a miniature sheet featuring the French Jewish anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss.
Czech Republic 27/05/09 Rabbi Judah Loew, the "Maharal". His tombstones figures already on the joint issue with Israel from 1997

Czech Republic 04/11/09 Painting by Alfred Justitz. His urn was placed in the Jewish cemetery of Nova Cerekev, and an article about him published in "Judaica Bohemia". I presume he was Jewish

Italy:-- 2009. The Bulgari Jewelry. Members of the family are Righteous amongst the Nations.

Sweden:-- 29/01/09 A Citroen DS in a set of 5 classical cars. Issued in a booklet containing two sets

Hungary:-- 05/06/09 150th anniversary of the birth of Donath Banki

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GERMAN JUDAICA ISSUE
In 1996 Germany issued a stamp commemorating 75 years of music days [ Donaueschinger Musiktage ] Not Judaica related as a stamp , but , in the margins of the 10 stamp sheetlet names of composers , amongst them : Darius Milhaud , Arnold Schonberg, and Kurt Weill. All three Jewish.
A 4th Jew on the margin of this German sheet : Rolf Liebermann [ father certainly Jewish , Mother ? ] Wikipedia in German tells that he was from the well known Berlin Liebermann family [ painter Max Liebermann] and related to the Rathenau [ the Industrialist and his son the politician ] family.

For me a Judaica discovery I wanted to share with other collectors.
(Information supplied by Charles Wildstein)

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STAMP TO HONOUR SIMON WIESENTHAL
BY
RALPH LANESMAN

I would like to share with the readers of Judaica Thematic Newsletters my experiences in an approach I made to the Director of the Israeli Philatelic Services for the inclusion of a stamp honouring Simon Wiesenthal in their 2009 Stamp Programme. I am aware of the fact that a number of Judaica Collectors do not include Israeli issues in their collections, but I see this in a wider context as I will explain shortly.

In my email to the Director forwarded on the 19th September 2007 in
response to a request that interested parties communicate with the philatelic bureau with suggestions for the 2009 Stamp Programme I proposed Simon Wiesenthal as a worthy honouree. In motivating my request I pointed out that for over 60 years Wiesenthal as a survivor of the Concentration Camps had relentlessly pursued the Nazi criminals and their allies, and had fought anti-semitism wherever it had raised its head. There was no doubt that he was one of the great figures of world Jewry in the post-war world and was worthy of inclusion in the programme. I did not receive a reply to my submission but some months later I was told by an acquaintance who is connected to the Wiesenthal family in Israel that he had read a newspaper report that a stamp would be issued. On the assumption that something was in the works in this direction I let the matter rest. When the 2009 Programme was published I eagerly scanned the contents and soon discovered that my hopes and expectations had been dashed. I again wrote to the Director of Philatelic Services expressing surprise at the omission from the 2009 Programme despite the newspaper announcement and cited political interference and manipulation. I repeated my recommendation and asked for an immediate reply. This time I received a reply a few days later, very polite and respectful and ignoring my accusations. In his explanation he stated that when the committee that works on the parameters of the Programme will discuss and decide on the inclusion of a Holocaust-related issue they will take into account producing a stamp to honour Simon Wiesenthal. My personal reaction was that this reply was nebulous and did not constitute any commitment to do so.

As I was now back to square one, after some thought I felt that would like to appeal to our members in the United States and Canada to approach their domestic Postal Services with a suggestion to issue a stamp honouring Simon Wiesenthal. A further request is to anyone with some connections to the Austrian Post to do likewise. You are no doubt aware that Wiesenthal directed most of his activities from his Vienna office and I feel that such a request would meet with a positive and sympathetic response.

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Just after this article was compiled Ralph found out that Austria will be issuing a stamp issue to commemorate Simon Wiesenthal in May 2009. (Incidentally the issue is listed in Charles Wildstein’s list in this newsletter too.)
HUNGARIAN ISSUE:-
Thanks to John Embrey, for informing us of an issue from Hungary. It was issued on 3rd November 2008, commemorating Ede (Edward) Teller – a Scientist. He was a Jewish Hungarian/American.