VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ AND HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JUDAICA THEMATIC SOCIETY WEBSITE NEWS

Following on from the idea of having a Website.
Plans are now provisionally in place of having a site whereby:-

The Monthly Newsletter will be sited on, along with copies of all the back newsletters.

There will be a page where members can automatically input their own For Sale/Wanted etc classified adverts.

Also there would be a page exclusive to dealer’s adverts.

There would also be a Chat Room facility whereby, members could “all meet” on-line, on a certain day and time each week, to discuss the hobby with fellow members.
On any other times during the week, the Chat Room could be used by other members, if they want to arrange an on-line chat with other members.

There would also be a facility for the Society to compile its own Judaica Thematic Catalogue.- By inputting information/listings etc. (More about this, if the Website comes off – But the subject is desperate for a Universal and on-going up to date catalogue – and I feel that we have the members in the society, for us all to compile this.)

Of course, all the above would be expanded upon, if the Society can go ahead with the site.
Also, the site would be adapted for members needs, taking into account all ideas and requests from members.

The only set-back is the cost, and I am looking for sponsors, from Members and non-members, And Dealer Members who would like to be involved in this exciting project, and to see it progress.

The society are looking for 6 sponsors who would each be willing to
donate $300. Along with $30 each, every additional year after the initial first year. This cost would also enable, dealers to advertise in the dealer’s section, and also have an advert on the home page too.

**ONCE WE HAVE 6 SPONSORS, WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH ALL THE PLANS AND IDEAS!**
**PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE IN ON THIS!**
Please remember this is a member’s society – and it can only move forward with your help.

**WANTED:**
Please contact:- Gary Goodman. Email:- garygoodman@talktalk.net

**NEW ISSUES FROM CHARLES WILDSTEIN**
Here are some other Judaica issues scheduled for 2010

Italy:- January . 100th anniversary of the birth of Giorgio Perlasca , Righteous amongst the Nations
Austria:- January : Otto Preminger
Joint issue Israel-Vatican : In the Israeli program such an issue is scheduled for November . No trace of it in the Vatican 2010 issue programme.

**U.S.A. NEW ISSUE IN 2010**
**REPORTED BY IRA LICHT**
A sheet of ten abstract expressionist paintings among which are works by Mark Rothko (born Marcus Rothkowitz) and Adolph Gottlieb. The sheet design uses a border design derived from a Barnett Newman painting.

**CAN YOU HELP?**
I have questions about the illustrations on several stamps in my topical collection of synagogues and Jewish ritual art objects. Perhaps one of the members here knows an answer or two:
1) Belgium Scott #2237, from 2007, an issue which honors the Jewish Museum of Belgium in Brussels, features what appears to be a jar or glass with the name David Myer Levie inscribed on it. Does anyone know the significance of the object itself, what it may have been used for, and whether Levie was a prominent person in Belgium or elsewhere?

2) Belgium Scott #2286, from 2008, commemorates the bicentennial of the Jewish community in Belgium and features a hanukkiah on it. Is that a generic hanukkiah or an illustration of a hanukkiah with some significance in Belgium (e.g., one displayed in a synagogue)?

3) Norfolk Island #938-941, from 2008, features the gravestones of four Jewish people. I cannot find a reference to any synagogue or organized Jewish community on Norfolk Island; does anybody know of one? And did any of the four people (Carl Hans Nathan Strauss, Meta Kienhuize, Johan Jacobus Kienhuize, and Sally Kadesh) play prominent roles on Norfolk Island, or were there gravesites just chosen randomly for this issue?

4) Costa Rica #490, from 1996, depicts a synagogue sculpture (as well as a church and mosque) in celebration of Jerusalem's 3000th anniversary. Can anyone tell me which synagogue is depicted?

5) In 1987, Bhutan issued a series to commemorate Marc Chagall's 100th birthday. Scott #609 shows a painting identified as "Old Jew with Torah." I have looked through numerous collections of Chagall's works and cannot find this painting. Can anyone confirm if it is, indeed, by Chagall, and whether any other information exists about it?

Thanks.
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U.S.A. JUDAICA STAMP ISSUE
REPORTED BY RALPH LANCESMAN
Regarding the Mackinac Bridge issue. According to the latest Linn's Stamp News a $4.90 Priority Mail stamped envelope using the same design as the stamp was issued on 4th January 2010. On the 3rd February, a $4.90 Priority Mail stamp is also scheduled to be issued.

The bridge was designed by David Barnard Steinman (1886-1960) The bridge was previously featured on a stamp issued in 1958, with the Scott number of 1109.

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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ISSUE A HANUKKAH STAMP.

Netherlands Antilles issued on 30th. November 2009 their “Christmas” issue titled Winter Holidays. Although there are 4 stamps in this issue, only the 55c value is Judaica related. Which depicts Hanukkah, with a Menorah, a family, a Dreidel, and some food.

The set of stamps are available in sheets of 50 stamps. However there is a very interesting Gutter-Pair strip on the sheet. I would call them a “Tetch-Bech” Gutter, as one stamp is up-side down, separated by the gutter strip in between. There is a small design in the gutter margin.

Netherlands Antilles is not an easy country to obtain its stamps from. – And to obtain the Gutter Pair, will even be harder.

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