THANKS

Many thanks to member Irv Osterer from Canada, for taking the time to design the masthead, layout and illustrations for the newsletter.

Thanks also for the time taken to explain to me various computer matters. I am sure you will agree, that the colour illustrations certainly give this newsletter a new look.

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ANYONE ON SKYPE!!!

I have just "signed-up" to Skype, and already have been able to chat to members over the telephone/internet, and at the same time being able to see each other!

If any members would like to be able to communicate with me in this way, then please just send me your email/skype details. At the same time, if you wish to correspond with other members via Skype, then please let me know, and I will publish your details in the newsletter.

If anyone, is not aware how Skype works, then I can forward on the necessary link, if you are interested.

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(Though my Skype address and NOT Judaicathematicsociety@talktalk.net
However for email correspondence either address is o.k.)

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NEW MEMBER #100 – U.S.A.
(This member does not wish to have their details published – which I fully respect.)

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PHILATELIC BUREAU RULES!
I simply don’t understand how some Philateic Bureaus actually do any business. They should remember that they are there for the purpose of providing a Philatelic Service to the stamp collector. As mentioned last month, San Marino issued a set of stamps titled “Great Artists”. I wished to purchase 3 sheets of the Gustav Mahler stamp only. This comprised of 20 stamps per sheet, so it would have been a fairly worthwhile order for them. But they replied, that they were unable to supply “odd” values, and it was only available as a set of 4 stamps. Absolutely crazy, and not a way to offer a service or do business. Here in the U.K. the British Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh, who are not the “world’s best” at providing a satisfactory philatelic service – but even they will sell you odd values, of sets!
RUSSIA JUDAICA ISSUE
According to a new issue list that I was looking through – Russia issued on 14th July 2010, a set of 2 stamps titled "Regions". Amongst the illustrations on the stamp it includes "Fountain with Menorah at railway station, statue of writer Shalom Aleichem, hill with television aerial near Bria River, Birobidzhan, Jewish Autonomous Region.
I think we may need our magnifying glass to see all the illustration! Has anyone actually seen the First Day Cover?

YIDDISH REQUEST from DAVID BLUMENTHAL
I can hardly believe it but I have searched and found only TWO stamps dealing with the whole of Yiddish culture: one on Shalom Aleichem and one on the Yiddish theater (co-issued with Romania). There MUST be more.
Does any member have a Yiddish culture list, or a Yiddish author list? Can anyone help please?
If so, please email: David Blumenthal at relrb@emory.edu
and, Alec Fox – email: ahfox@emory.edu
PRO HAMAS BLOCKADE MAIL PLANNED
by Alan W. Benjamin

Canada Post Union members are supporting a CANADA BOAT TO GAZA campaign (canadaboatgaza.org) hoping to raise C$300,000 so that a Canadian ship can join a flotilla planning to run the Israeli blockade of Gaza. (Click link) http://canadaboatgaza.org/cms/sites/cbg/en/statement.aspx

The President of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Denis Lemelin stated that it was important for people in Gaza to be able to keep in contact. The organisation is hoping to fill a 40 passenger boat with aid and mail, then sail direct to Gaza thus breaking the Israeli blockade. The organisers are inviting journalists and union leaders to join them on the blockade running attempt. They are saying that the public can send postcards and unsealed letters to them for delivery in Gaza. It is understood that when, and if the mail reaches Gaza the final distribution will be with the help of a group in Gaza.

My thoughts on this subject is that Rocket Mail seemed to be more in keeping with Hamas traditions.

Another item involving Gaza is news that a set of Cinderella Gaza stamps have been designed and produced by a South London individual. I understand they are currently being offered on eBay by 'ejunk10' although I do not know if they are being sold to raise funds for anybody other than a Derek Perry, the individual producing them. Whilst both items are obviously of Judaica interest I personally would not wish to purchase either.

FOOTNOTE FROM GARY GOODMAN
For curiosity, I contacted the ebay seller, who was the same person, selling them, as was the designer. I enquired as to whether the money from these stamps was going to the "organization", or to himself, or whether he was just selling these labels at cost. The following was the reply that I received back from the seller, and designer of the labels himself, Derek Perry.

"I make regular donations to 'Medical Aid for Palestinians'. They have a good website and they will send you regular newsletters by email. I have followed the plight of the Palestinians since I met a group of refugees in the 1970s. Thanks for your interest. Please support them! Derek Perry"

I too, will certainly, like Alan Benjamin not be buying these labels. I was tempted to reply to Derek Perry – But I think it was better NOT to reply, rather than to get into any debate!
ISLE OF MAN JUDAICA RELATED ISSUE
by David Cohen Paraira

The Isle of Man issued on 24th. September, a new set of stamps, titled History in the art, internment camp in Man. The paintings are scenes in these camps from, Bertram, Herbert Kaden, Ivre Goth, Herman Fechenbach, Ernst Eisenmayer & Kurt Schwitters. I got information that painter and sculptor Eisenmayer and painter and printmaker Fechenbach were Jewish. Schwitters is also probably Jewish. Has any member got anymore information about this painter and sculptor? The Ben Uri Gallery, the London Jewish Museum of Art, has an exhibition about this commemorative stamp issue. Any further information would be appreciated.
Email:– cohenparaira@planet.nl

REQUEST FROM CLAUDE WAINSTAIN

Can we all try to list all the stamps issued for the Vancouver Winter Olympics and showing the gold medal made by Israeli designer Omer Arbel? I found the following:

AUSTRALIA 25/02/2010
(snowboard champion Torah Bright, named "Torah" after her sister's Jewish piano teacher told her Mormon mother it meant "bearer of a great spiritual message").

AUSTRALIA 03/03/2010

CZECH REP. 24/03/2010

CANADA 14/02/2010
stamp designer Naomi Broudo

BELARUS 21/07/2010
(3 stamps with the gold medalists)

Any others?
Please email klodwain@gmail.com