

# **SINGER, SOL, COLLECTOR.**

## **Sol Singer collection of Philatelic Judaica, 1902-2008**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Singer, Sol, collector.  
**Title:** Sol Singer collection of Philatelic Judaica, 1902-2008  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 909  
**Extent:** 60.5 linear feet (131 boxes) ; 1 oversized papers box (OP)  
**Abstract:** Collection of stamps that were collected by Atlanta businessman Sol Singer including those issued by the state of Israel as well as stamps featuring Jewish themes issued all over the world.  
**Language:** Materials are in multiple languages, primarily Hebrew.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

Unrestricted access.

#### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Special restrictions apply: Researchers must use cotton gloves when handling this collection.

#### **Source**

Gift, 2002, with subsequent additions

#### **Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Sol Singer collection of Philatelic Judaica, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

#### **Processing**

Processed by Susan Potts McDonald, 2009.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Atlanta businessman Sol Singer (1918-2003) collected philatelic Judaica over the course of more than forty years. He died in Fulton County, Georgia in 2003.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the stamps that were collected by Sol Singer including those issued by the state of Israel as well as stamps featuring Jewish themes issued all over the world from 1948-2008. Series 1 is a complete set of stamps of the State of Israel from the period just before independence up to 2002. The uniqueness of this collection is due not only to its completeness, but also to the fact that it contains corners, first day covers, and even sheets for each of the stamps issued. The early sets are very rare and valuable.

Series 2 contains stamps of Jewish content issued by countries around the world. No one knows how many such stamps exist, but the Singer collection contains several volumes of stamps on such subjects as famous Jews, Jewish holidays, topics from scripture, and the Holocaust.

Series 3 is a nearly complete set of stamps created by the Jewish National Fund to help raise money to purchase land in Palestine and to develop the land once the State of Israel had been established. These stamps date from circa 1902-1991.

Series 4 contains stamps that were part of the original Singer collection, but that he never incorporated them into his organized collection. Series 5 consists of materials that were purchased by Emory University's Institute for Jewish Studies and added to the Sol Singer collection of Philatelic Judaica after Mr. Singer's death in 2003. They include State of Israel stamps from 1991-2008 and some Judaica stamps.

### **Arrangement Note**

Organized into four series: (1) Stamps from the State of Israel, (2) Judaica stamps, (3) Jewish National Fund stamps, (4) Unorganized by Singer, and (5) Additions.

## **Description of Series**

[Series 1: Stamps from the State of Israel, 1948-1996](#)

[Series 2: Judaica stamps](#)

[Series 3: Jewish National Fund stamps, circa 1902-1991](#)

[Series 4: Unorganized by Singer](#)

[Series 5: Additions, 1991-2008](#)

## **Series 1**

### **Stamps from the State of Israel, 1948-1996**

#### **Boxes 1-87**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Series 1 is a complete set of stamps of the State of Israel from the period just before independence up to 2002. The uniqueness of this collection is due not only to its completeness, but also to the fact that it contains corners, first day covers, and even sheets for each of the stamps issued. The early sets are very rare and valuable. See Series 5 for additions after Mr. Singer's death.

#### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by type of material.

#### **Israel Mint Sheets**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1		Oversize volume 1 - Dates vary*
2		Oversize volume 2 - 1971-1994 (Material from oversize volume 4 has been incorporated into this album)*
3		Oversize volume 3 - Dates vary (JNF/KKL)*
4		Oversize volume 4 - [incorporated into oversized volume 2]
5		1948-1955* [1-99]
6		1955-1961 (one from 1986)* [100-202]
7		1961-1965 [203-275]
8		1965-1967 (two from 1971)* [276-354]
9		1967-1971 [355-446]
10		1971-1974 (one from 1982) [447-540]
11		1974-1980 [541-687]
12		1978-1982 [688-807] *
13		1982-1984 [818-883]
14		1984-1987
15		1988-1991

#### **Israel First Day Covers**

16		1957-1961
17		1965-1979 (one from 1956, 1960), five souvenir sheets

**Israel Post Office Openings Israel Post Office Openings [a question mark (?) is used when an item does not explicitly state that is a First day/Opening], these volumes deal with cancellation marks. As a result, we recorded the information on the cancellation mark, not the stamp.**

18		1951-1952
19		1953-1954 (one from 1955)

- 20 1955-1957 (two from 1958)
- 21 2/1958-1960 (two from 1961)
- 22 1961-1968 (one from 1956)\*
- 23 1971-6/1975
- 24 7/1976-1980 (one from 1975)

### **Israel Cancellations and Slogans**

- 25 1950-1953 (one from 1954)
- 26 1954-1956
- 27 1957-2/1959
- 28 1959-1961
- 29 1962-1966
- 30 1970-12/1971 (one from 1971, several from 1976)
- 31 12/1971-5/1973\*
- 32 5/1973-1975
- 33 1976-7/1978 (several from 1954-1955)\*
- 34 7/1978-1980

### **Stamp exhibits [Collections of items and stamps from various exhibitions of Philatelic Judaica]**

- 35 Dates vary - misc. content\*
- 36 1975-1985 (some from 1958, 1968, 1969) - misc. content\*
- 37 1986-1990 (one from 1993) - misc. content

### **Israel Maximum Cards [All of these stamps have matching cards]**

- 38 1954-1960 [one from 1961] - First day covers
- 39 1961-1965 - First day covers
- 40 1966-1967\* (one from 1965)
- 41 1968-1970
- 42 1971 (few from 1972, 1973)\*
- 43 1972 (two from 1973)\*
- 44 1973-1974
- 45 1975-1976 [two from 1974], two cancellation marks, one souvenir sheet\*
- 46 1977-1978, two souvenir sheets
- 47 1979-1981 [one from 1978], three souvenir sheets
- 48 1982-1983 [one from 1984], seven souvenir sheets
- 49 1984-1986, five souvenir sheets
- 50 1987-1990 [one from 1986], thirteen souvenir sheets

### **Israel First Day Covers**

- 51 1948-1952, five maximum cards, one souvenir sheet\*

52	1953-1954*
53	1955-1/1958 [one from 1958], one maximum card*
54	1958-12/1962, two souvenir sheets
55	12/1962-1966, one souvenir sheet
56	1966-11/1969, one souvenir sheet
57	11/1969-10/1971 [ones from 1972 and 1973], three maximum cards, two souvenir sheets*
58	1971-1972, one original metal die cut*
59	1-5/1973, one souvenir sheet
60	8/1973-6/1975 [one from 1976], one souvenir sheet*
61	8/1975-12/1976, two souvenir sheets
62	12/1976-2/1978, one souvenir sheet, one maximum card
63	4/1978-1980, two souvenir sheets*
64	1980-8/1982, three souvenir sheets
65	8/1982-1984 [one from 1985], five souvenir sheets*
66	1985-2/1987, five souvenir sheets
67	2/1987-1988, six souvenir sheets
68	1989-1990, four souvenir sheets
69	1990-1992, two souvenir sheets, two booklets*
70	1992-1993
71	1993-1994 [one from 1992]*
72	1994-1996

**Israel Stamps with Tabs [Note: Volumes 77, 79 and 80 are duplicate albums on special Israel Postal Issue stationery by White Ace Historical Albums. They are available upon request, but because they are duplicates, their information has been removed from the database.]**

73	Book 1: 1948-1966 [1 of 2]*
74	Book 1: 1966-1972 [2 of 2], three souvenir sheets
75	Book 2: 1973-1981 [1 of 2], nine souvenir sheets
76	Book 2: 1982-1985 [2 of 2], eleven souvenir sheets
77	Book IS2A: 1970-1980, eleven souvenir sheets [all duplicates]*
78	Book IS3A: 1986-1995, twenty souvenir sheets*
79	Book IS3: 1981-1990, twenty-five souvenir sheets [all duplicates]*
80	Book IS4A: 1991-1995, eight souvenir sheets [all duplicates]

### **Israel Souvenir Leafs, 1988-1998**

81	Volume 1
82	Volume 2
83	Volume 3: 1983-1995 [also includes Stamp Exhibits, as well as material from 1920, 1948, 1950, 1953, 1960]*

**Israel Single Stamps [This album is on special Israel Postal Issue stationery by White Ace Historical Albums.]**

84                    Book IS1A: 1948-1969, four souvenir sheets

**Israel Postal Stationary**

85                    1952-1979

86                    1954-1960; 1963-1983 [not in order]

87                    1950-1966; 1980-1991 [not in order]

**Series 2**  
**Judaica stamps**  
**Boxes 88-107**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series 2 contains stamps of Jewish content issued by countries around the world. No one knows how many such stamps exist, but the Singer collection contains several volumes of stamps on such subjects as famous Jews, Jewish holidays, topics from scripture, and the Holocaust. See Series 5 for additions after Mr. Singer's death.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
88		Prominent Personalities A-Bia, miscellaneous formats*
89		Prominent Personalities Bie-Cah, miscellaneous formats
90		Prominent Personalities Cas-E, miscellaneous formats*
91		Prominent Personalities F, miscellaneous formats
92		Prominent Personalities G-H, miscellaneous formats
93		Prominent Personalities Herzl, miscellaneous formats*
94		Prominent Personalities I-Lieba, miscellaneous formats
95		Prominent Personalities Liebe-Mart, miscellaneous formats
96		Prominent Personalities Marx-O, miscellaneous formats
97		Prominent Personalities P-R, miscellaneous formats
98		Prominent Personalities S-V, miscellaneous formats
99		Prominent Personalities V-Z, miscellaneous formats
100		Sports, Commemorations, Locations; miscellaneous formats*
101		Activities, Locations, Scriptural References; miscellaneous formats*
102		Book 11
103		Holocaust; miscellaneous formats*
104		Holocaust (cont); miscellaneous formats*
105		Synagogues; miscellaneous formats
106		Synagogues/Jewish Ritual Objects; miscellaneous formats
107		Yom Kippur War; miscellaneous formats



**Series 3**  
**Jewish National Fund stamps, circa 1902-1991**  
**Boxes 108-114**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series 3 is a nearly complete set of stamps created by the Jewish National Fund to help raise money to purchase land in Palestine and to develop the land once the State of Israel had been established. These stamps date from circa 1902-1991.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
108		1902-1950, single stamps and printed ephemera; Singer # 26-1155
109		1950-1970, single stamps, printed ephemera, strips; Singer # 1448-1715
110		1971- 1983, single stamps, printed ephemera, souvenir leafs, mint sheets, strips; Singer # 1716-1877
111		1980's- 1990's, single stamps, printed ephemera, strips, souvenir sheets; Singer # 1876-1961, A234-A425
112		1930's-1960's, single stamps, printed ephemera, strips; Singer # AH-AP, P, SA, Dd
113		unidentified date range, single stamps, printed ephemera, strips
114		unidentified date range, single stamps, printed ephemera

**Series 4**  
**Unorganized by Singer**  
**Boxes 115-126; OP1**

**Scope and Content Note**

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
115		1975-1988, Mixed
116		1940s-1950s, First Day Covers
117		1963-1982, First Day Covers/Special Cancellations
118		Holocaust / Air mail mint sheets
119		Mixed
120		Mixed
121		Mixed
122		Cancellations (1953-1991)
123		Cancellations (1991-1993) and Post Office Openings (1953-1968)
124		Mixed
125		Mixed
126		Mixed
OP1	1	Mixed [mostly duplicates and printed ephemera]
OP1	2	Mixed [mostly duplicates and printed ephemera]

**Series 5**  
**Additions, 1991-2008**  
**Boxes 127-131**

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by type of material.

**Judaica**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
127		Judaica
127		Joint Issue Israel-Phillipines stamps, 2015

**State of Israel**

128	1991-1998
129	1999-2002
130	2003-2006
131	2007-2008

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