

MUNICIPAL TAX STAMPS

Municipal tax stamps

A municipal tax was collected with stamps during the Mandate period, and many of the examples shown below were issued before 1948, but were used after May 1948, with MILS currency. Later issues were printed PRUTA and after 1960 Shekel. The stamps were used to collect taxes primarily for the following purposes:

1. Legislation of municipal permits
2. Entertainment fee
3. Social assistance (for the poor)
4. Public health assistance

Each municipality issued its own stamps, using symbols of the town such as the municipal emblem, town hall, etc.

Haifa Municipal tax stamps

Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv issued the largest number of series starting in early Mandate Period.

The Haifa stamps usually are with the name HAIFA (Hebrew, English and Arabic) with no other wording. The first issue was of two stamps (6m and 100m shown below) probably in late 30ies.

Haifa I series

View (2V)
**.\$20.00



Haifa II series

Mt. Carmel (5V)
**.\$12.00



Haifa III series

Haifa harbour (13V)
**.\$7.00



Haifa IV series

Lower city (4V)
**.\$5.00



Haifa V series

Mosque (3V)
**.\$5.00



Haifa VI series

Town emblem (6V)
**.\$7.00



Haifa VII series

Technion (11V)
**.from \$5.00



Haifa VIII series

Technion
**.from \$5.00



Haifa Pruta stamps

Haifa IX series

Technion same design as VII but Pr.
(1V, orange and red orange)
**.from \$9.00

Haifa X series

Town emblem, same design as previous
but Pr instead of Mills (10V)
**.\$7.00. high value \$25.00

Haifa XI series

Mt. Carmel
(4V)
**.\$12.00



Haifa XII series

Technion
(18V)
**.\$10.00



Haifa XIII series

Electric power plant
(4V)
**.\$15.00



Haifa XIV series

Technion
**.\$10.00



Haifa XV series

overprinted :
for social help.
Various stamps
**.\$30.00

Haifa XVI series
Mt. Carmel Committee
Relaxation Tax

**.\$30.00



Tel Aviv municipal stamps

The largest number of issues of the Tel Aviv municipality were entertainment tax stamps and social welfare stamps.

1. Entertainment tax stamps

חס שטעוועים

These stamps were used mainly on all kind of entertainment entrance tickets. There is a variety of such stamps



small format



large format

A. Lighthouse multi colour series MILS

in various sizes (small and large format), and mostly multi-coloured.

חס שטעוועים

Prices: small format from: **.\$5.00 used \$3.00
large format from: **.\$30.00 used \$15.00



B. Lighthouse one colored series

NO currency

חס שטעוועים

Small format, with number for denomination (no currency stated). One colour print. More than 90 different stamps were recorded.

Prices:

values up to 18, from: **.\$5.00 used \$3.00
values up to 18, from: **.\$15.00 used \$7.00

Few large format recorded from: **.\$35.00 used \$15.00



C. M. Dizengoff (1st mayor of Tel Aviv) one coloured series, NO currency

חס שטעוועים

Small format, with number for denomination (no currency stated). One colour print. 45 stamps known.

Prices: from: **.\$5.00 used \$3.00 to
**.\$35.00 used \$7.00



D. Tel Aviv town emblem

חס שטעוועים

large format multicoloured (Mils)

violet and green. Value printed black.

Prices: from: **.\$80.00 used \$50.00



E. Road to the lighthouse

large format multicoloured (Pruta)

yellow and green. Four values recorded.

Hebrew text modified to היטל עינוגים

Prices: from: **.\$20.00 used \$15.00

2. Licence stamps with text: for social welfare

These stamps were used mainly to legalize municipal permits such as shops management, requests for trade licence, bicycle licence, etc. They were affixed to the document and stamped with a municipal cancellation.



A. Lighthouse series MILS

text: payment for social welfare

תשלום לטובת עזרה סוציאלית

One colour print with tabs for date.

Prices from: **.\$10.00 used \$6.00

large format from: **.\$30.00 used \$15.00



B. Lighthouse series MILS later PRUTA

Text only: social welfare

עזרה סוציאלית

One colour print, high values are large format.

Prices from: **.\$5.00 used \$2.00

large format from: **.\$15.00 used \$10.00

3. For public health



Lighthouse series MILS

Text only: public health

רפואה ציבורית

one colour print,

Prices from: **.\$25.00 used \$15.00

Stamps of Other Municipalities

Most of the stamps were entertainment stamps, so called שנועתיים or, in some case, "Mas Inugim". Below is a short list of recorded series with a few illustrations as examples. The information in this chapter may not be complete as there is no complete research of these issues.

For further information please refer to Wallerstein Specialized Catalogue of Palestine and Israel Revenues (issued: 1987).

municipality	series	each stamp from Plain**	Used
Acre	6V	20.00	10.00
Afulah	11V Mils & Pr.	20.00	10.00
Bat Yam	3V Mils and Pr.	20.00	10.00
Bnei Brack	5V	20.00	10.00
Gedera	6V	20.00	10.00
Givatayim	4V	20.00	10.00
Haifa	97V several series		
Herzliya	3V Mils & Pr.	30.00	15.00
Holon	23V	10.00	4.00
Jaffa	6V	20.00	10.00
Jerusalem	44V several series		
Kfar Ata	4V (Pr.)	40.00	15.00
Qiryat Haim	3V (Pr.)	40.00	15.00
Qiryat Motzkin	1V (Pr.)	60.00	25.00
Lod	2V (Pr.)	30.00	12.00
Nahariya	11V	5.00	2.00
Netanya	19V Ag./Li	5.00	2.00
Petach Tikva	13V	5.00	2.00
Ramat Gan	34V Mils and Pr.	5.00	2.00
Ramleh	3V (Pr.)	15.00	9.00
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Rehovot	4V	15.00	9.00
RLZ	10V	25.00	12.00
Safed	7V (Pr.)	25.00	12.00
Tel Aviv	45V several series		
Tiberias	3V	25.00	15.00

Documents with municipal tax: used +300% counting the most expensive stamp only.

Used municipal documents

Prices on documents with municipal tax: are valued as the used stamps + 300% of the most expensive stamp on the document. Complete clean documents (with no filing holes) are X2.

Bellow are two examples of used documents. The first shows that MIL stamps were used relatively late.



Request for permit to operate a carpentry from Tel Aviv municipality. 27 January 1952 using "social welfare" in MILS currency

Show ticket franked with "HeteI Inugim" (entertainment) stamps of the Jerusalem municipality on 19 April 1979



Postal Bank issues

The Israel post opened a postal bank to serve better the clients of the post and adding services to the public. The bank was opened in 1954 and soon were issued the first postal bank stamps with the legend: SAVING STAMPS (in Hebrew: Bulei Chisachon). 6 years later were issue four new stamps (no. 5-8). The stamps were for saving booklets (for children).



1954, Saving stamps - 1st series

Issued by the Bank of the Post. Watermarked paper, issued: 13 oct. 54. Stag watermark. Perf:13:14. four values.

Bank.1	50Pr	15.00
Bank.2	100Pr	15.00
Bank.3	250Pr	15.00
Bank.4	500Pr	15.00

PI-BI are worth X5



1960, Saving stamps - 2nd series

Issued by the Bank of the Post. Watermarked paper four values.

Bank.5	5ag	5.00
Bank.5	10ag	5.00
Bank.5	25ag	5.00
Bank.5	50ag	5.00

PI-BI are worth X5



Ramat Gan municipality



Jerusalem municipality



Netanya municipality