

EVENTS' COMMEMORATION ITEMS

EC Event Commemoration Publications

EC Definition

Envelopes, cards, folders or sheets pre-printed with design commemorating an event and stamps affixed and tied with a postal Cancellation of the actual date of the event. It may have a regular date postmark or a fancy commemorative cancellation prepared by the IPS. This wide definition covers a large range of items prepared throughout the years either by the IPS, institutions, official bodies or private publishers.

DC - stands for EC Decorated Covers

EC Postmarks

The IPS has policy of preparing special designed commemorative postmarks for national or important events. These postmarks are decorated with a logo or a design symbolizing the event. All Pmk's include the name of the event and date. Listing of these fancy postmarks can be found in the IPS Catalogue of EC markings).

The commemorative Pmk's are of two origins: A. Pmk's decided by the IPS (mostly national events).

B. Pmk's ordered by official institutions (against fee). The fee for ordering C-Pmk's was raised dramatically (about 1985). Therefore, not all major events in Israel were commemorated with such postmarks during the nineties

Bale Catalogue presentation

This chapter's purpose is to introduce to the reader a brief overview of EC type of publications. As there are thousands of items and no research on this topic, Bale introduces just main groups of publications. Some groups may contain many hundreds of different issues that are not listed in this edition in details.

Philatelic Items

All these publications are known as "philatelic items", prepared by dealers or semi-official bodies as presents or for commercial purposes. They were published either by the IPS or by private publishers, and are regarded neither as "traditional philately" or as "postal history". Nevertheless, they are "collectibles" and in many ways describe important events in the development of the State of Israel in science, commerce, industry and social development.

Classification of EC's

The classification of EC's may be done by appearance, publisher and mainly by topic.



Inner side of a commemoration folder privately prepared for 1957 Haifa exhibitions showing captured arms from Egyptian army, using a special IPS cachet for the event (outer side is illustrated under "topics").

DC Decorated Covers for Event Commemoration

The classification covers by topic:

1. DCO- First day of opening of post offices
2. DCT- Topical covers as following:
 - DCT.01 DCF - Flight related events
 - DCT.02 DCX - Philatelic Exhibitions
 - DCT.03 Christmas and Pilgrimage
 - DCT.04 Medicine
 - DCT.05 Israel historical events
 - DCT.06 Fallen Soldier Memorial
 - DCT.07 Tel Aviv Fairgrounds
 - DCT.08 Jewish National Holidays
 - DCT.09 Israel Arab Conflict Sinai Campaign
 - DCT.10 Israel Arab Conflict Six Days War
 - DCT.11 Other military confrontations
 - DCT.12 The Peace Process
 - DCT.13 General Fairs and Exhibitions
 - DCT.14 Conventions of Science
 - DCT.15 National Holidays
 - DCT.16 Judaica and Jewish History
 - DCT.17 Music
 - DCT.18 Naval Transportation
 - DCT.19 Process of Peace
 - DCT.20 Road and Car transport
 - DCT.21 Trains
 - DCT.22 Zionist Conventions
 - DCT.23 National Exhibitions
 - DCT.24 Fauna & Flora
 - DCT.25 Chess competitions
 - DCT.26 Sport events & Olympic games
 - DCT.27 Other topics

DCO DC for Post Office Openings

The opening of new post offices in 1948 had a symbolic meaning as being a part of the new established State of Israel and a cause for celebration. Collectors of the period were keen on covers with the "First Day of the Post" of various locations. Later, the IPS provided a collectors' service for such covers, a service which exists to this day. The P.O. openings postmarks are classified into the following groups of interest:

1. 1948-1950 postmarks. These were of openings of all major towns and cities (as well as smaller localities)
2. 1951 and later openings
3. 1957 openings in the Gaza strip
4. 1967-2000 openings in Judea, Samaria and Gaza strip

Groups 3 & 4 represent postal history of occupied territories. Listing of all postal openings can be found in IPS publications.

1. Registered covers: refers to properly franked with R-label of the locality and actually mailed
2. The IPS covers are usually plain, with IPS logo, Decorated covers may be different sizes and privately published. There were several publisher for 6 Days War Victory covers.



IPS weapon exhibition cachet 1957

1948-1950 Opening of new post offices

1948-1949 Postmarks

Group No	F.D. Date	R-☒	FDC☒
A.DCO.1	...Hakirya	.....1 July 48	.....75.00.....30.00
A.DCO.2	...Nazareth	.....2 Aug. 48	.....50.00.....20.00
A.DCO.3	...Lud Sede Teufa Areo	.....24 Nov. 48	.....50.00.....30.00
A.DCO.4	...Acre	.....7 Dec. 48	.....40.00.....20.00
A.DCO.5	...Sfar Am	.....27 Jan. 49	.....75.00.....50.00
A.DCO.6	...Kfar Haroe	.....2 Aug. 49	.....35.00.....15.00
A.DCO.10	Other towns plain covers	.....5.00	.....1.00
A.DCO.20	Other towns decorated covers	.....7.00	.....3.00

1951-2000 opening of new post offices



FD postal opening of Haifa Port P.O. 20.12.53. DC with regular date postmark of the actual opening day.



First Day postal opening at AHDOD YAM P.O. 23.10.57. Decorate envelope with regular date pmk. of the actual first day.

Group No	DC ☒
B.DCO.51	All towns, plain covers from.....0.20
B.DCO.52	All towns, decorated covers from.....4.00
B.DCO.53	All towns, R-Cov proper franked .....8.00

1957 PO Opening in Gaza strip and South Sinai (Sinai Campaign)

Group No	DC ☒
C.DCO.61	All towns, plain covers from.....0.20
C.DCO.62	All towns, decorated covers from.....1.00
C.DCO.63	All towns, R-Cov proper franked .....10.00

1967-2000 PO Opening in Judea, Samaria, Sinai & Gaza Strip



First Day - postal opening in Jericho 10.7.67 using the with Jericho R-Label of the IPS

Group No	DC ☒
D.DCO.71	All towns, plain covers from.....0.80
D.DCO.72	All towns, decorated covers from.....3.00
D.DCO.73	All towns, ZAHAL Pmk, decorated .15.00
D.DCO.74	All towns, R-Cov proper franked .....10.00

All prices in this section are minimal and are the word "from" should be read before prices.

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DCT Decorated Covers by Topics

Many thousands of DCT were issued since 1948. The following table shows topical popular groups arranged by period.

Group No.	Topic	DC ☒ 1948-1956	DC ☒ 1957-1985	DC ☒ 1986-2000
DCT.01	DCF - Flight related events	--	5.00	9.00
DCT.02	DCX - Philatelic Exhibitions	30.00	15.00	25.00
DCT.03	Christmas and Pilgrimage	--	5.00	9.00
DCT.04	Medicine	20.00	6.00	15.00
DCT.05	Israel historical events	6.00	4.00	7.00
DCT.06	Fallen Soldier Memorial	20.00	6.00	12.00
DCT.07	Tel Aviv Fairgrounds	25.00	12.00	12.00
DCT.08	Jewish National Holidays	6.00	4.00	3.00
DCT.09	Israel Arab Conflict Sinai Campaign	--	15.00	--
DCT.10	Israel Arab Conflict Six Days War	--	15.00	--
DCT.11	Israel Arab Conflict other military confrontations	--	15.00	25.00
DCT.12	Israel Arab Conflict The Peace Process	--	15.00	25.00
DCT.13	General Fairs and Exhibitions	30.00	15.00	25.00
DCT.14	Conventions of Science	7.00	5.00	10.00
DCT.15	National Holidays	7.00	5.00	10.00
DCT.16	Judaica and Jewish History	6.00	4.00	7.00
DCT.17	Music	30.00	12.00	12.00
DCT.18	Naval Transportation	30.00	12.00	20.00
DCT.19	Process of Peace	--	--	25.00
DCT.20	Road and Car transport	15.00	5.00	12.00
DCT.21	Trains	40.00	12.00	25.00
DCT.22	Zionist Conventions	35.00	10.00	15.00
DCT.23	National Exhibitions	12.00	4.00	7.00
DCT.24	Fauna & Flora	10.00	5.00	7.00
DCT.25	Chess competitions	20.00	10.00	15.00
DCT.26	Sport events & Olympic games	15.00	8.00	17.00
DCT.27	Other topics	3.00	1.00	2.00

DCT.01 Decorated Covers Flight events (DCF)

Since Israel was under siege during the war of independence, all foreign links were either by sea or air. The various airlines Cancelled their connection to Israel due to security or political reasons, so that only "non-official" hired flights could support the emergency needs of the state in war. As well as cargo, these flights also took mail to and from Israel.. Such covers are in demand by specialists and are from US\$50.00 (plain commercial covers. See in "Rates & Postal History"). The first "official flight cachet" was prepared late as June 10th 1948 to commemorate the first flight to France (even though un-official flights operated earlier).

DCF Decorated Covers of Flight Events (DCT.01)



DCF.B, type, Special flight cover: Tel Aviv - Nahariya Arkia Airlines, 17.7.1959. Private publication

DCF.1	First Flight to destination 1948	DC ☒ 75.00
DCF.2	First Flight to destination 1949	30.00
DCF.3	First Flight to destination 1950-60	7.50
DCF.4	First Air Line flight 1950-1960 from	7.50
DCF.5	First Air Line flight 1961 and later	4.00
DCF.6	Plane First flights 1950-1960	7.00
DCF.7	Plane First flights 1961-later	5.00
DCF.8	Other flight topics 1950-1960	5.00
DCF.9	Other flight topics 1961 and later	4.00



Decorated cover DCF.A type, Air France first flight Tel Aviv - Teheran. Airmail cover franked 45Pr. With Air France cachet and LOD AIR-PORT 7.1.58 Cancellation.



Decorated cover DCF.A type, Olympic Airlines first flight Tel Aviv - Paris. LOD AIR-PORT 19.08.58 Cancellation.



Decorated cover DCF. type, Inaugural flight new Jet by El-Al "Britania" LOD AIRPORT 22.12.1957

DCT.02 Decorated Stamp Exhibition Covers



Decorated cover (DCX3 type). In photo: "1953 Touring Stamp Exhibition" sponsored by Jerusalem municipality. Cancellation "Jerusalem 28.02.1954". Private publication.

Period events	DC ☒
DCX.1 1948-1950 Touring Stamp Exhibitions	50.00
DCX.2 1951-1952 Touring Stamp Exhibitions	30.00
DCX.3 1953-1957 Touring Stamp Exhibitions	20.00
DCX.4 1953-1957 other Exhibitions	20.00
DCX.5 1957-1986 Stamp Exhibitions from	15.00
DCX.6 1987-2003 Stamp Exhibitions from	25.00

For early Touring Stamp Exhibitions see notes next to 2nd and 3rd Coinage series in the catalogue.

For the occasion of national and international stamp exhibitions were printed stamps or MS. FDC prices of such events are in Bale main chapter of stamps



Decorated cover DCX type, ITouring Stamp Exhibition 02.05.1954 Pardes Hana.

DCT DC of other Topics

Topics relatively in demand by specialists of topical philately. The photos show few examples of some groups. Many hundreds of publications exist for all groups.

DCT.04 Medicine

Commemoration: 25 anniversary Magen David Adom. 06.08.1955



DCT.05 Israel historical events

Commemoration: 47th anniversary Herzl's death 27.07.51



DCT.06 Fallen Soldier Memorial

Commemoration: Memorial day 16.04.1969



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DCT
DC of other Topics

DCT.07 Tel Aviv Fairgrounds

Commemoration:
Tel Aviv Jubilee
exhibition, 1959
Tel Aviv
Fairgrounds



DCT.09 Sinai Campaign

Commemoration:
1957 Haifa
exhibition
showing captured
arms from
Egyptian army



DCT.13 General Fairs and Exhibitions

Commemoration:
International Trade
Fair, Tel Aviv 1968



DCT.17 Music

Commemoration:
Haifa 1959, "Music
on Staps"
exhibition



DCT.18 Naval Transportation

D.DCT type:
"Jerusalem S.S."
decorated
envelope first
voyage Haifa
New York with
commemorative
postmark



DCT.21 Trains

Commemoration:
Inaguation
Hadera-Tel Aviv
railway line, 1953



DCT.22 Zionist Conventions

Commemoration:
Jerusalem, 23rd
Zionist Congress
1959



Decorated cover exist also in limited edition numbered by the publishers. Such covers deserve a premium +100%.

DCT.23 National Exhibitions

Commemoration:
Conquest of the
Desert Exhibition,
Jerusalem 1953



DCT.25 Chess competitions

Commemoration:
The 1st
international chess
competition, 1958
Haifa



DCT.26 Sport events & Olympics

Commemoration:
The 5th Hapoel
Games, 1952



DCT.27 Other topics

Jewish History:
Commemoration:
50 years
anniversary end of
WWII (1995) and
liberation of the
camps



SL
Decorated Folders & Cards

The SL category refers to illustrated printed productions which are not envelopes, but postcards, leaflets, folders, cards etc in various dimentionns commemorating actual events, using the stamps tied with the special postal EC cachet or the actual date postmark of the event's day. There are thousands of such productions prepared by IPS, semi official bodies as well as private publishers. The classification of these productions can be done by topic (like DC) as well as in printing series as following:

- SLA. Non standard designs and sizes (from 1948 onwards)
- SLB. Souvenir Leaves - Pre-printed cards (from 1988) consistent design
- CLC. New Year souvenir cards to subscribers of IPS
- SLD. Maximum Cards

SL Souvenir Leaves

SLA- Non standard designs and sizes



SLA.1 Doar Ivri presentation sheet including complete tabbed set No. 1-9

No.	Date	Topic	Price
SLA.1	16.05.48	Doar Ivri presentation sheet half tab	900.00
		Ditto Full tabs	2000.00
SLA.2	27.8.48	"IMABA" leaf. Commemorating IMABA stamp exhibition in Basel. Half tab	900.00
		Black print on yellow card. Ditto Full tab	2000.00
SLA.3	26.09.48	First Festivals set presentation sheet. Black print on yellow card with mounted blocks of 4 (plain)	50.00
SLA.4	26.12.48	First Festivals set presentation sheet. Black print on yellow card with mounted blocks of 4 plain	50.00
		Commemorating 10th Maccabi Games (with special postmark)	
SLA.5	28.01.49	Welcoming the return of the prisoners from the internment Camps in Cyprus. plain	7.00
		PC size + 65m 1st festival issue	