

FDC Israel First Day Publications

Definition: Israel First Day publications are stationery (envelopes, cards, leaflets etc.) with added printed design and with the new issue stamps affixed and tied with a postal cancellation clearly showing the date of issue of the stamp. (First date of issue means - the first day that the stamp was released or distributed to the public).

Israel official IPS FDC productions



Official IPS FDC (Chess 1964 competition) with signatures of all chess masters that participated (\$120)

FDC.A The Early Period: 1948-1950

FDC printed by the IPS were usually with tabless stamps. The FD productions of this period were all privately made either by enthusiastic collectors or stamp dealers. This explains the rarity of some FDC items such as the Jerusalem stamp Tab-FDC etc. Note that for the Bale#18-20 as well as for others we list two types of FDC: "Official Type" and "Private Type". The "Official Type" was privately made, but using official postal envelopes. Private types have plain envelopes. Most of the early FDC are scarce, they are evaluated and detailed in the stamp chapter next to the stamps.

FDC.A Later IPS publications

From 1951 the IPS used to produce both tabbed and plain FDC. After mid fifties, all IPS FDC were tabbed until today.

Official FDC are quoted in the main chapters of the catalogue next to stamps.

FDC.A 1970ies and later: When is the First Day of Issue? While the IPS kept a strict policy regarding exact date of issue in its early years, this policy was cancelled later. From the late seventies, new issues were delivered before the official date to press and dealers, and in the nineties even IPS subscribers often would receive the new issues before their official distribution on the counters. Therefore, modern covers cancelled are found with dates prior to the official first day of issue (such covers are always privately made). As FDC lost their true meaning for these late issues, Bale stops mentioning FDC of recent years (see note after the year 2005).

FDC.B Private FDC productions

Privately prepared FDC productions were published throughout the period in various forms. The main types are:

FDC.B1. Private FDC - Printed envelopes with stamp design or topic. Stamps affixed and tied with the FD cancellation.

FDC.B2. Maximum Cards (MC) - Printed postcards with stamp design or topic. Stamps affixed and tied with the FD cancellation.

FDC.B3. Folders - in various sizes privately printed with stamps and FD cancellation

FDC.B4. Souvenir Covers (SHAI) - printed by national official or semi official institutions with stamps and FD cancellation known as "SHAI FDC" (chiefly by JNF)

FDC.B1. FDC Private Productions of Irregular Sheets



Privately prepared genuine FDC for Pilgrim 2000 irregular sheet.

The policy of the IPS was to produce specially printed colored covers for the first day issues and preparation of the FDC. This policy was based on producing FDC for tabbed stamps only. Therefore, collectors of FDC could not have first day envelopes of unusual items such as irregular sheets (see "irregular sheets" chapter). The first "modern" irregular sheet was the "Tete Beche Hunger" sheet for which no FDC were prepared by IPS. The relative small amount that exists in the market was privately prepared and therefore is rare. Even in the eighties when the IPS started to issue every year at least one irregular sheet, the only way to collect those (or combinations from sheets) was by preparing them privately. This explains the relatively high prices for FDC of modern irregular-sheets issues (Prices are quoted in the Stamps Chapter in the FDC column)

FDC.B2. Maximum Cards (MC)

Printed postcards with stamp design or Topic. Stamps affixed and tied with the FD cancellation

The Israel Maximum Cards were issued from 1954 by various publishers, usually by dealers of philatelic items. The international high interest in Israeli philately encouraged some dealers to produce MCs. This enthusiasm had decreased from the 1970s on, but due to the relative success of the IPS with its first MC "Nature Reserve in the Negev" new productions of MC using stamps of the 1990s started to appear in the market. Therefore, FDC-MC can be classified in the following groups:

FDC.B2.A 1954-2003 MC

FDC.B2.B 1998-2010 MC prepared by IPS

FDC.B2 (MC) are printed cards with stamps affixed and tied with first day cancellation of the stamp. For most commercial publications QS are unknown. There is no sufficient research of MC, to enable to list all publications neither are more clear market prices (single MCs are not auctioned and appear rarely within collections or parts of lots in auctions).

FDC.B2. A : Maximum Cards Privately published from 1954



MCA.1: TAirmails (1954) waterfall



MCA.7: Teachers (1955)

| No. | Topic | Set | US\$ |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| MCA.1 | 1954 Air Mails | 6 | 50.00 |
| MCA.2 | 1954 Independence | 2 | 30.00 |
| MCA.3 | 1954 Herzl | 1 | 25.00 |
| MCA.4 | 1954 Festivals | 1 | 17.00 |
| MCA.5 | 1954 Tabim | 2 | 25.00 |
| MCA.6 | 1954 Rotschild | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.7 | 1955 Teachers | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.8 | 1955 Parachutists | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.9 | 1955 Independence | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.10 | 1955 Youth | 6 | 40.00 |
| MCA.11 | 1955 Festivals | 4 | 35.00 |
| MCA.12 | 1955 Magen David | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.13 | 1955 Tribes | 12 | 70.00 |
| MCA.14 | 1956 Einstein | 1 | 20.00 |
| MCA.15 | 1956 Technion | 1 | 20.00 |
| | 1956 issues Each MC from | | 20.00 |
| | 1957 issues Each MC from | | 10.00 |
| | 1958 issues Each MC from | | 10.00 |
| | 1959 issues Each MC from | | 10.00 |
| | 1960 issues Each MC from | | 10.00 |
| | 1961-1986 Each | | 7.00 |
| | 1986-2003 Each | | 3.00 |



Sabbath stamp, 19.04.1977 FDC Maximum Card privately prepared (Publisher: Phila PC)

FDC.B2. B: IPS Maximum Cards

These cards are issued from time to time with no specific order.

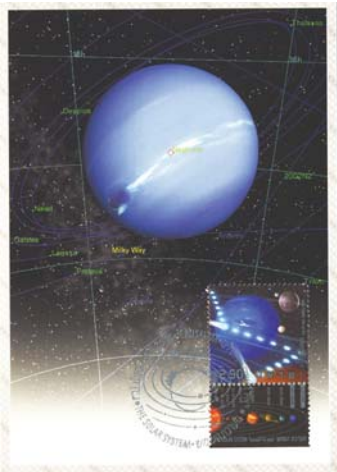
| No. | Topic | Set | Price |
|--------|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| MCB.1 | 05.07.88 Nature Reserve | 3 | 8.00 |
| MCB.2 | 17.11.89 Ducks | 4 | 10.00 |
| MCB.3 | 17.04.90 Nature Reserves | 3 | 10.00 |
| MCB.4 | 17.09.92 Zoo Animals | 4 | 6.00 |
| MCB.5 | 29.07.93 Drugs, No Thanks! | 1 | 5.00 |
| MCB.6 | 23.05.94 Architecture | 3 | 5.00 |
| MCB.7 | 07.02.95 Sculpture | 3 | 5.00 |
| MCB.8 | 25.06.96 Atlanta Olympics | 3 | 8.00 |
| MCB.9 | 23.09.97 Music & Dance | 3 | 8.00 |
| MCB.10 | --.--.06 Solar System | 1 | 2.00 |
| MCB.11 | 17.09.07 Music & Dance | 2 | 4.00 |
| MCB.12 | 20.06.07 World heritage | 5 | 10.00 |
| MCB.13 | 17.12.08 Crusador Sites | 4 | 8.00 |



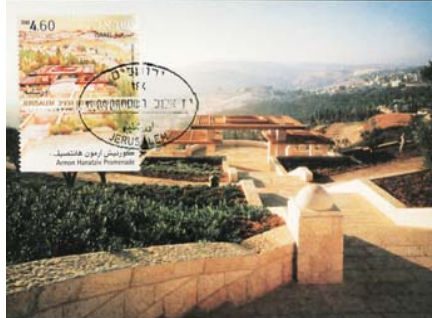
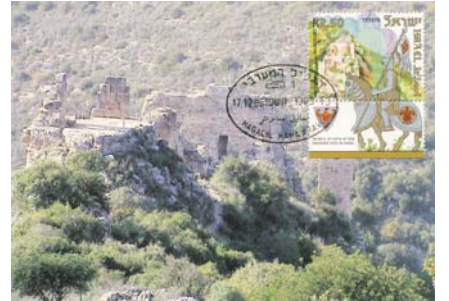
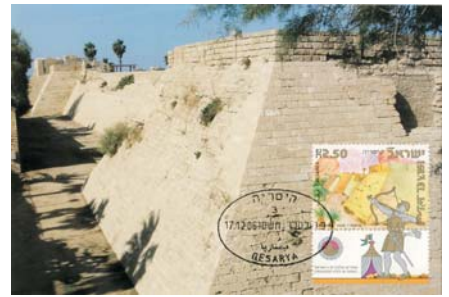
MCB.5 no drugs



MCB.2 Ducks



2006, The Solar System



17.09.08 Sites



20.06.07 World Heritage



17.12.08 Crusador sites

FDC.B3 Folder FDC

Prepared by various publishers. Folders are designed printed cards, sheets or double cards, in various dimensions, with stamps and FD cancellation affixed and tied. There is no comprehensive listing of all folders, and the general comments for MC are applicable for folders as well.

1954 Memorial stamps on private large size A4 folder (\$30)



| No. | Topic | Price from |
|--|-------|------------|
| From 1954 each from | | 15.00 |
| From 1986 each from | | 4.00 |
| From 1954 signed by the artist each | | 35.00 |
| From 1980 signed by the artist each | | 8.00 |
| FD with stamps tied to official explanation leaflets issued by the IPS for each issue, | | 7.00 |

FDC.B4. Semi official souvenir FDC covers also known as SHAI covers

Envelopes pre-printed and prepared by national official or semi official institutions with stamps and FD cancellation known as "SHAI FDC". Such covers were given as souvenirs to customers, colleagues or friends of the institution. Most known are those prepared by:

- Shai.A.** JNF (Jewish National Fund) {with additional SHAI cachet}. from\$4.00
- Shai.B.** Defence Ministry for commemoration the fallen soldiers (mailed to families on Memorial Day) Prices in the enclosed list.
- Shai.C.** Magen David Adom from\$6.00
- Shai.D.** Other organizations from\$5.00

Few examples of "SHAI" slogans used by the JNF on memorial covers



Early types of JNF "SHAI" slogans printed on covers

| No. | Date | Topic | Price |
|----------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| ShaiA.11 | 1948 | Doar Ivri | 20.00 |
| ShaiA.21 | 1953-60 | Independence issues | 4.00 |
| ShaiA.31 | 1961-85 | Independence issues | 9.00 |
| ShaiA.41 | 1967-85 | Memorial Day | 7.00 |
| ShaiA.51 | 1969-85 | New Year | 4.00 |
| ShaiA.61 | 1953-03 | various FDC | 4.00 |

Total over 160 different Shai-JNF FDC were produced up to 1990, as well as nearly 100 different FDC relating with philatelic events and exhibitions (with or without SHAI slogans).

Ministry of Defense publications

Fallen Soldiers memorial type. Prepared as a souvenir to families of the fallen



Large size A4, R-Shai envelope, 1953 Independence stamp, (\$30.00)

| No. | Date | Topic | Price |
|----------|------|---|-------|
| ShaiB.1. | 1952 | Includes set of 1952 stamps | |
| | | (29.04.52)Half tab | 45.00 |
| ShaiB.2. | 1953 | With issue of 1953 | 30.00 |
| ShaiB.3. | 1954 | With issue of 1954 | 20.00 |
| ShaiB.4. | 1955 | With issue of 1955 | 15.00 |
| ShaiB.5. | 1956 | With issue of 1956 | 15.00 |
| ShaiB.6. | 1957 | With issue of 1957 | 15.00 |
| ShaiB. | | Later issues from | 10.00 |
| | | Signed by Chief of Staff or the Prime Minister from | 75.00 |

A4 size modern envelope 1969 Memorial stamp (\$15.00)

Large size A4 Shai envelope, 1952 Independence stamps, Signed David Ben-Gurion (\$180.00)

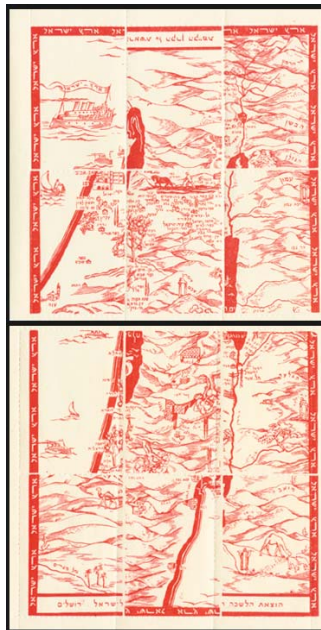


JNF PUBLICATIONS



Early JNF labels printed abroad with Palestine sites

The JNF activities over 100 years produced a large variety of collectibles of various types. From souvenir ("Shai") covers and folder, meter post, labels of many kinds, donation articles, certificates, postcards and stationery to JNF "stamps" they may be the most popular. The JNF offices in USA, Canada, South America and various cities in Europe produced each individually items of such nature from the Ottoman period until today. Late 40ties JNF labels that were printed in Israel were used by the Interim postal services (with ovp.) as legal inland stamps in 1948 (see Chapter I).



1950 labels with no value from JNF booklet printed in Israel.



Complete sheet of the 12 tribes series (Pr. in Israel 1950)