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THE POST OFFICES OF THE MANDATED TERRITORY
OF PALESTINE.

(1st July 1920 - 15th May 1948)

by S.Lachmann.

On 1st July 1920 the Military Administration of the country (the "Occupied Enemy Territory Administration, Egyptian Expeditionary Forces, O.E.T.A.E.E.F.") was automatically transferred to the new Civil Authorities of the Palestine Mandate under the first British High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel.

The Mandated Territory Administration was terminated on May 15th, 1948, following the proclamation of the State of Israel.

During the period of the Mandate the following categories of post offices existed:

1. Head Post Offices (till 2.6.43 called Post Offices)
2. Branch Post Offices.
3. Post Offices (till 2.6.43 called Subpost Offices).
4. Town Agencies (= Postal Agencies category "A").
5. Postal Agencies, category "B".
6. Postal Agencies, category "C".
7. Travelling Post Offices.
8. Temporary Post Offices.

The differences between categories 1 - 8 are mainly in the kind and volume of business transacted.

1. Head Post Offices functioned as international offices of exchange. 12 - 14 office hours daily. They were opened 7 days per week, except Tel Aviv, which was closed on Saturdays.

2. Branch Post Offices only at Haifa, Jaffa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, business hours as Head Post Offices or as Post Offices. Most of the Branch Offices were not deli-

very offices, delivery was effected by the relative Head Post Office.

3. Post Offices. 7 office hours per day. Jewish offices were closed on Saturdays, Christian offices on Sundays and Moslem offices on Fridays.

4. Town Agencies only at Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Office hours as post offices. Business transacted as at post offices or branch offices with the exception of Money orders and insured mails. Town agencies were sometimes delivery offices.

5. Postal Agencies "B". 4 office hours daily. Business transacted as post offices. All were delivery offices.

6. Postal Agencies "C". 2 office hours daily. Business transactions very limited. Category "C" agencies existed only since 1944.

7. Travelling Post Offices existed from 1920 *) till 30.6.1938. T.P.O.s operated on Haifa - Kantara, Jaffa - Jerusalem and Haifa - Damascus trains, the latter having been a Syrian T.P.O. At stations where no post offices etc. existed, the T.P.O.s sold stamps and accepted and delivered ordinary and registered correspondence.

8. Temporary Post Offices were "temporarily" opened at the occasion of some fairs and exhibitions etc. The business was usually restricted to the sale of stamps and the acceptance of ordinary and registered correspondence. There may have existed more temporary offices than those shown in the list.

According to the instructions issued by the Postmaster General on 13.4.1948 it was intended to liquidate the Postal Administration as per the following schedule:

* The railways were only in August 1920 transferred to the Civilian Administration. (D.Trietsch, Palaestina Hand-

Counter transactions with the exception of telegraph business, which was supposed to continue till 15.5.48, were to cease at

Postal Agencies on 15.4.1948;
Post Offices and Branch Offices with the exception of Lydda Air Port on 30.4.1948;
Head Post Offices and Lydda Airport on 5.5.1948.

In fact, these instructions were not complied with. All offices in the Jewish sector continued to work (Min-helet Ha'am Administration).

The dates shown as opening dates in the following list are from official sources unless otherwise stated. In this connection it is pointed out, that in 1939 most of the Post Office records prior to 1928 were destroyed (used as scrap paper, paper shortage during the war) and the Postmaster General was at a later date unable to furnish a list of correct opening dates of the offices. The dates before 1928 in the following list emanating from official sources were obtained prior to the destruction of the relative records. There appear to have been some mistakes in the early records and in some cases of the early twenties, offices may have existed as postal agencies earlier than the dates indicated in the list.

The 14.5.48 is considered as closing date for all offices in the Jewish sector, inasmuch as until that date telegraph business was still transacted on behalf of the Mandated Territory. Nothing definite can be said in respect of the post offices in the Arab sector. The 15.5.48 is considered as their closing date as offices of the Mandated Territory.

LIST OF POST OFFICES - General Remarks.

The offices are listed according to the alphabetical order of the names in the spelling in use at the end of (before 1922). It is not known from what date Civil T.P.O.s operated on the various lines.

the Mandate. The names of the offices are shown in column 1. Column 2 gives the status of the office (Post Office, Postal Agency, or as the case may be). Column 3 "from" shows the opening date, respectively the first date under the particular name, spelling or status. Column 4 "to" gives the closing date respectively the last date under the particular name, spelling or status. The indicated dates of change of name or spelling do not necessarily mean that the postmarks etc. were changed on the same date and many cases are known where postmarks in the old spelling were still in use several years after the change.*

Abbreviations:

- H.P.O. Head Post Office.
- P.O. Post Office
- P.A. Postal Agency, categories B or C
- B.O. Branch Office
- T.A. Town Agency.
- T.P.O. Travelling Post Office
- S.O. Sorting Office **)
- E (before dates) Earlier than
- L (before dates) Later than

LIST OF POST OFFICES.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Acre	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
<u>Affula</u>				
Afule	P.A.	22.9.20	10.8.22	
"	P.O.	11.8.22	2.8.25	
El Affule	P.O.	3.8.25	26.5.31	
Affula	P.O.	27.5.31	14.5.48	
Afikim	P.A.-C.	1.3.45	14.5.48	
Alonim	P.A.-C.	25.10.45	14.5.48	
Ain Harod	see Ein Harod.			
Ashdot Ya'agov	P.A.-C.	1.3.45	14.5.48	

*) There are also cases known where postmarks were issued in a wrong spelling,

**) So far only Lydda Airport sorting office is known to have existed from 1.8. - 8.8.1937, whereas the Post Office was officially opened for the public as from 9.8.1937. Other similar cases may exist.

List of Post Offices - Contd.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Athlith	P.A.-B.	1.8.23	19.6.45	May have ex-
	P.O.	20.6.45	14.5.48	isted E.9.2.22
Bait Alfa	P.A.	-.-.25	-.-.25	?
Bait Vegan	See Bat Yam			
El Bassa	P.A.-B.	26.8.44	13.4.45	Temporarily
	P.A.-B.	1.7.45	-.-.48	? closed
<u>Bat Yam</u>				
Bait Vegan	P.A.-B.	8.6.36	4.1.38	Name changed.
Bat Yam	P.A.-B.	5.1.38	14.5.48	
Beersheba	P.O.	1.7.20	20.9.38	Temporarily
	P.O.	12.4.39	15.5.48	closed (Distur-
Beer Tuviya	P.A.-B.	15.8.38	14.5.48	bances)
<u>Beer Ya'agov</u>				
Ber Yacob	P.O.	5.4.22	2.8.25	
Beer Ya'agov	P.O.	3.8.25	30.10.26	
Beisan	P.A.? *	23.12.20	30.4.23	? No official
	P.O.	1.5.23	20.9.38	record.
	P.O.	2.3.39	-.4.48?	Temporarily
				closed (Distur-
<u>Beit Hakerem</u>				bances)
Beth Hakerem	P.A.	6.5.27	6.5.34	
Beit Hakerem	P.A.-C.	12.9.44	-.-.48	
Beit Hashitta	P.A.-C.	1.3.44	14.5.48	
Beit Jala	P.O.	1.4.29	20.9.38	
	P.A.-B.	21.8.39	15.5.48	?
Beit Jibrin	P.A.-C.	16.8.47	15.5.48	
<u>Benei Beraq</u>				
Bnei Brak	P.A.	20.5.29	26.5.31	
Benei Beraq	P.A.	27.5.31	16.6.35	
Benei Beraq	P.O.	17.6.35	14.5.48	
Ben Shemen	P.A.-C.	21.5.44	-.-.48	
Bethlehem	P.O.	1.7.20	20.9.38	Temporarily
	P.O.	20.2.39	15.5.48?	closed (Distur-
				bances)
<u>Binyamina</u>				
Benjamina	P.A.	1926/27	?	
Benyamina	P.A.	?	26.5.31	
Binyamina	P.A.	27.5.31	31.12.31	
Binyamina	P.O.	1.1.32	14.5.48	
<u>Bir Zeit</u>				
Bir ez Zeit	P.A. E.	3.8.25	L. 5.6.30	Closed down.
Bir Zeit	P.A.-C.	10.8.44	15.5.48	?
The Dead Sea	P.A.-B.	1.10.41	17.6.44	
	P.A.-C.	18.6.44	24.12.47	

*) According to P.M.G. list 1947: Earliest known Beisan Postmark: 5.3.21.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
<u>Ein Harod *)</u>				
Ain Harod	P.A.	E.3.8.25	19.11.27	
Ain Harod	P.O.	20.11.27	26. 5.31	
Ein Harod	P.O.	27. 5.31	9.9.38	
Ein Hashofet	P.A.-C.	1.10.44	14.5.48	
Ein Karim	P.A.-C.	15.4.45	-.-.48?	
Even Yehuda	P.A.-C.	2.1.44	14.5.48	
Faluja	P.O.	1.11.43	15.3.48	Temp.closed**
	P.O.	22.3.48	15.5.48	
Gaza	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
Gedera	P.A.-B.	2.2.36	14.5.48	
Gevat	P.A.-C.	17.12.44	14.5.48	
Givatayim	P.O.	25.8.46	14.5.48	
Givat Brenner	P.A.-B.	12.2.36	14.5.48	
Givat Hayim	P.A.-C.	15.3.44	14.5.48	
<u>Hadera</u>				
Khudeira	?	?	?	May have existed
Hedera	P.O.	1.4.21	2.8.25	as P.A.
Hadera	P.O.	3.8.25	14.5.48	
Haifa	H.P.O.	1.7.20	14.5.48	
Haifa,				
Carmel Avenue	B.O.	1.2.24	30.11.26	
Haifa,				
Hadar Hacarmel	B.O.	1.12.26	-.3.40	Temp.closed(Riots)
	B.O.	9.6.40	14.5.48	
Haifa, Hertseliya				
Street	B.O.	5.6.45	30.4.48	
Haifa,Mount Carmel	P.A.	3.12.28	14.4.34	
	B.O.	15.4.34	14.5.48	
Haifa, Nahla	B.O.	1.5.38	-.3.40	Temp.closed(Riots)
	B.O.	16.6.40	14.5.48	
Haifa, <u>Nazareth Street</u>				
Bazaar	B.O.	7.1.29	18.1.38	
Nazareth Street	B.O.	19.1.38	27.3.41	
Haifa,Ahuzat Samuel	T.A.	18.11.35	14.5.48	
Haifa, Bat Galim	T.A.	12.7.39	14.5.48	
Haifa, Hidjaz Street	T.A.	29.3.41	7.2.48	Temp.closed
	T.A.	25.3.48	-.4.48	E.15.4.48
Hebron	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
Heftsibah Beit Alfa	P.A.-B.	1.5.35	14.5.48	
<u>Hertseliya</u>				
Herzlia	P.A.	1926	1.10.34	Perhaps opened
Herzlia	P.O.	2.10.34	2.1.35	29.10.26
Hertsliya	P.O.	3.1.35	-.-.43	
Hertseliya	P.O.	E.22.9.43	14.5.48	

* This office was at Ein Harod station and was burnt down by Arab terrorists. It has nothing to do with the Postal Agency opened at a later date at Meshek Ein Harod.

** The P.O. was hit by a bomb during a Jewish attack on the village.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Holon	P.A.-B.	25.3.43	1.1.44	Temp. closed
	P.A.-B.	14.5.44	19.5.46	
	P.O.	20.5.46	14.5.48	
Isdud	P.A.-C.	21.6.47	15.5.48	
Jaffa	H.P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
Jaffa, Ajami	B.O.	24.3.21	31.3.31	
Jenin	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
Jericho *)	P.A.	18.10.21	31.12.23	
	P.O.	1.1.24	20.9.38	Closed due to
	P.A.	1.2.40	4.8.45	disturbances
	P.O.	5.8.45	15.5.48	
Jerusalem	P.O.	1.7.20	14.5.48	
Jerusalem Citadel	B.O.	7.10.29	-.-.48?	
Jerusalem, Mahne				
Yehuda	B.O.	28.9.34	18.5.39	Temp. closed (Riots)
	B.O.	4.12.39	14.5.48?	
<u>Jerusalem, Mea Shearim</u>				
Mea Shearim	B.O.	1.7.20	L.7.9.20	(Postmark)
Mea Shearim	B.O.	E.19.9.20	-.5.39	Temp. closed (Riots)
Mea Shearim	B.O.	4.3.40	14.5.48?	
Jerusalem,				
Rehavia	B.O.	1.4.36	14.5.48	
Jerusalem,				
Telaverra Barracks	B.O.	15.7.36	1.10.36	
Jerusalem,				
German Colony	P.A.	1.3.28	23.7.28	
Jerusalem,				
Greek Colony	T.A.	10.6.29	-.-.48?	
<u>Karkur</u>				
Kerkur	P.A.	15.10.28	16.5.31	
Karkur	P.A.	17.5.31	16.3.35	
Karkur	P.O.	17.3.35	14.5.48	
Kefar Ata	P.A.-B.	1.4.42	1.12.44	Temp. closed +)
Kefar Barouch	P.A.-C.	2.4.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Behadruga	P.A.-C.	24.9.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Hassidim	P.A.-B.	3.12.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Sava	P.A.	2.10.29	30.9.30	
	P.O.	1.10.30	14.5.48	
Kefar Shemaryahu	P.A.-C.	1.2.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Sirkin	P.A.-C.	24.9.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Tabor	P.A.-C.	2.4.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Vitkin	P.A.-B.	1.7.36	31.1.45	
	P.O.	1.2.45	14.5.48	
Kefar Yedidya	P.A.-C.	26.3.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Yehezkel**)	P.O.	11.9.38	31.3.40	
	P.A.-B.	1.4.40	14.5.48	

*) May have existed prior to 18.10.21?

**) This office replaced the EIN HAROD Post Office, which was burnt down.

+) Kefar Ata P.A.-B 14.1.45 - 22.2.47, and P.O. 23.2.47 -
- 14.5.48.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Kefar Yehoshua	P.A.	13.8.35	L.29.5.31	Closed down
	P.A.-B.	1.6.44	14.5.48	
Kefar Yona	P.A.-C.	1.3.44	14.5.48	
<u>Khan Yunis</u>				
Khan Yunus	P.A.	E. 9.2.22	11.10.26	
	P.O.	12.10.26	26.5.31	
Khan Yunis	P.O.	27.5.31	31.3.33	
	P.A.	1.4.33	20.9.38	Temp.closed
	P.A.	21.7.39	14.1.44	(Riots)
	P.O.	15.1.44	15.5.48?	
Kinneret	P.A.	9.12.34	31.8.37	
	P.O.	1.9.37	14.5.48	
<u>Lydda *)</u>				
Ludd Village	P.O.	21.12.21	12.5.25	
Lydda Village	P.O.	13.5.25	25.9.34	
Lydda	P.O.	26.9.34	20.9.38	Temp.closed
Lydda	P.O.	2.1.40	15.5.48?	(Riots)
Lydda Air Port	S.O.	1.8.37	8.8.37	
	P.O.	9.8.37	21.5.41	
	P.A.	15.4.42	12.8.42	
	P.O.	1.1.47	-5.48?	
<u>Lydda Junction**)</u>				
Ludd	P.O.	1.7.20	20.12.21	
Ludd Junction	P.O.	21.12.21	12.5.25	
Lydda Junction	P.O.	13.5.25	24.2.34	
Maabarot	P.A.-C.	5.3.44	14.5.48	
Magdiel	P.A.	11.1.26	13.6.36	
	P.O.	14.6.36	19.2.39	
<u>El Majdal</u>				
Mejdel	P.O.	25.10.20	12.2.23	
Majdal	P.O.	13.2.23	2.8.25	
El Majdal	P.O.	3.8.25	26.5.31	
	P.O.	27.5.31	20.9.38	
El Majdal	P.A.	24.7.39	31.1.43	
El Majdal	P.O.	1.2.43	15.5.48	
Maoz Hayim	P.A.-C.	1.3.44	14.5.48	
El Masmiya al Kabira	P.A.-C.	21.4.45	15.7.45	Temp.closed
	P.A.-C.	17.9.45	15.5.48?	
Meir Shefeya	P.A.-C.	29.7.45	14.5.48	
Merhavia	P.A.-C.	21.5.44	14.5.48	

*) This office was always in the village of Lydda.

**) This office was always at Lydda Junction, a railway station halfway between Lydda and Ramle.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Meshek Ayelet				
Hashahar	P.A.-C.	9.4.44.	14.5.48	
Meshek Ein Harod**	P.A.-B.	1.8.39	14.5.48	
Meshek Yagur	P.A.-C.	11.6.44	14.5.48	
Metulla	P.A.	E.3.8.25	24.10.36.	
	P.O.	25.10.36	31.3.39	
	P.A.-B.	1.4.39.	3.6.45	
	P.O.	4.6.45	14.5.48	
Migdal	P.A.-C.	1.2.44.	14.5.48	
Mishmar Haemek	P.A.-C.	28.1.45	14.5.48	
Mizra	P.A.-C.	29.7.45	14.5.48	
Na'an	P.A.-C.	18.4.44.	14.5.48	
Nablus	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
Nahalal	P.A.	E.3.8.25	31.5.28	
	P.O.	1.6.28	14.5.48	
Nahariya	P.A.	15.8.38	16.8.41	
	P.O.	17.8.41	14.5.48	
Nahalat Yehuda	P.A.-B.	23.2.36	14.5.48	
Nathanya	P.A.	7.6.33	11.7.34	
	P.O.	12.7.34	14.5.48	
Nazareth	P.O.	1.7.20	15.5.48	
<u>Nes Tsiyona</u>				
Nes Ziyona	P.A.			
		17.5.27	26.5.31	
Nes Tsiona	P.A.	27.5.31	30.4.33	
	P.O.	1.5.33	-9.38	Temp.closed
	P.O.	25.10.38	14.5.48	(Riots)
Nuseirat	P.A.-C.	15.11.44	22.8.45	
Pardess Hanna	P.A.	2.6.33	16.7.34	
	P.O.	17.7.34	14.5.48	
<u>Petah Tiqva</u>				
Petah Tikvah	P.O.	10.11.20	2.8.25	
Pethah Tiqva	P.O.	3.8.25	26.5.31	
Petah Tiqva	P.O.	27.5.31	14.5.48	
<u>Qalqilya</u>				
Qalqilye	P.A.	20.5.29	26.5.31	
Qalqilia	P.A.	27.5.31	20.9.38	Temp.closed
	P.A.	2.12.39	28.2.47	(Riots)
	P.O.	1.3.47	15.5.48	
Qiryat Amal	P.A.-B.	1.10.47	14.5.48	

** This agency has nothing to do with the previous post office " Ein Harod ".

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Qiryat Anavim	P.A.-C.	1.10.44	14.5.48	
<u>Qiryat Haim *</u>				
Qiryat Haim	P.A.	1. 9.35	4.4.36	
	P.O.	5.4.36	14.5.48	
Qiryat Motzkin	P.O.	1. 6.47	14.5.48	
Raanana	P.A.	4. 3.31	30.6.34	
	P.O.	1. 7.34	14.5.48	
Rafah	P.O.	1. 7.20	31.5.21	
Er Rama	P.A.-C.	15.7. 44	- .4.48	?
<u>Ramallah</u>				
Ramallah	P.O.	1. 7.20	2.8.25	
Ram Allah	P.O.	3. 8.25	26.5.31	
Ramallah	P.O.	27. 5.31	20.9.38	Temp.closed
Ramallah	P.O.	10. 2.39	15.5.48	(Riots)
<u>Ramatayim</u>				
Ramataim	P.A.	1. 1.35	19.2.39	
	P.O.	20. 2.39	?	
Ramatayim	P.O.	?	14.5.48	
Ramat Gan	P.A. E.	1928	31.12.33	
	P.O.	1. 1.34	14.5.48	
Ramat Hakovesh	P.A.-C.	24. 6.45	14.5.48	
Ramat Hasharon**	P.A.-B.	6. 1.35	14.5.48	
<u>Er Ramle</u>				
Ramleh	P.O.	1. 7.20	2.8.25	
Er Ramle	P.O.	3. 8.25	15.5.48	
<u>Rehovot</u>				
Rehoboth***	P.A.	15.12.20	10.5.21	
Rehoboth	P.O.	11. 5.21	2.8.25	
Rehovoth	P.O.	3. 8.25	26.5.31	
Rehovot	P.O.	27. 5.31	14.5.48	
<u>Rishon le Tsiyon</u>				
Rishon le Zion	P.O.	10. 4.21	2.8.25	
Rishon le Ziyon	P.O.	3. 8.25	26.5.31	
Rishon le Tsiyon	P.O.	27.5. 31	14.5.48	

* The first postmarks were erroneously issued as "Kiryat Haim".

** This place was previously called "Ir Shalom", but no office in this name existed.

*** List of P.M.G.(1947).

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
<u>Rosh Pinna</u>				
Rosh Pina	P.O.	16.2.21	2.8.25	
Rosh Pinna	P.O.	3.8.25	14.5.48	
<u>Safad</u>				
Safed	P.O.	1.7.20	12.2.23	
Safad	P.O.	13.2.23	2.8.25	
Safed	P.O.	3.8.25	26.5.31	
Safad	P.O.	27.5.31	10.3.48	
Salfit	P.A.-C.	8.1.45	15.5.48	
<u>Samakh</u>				
Semak	P.O.	10.5.21	12.2.23	
Samakh	P.O.	13.2.23	14.5.48	
<u>Sarafand</u>				
Surafend	P.O.	12.5.22	12.2.23	
Sarafand	P.O.	13.2.23	28.12.28	Closed down
	P.O.	1.4.38	15.5.48	Re-opened
Sarona	P.A.	1.2.28	5.9.39	
Sdeh Nahum	P.A-C.	15.2.44	14.5.48	
Sdeh Ya'aqov	P.A-C.	21.5.44	14.5.48	
Shefa Amr	P.A-B.	3.8.25-1.1.28	- 20.9.38	Temp.
	P.A-B.	15.4.40	- .5.48	?closed(Riots)
Shekhunat Borokhov	P.A.	1.11.33	12.2.36	
	P.O.	13.2.36	31.3.39	
	P.A.	1.4.39	28.2.42	
	P.A-B.	21.2.44	- .4.48?	
<u>Tarshiha</u>				
<u>Tel Aviv*</u>				
Tel Aviv-Jaffa	P.O.	1.7.20	- .-.22	
Tel Aviv	H.P.O.	- .-.22	14.5.48	
Tel Aviv, Allenby Road	B.O.	5.5.25	14.5.48	
<u>Tel Aviv, Dizengoff Street</u>				
Yarkon	B.O.	17.11.35	29.11.37	
Dizengoff Street	B.O.	30.11.37	14.5.48	
Tel Aviv, Herzl Street	B.O.	23.2.36	14.5.48	
Tel Aviv, Tel Nordau	P.A.	1.2.33	31.3.34	
	B.O.	1.4.34	14.5.48	
<u>Tel Aviv, Shekhunat</u>				
Montifiori	T.A.	15.4.37	30.6.43	
Tel Mond	P.A.	11.11.34	3.10.36	
	P.O.	4.10.36	31.3.39	
	P.A.	1.4.39	31.12.44	
	P.O.	1.1.45	14.5.48	

* In 1922 Tel Aviv was recognized as an autonomous township.

Office	Status	From	To	Remarks
Tiberias	P.O.	1.7.20	14.5.48	
Tirat Tsevi	P.A.-C.	1.2.45	14.5.48	
<u>Tul Karm</u>				
Tulkeram	P.O.	1.7.20	12.2.23	
Tul Karem	P.O.	13.2.23	2.8.25	
Tul Karm	P.O.	3.8.25	15.5.48?	
Yagur Nesher	P.A.	1.6.34	28.2.38	
	P.O.	1.3.38	14.5.48	
Yavneel	P.A. E.	3.8.25	30.6.29	Not definitely proved.
	P.O.	1.7.29	31.3.39	
	P.A.	1.4.39	14.5.48	
Yokneam	P.A.-C.	15.2.44	14.5.48	
<u>Zikhron Ya'aqov</u>				
Zammarin	P.O.	1.7.20	-.-.20?	
Zacron Jacob	P.O.	-.-.20?	2.8.25	
Zikhron Ya'aqov	P.O.	3.8.25	14.5.48	

Travelling Post Offices

Haifa-Rafa T.P.O.

Kantara - Haifa	T.P.O. South) This T.P.O. operated always between Haifa and Kantara.
	1.9.20.E.?	29.9.24		
Haifa - Kantara	T.P.O. South			
	30.9.24	7.4.31)
Haifa - Rafa	T.P.O. 8.4.31	30.6.38		

Rafa - Haifa T.P.O.

Kantara - Haifa	T.P.O. North) This T.P.O. operated always between Kantara and Haifa.
	1.9.20?	29.9.24		
Kantara - Haifa	T.P.O. North			
	30.9.24	7.4.31)
Rafa - Haifa	T.P.O. 8.4.31	30.6.38		

Jerusalem - Jaffa	T.P.O. Up.) During the last years it appears that only one postmark was in use at both.
	E.17.4.21	12.2.35		
Jerusalem - Jaffa	T.P.O. Down			
	E.17.4.21	12.2.35)

Jerusalem - Lydda	T.P.O.	13.2.35	30.6.38	One postmark for both.
Lydda - Jerusalem	T.P.O.			

Damas à Caiffa	E.1.10.20	L.1.10.22		Syrian T.P.O., No official records.
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Temporary Post Offices.

Near East Exhibition Tel Aviv 1929

-.4.29 -.4.29

No official record

Levant Fair B.O. Tel Aviv

7.4.32 30.4.32
26.4.34 26.5.34

No official record

No official record

Second Arab Exhibition Jerusalem

4.4.34 -.4.34?

Second Maccabia Tel Aviv

1.4.35 7.4.35

Arab Fair Jerusalem

1.4.35 -.4.35?

Philatelic Exhibition Tel Aviv

8.4.45 11.4.45

Philatelic Exhibition Tel Aviv

22.12.46 26.12.46

THE POST OFFICES OF ISRAEL

In addition to the list of Post Offices given in our bulletin No.2 (published 20th March 1949 and containing therefore all Israeli Post Offices opened until this date), the following Post Offices have been opened respectively reopened in the meantime:

Office	Status	Opening date
Lydda	P.O. reopened	12 April 1949
Beer Sheva	P.O. reopened	14. June 1949
Pardess Hanna, Beit-Olim (Immigrants Camp)	P.O.	4 July 1949
Kefar Haroe	P.A.C.	2 August 1949
Hulda	P.A.C.	9 August 1949
Tivon	P.A.C.	17 August 1949
Gan Yavne	P.A.C.	29 August 1949
Gan Shmuel	P.A.C.	1 September 1949
Ein Hakhoresh	P.A.C.	1 September 1949
Dalia	"	11 September 1949
Hazorea	"	11 September 1949
Ramat Hashofet	"	11 September 1949

Office	Status	Opening date
Shaar Haamakim	P.A.C.	11 September 1949
Givat Ada	P.A.C.	4 October 1949
Magdiel	P.A.C. reopened	11 October 1949
Ramat Hashavim	P.A.C.	11 October 1949
Ekron	P.A.C.	13 October 1949
Ramat David	P.A.C.	20 October 1949
Sarid	P.A.C.	20 October 1949
Beit Shean	P.A.C. reopened	2 November 1949
Tirat Hacarmel	P.A.C.	3 November 1949
Migdal Aza	P.A.B. reopened	14 November 1949
Beer Yaaqov	P.A.B.	14 November 1949
Beit Shearim	P.A.C.	24 November 1949
Neve Jdar	P.A.C.	24 November 1949
Tel Yosef	P.A.C.	1 December 1949
Shave Tsiyon	P.A.C.	2 December 1949
Ein Karem	P.A.C. reopened	4 December 1949
Azor	P.A.C.	6 December 1949
Yavneh	P.A.C.	7 December 1949
Haknesset Jerusalem	B.O.	26 December 1949
Ganigar	P.A.C.	9 February 1949
Geva	P.A.C.	9 February 1949

The "re-opened" post offices of Lydda, Beer-Sheva, Beit Shean, Migdal Aza (Majdal) and Ein Karem have been post offices until the end of the Mandate. Magdiel had been closed on 19.2.39.

Former Mandate Post Offices (working till the end of the Mandate), now located in Israel, which were n o t re-opened: El Bassa, Er Rama, El Masmije el Kabira, Haifa Hidjas Street, Isdud, Beit Jibrin, Faluja, Samakh, Sarafand, Jerusalem Greek Colony, Tarshiha.

Former Mandate Post Offices (working till the end of the Mandate), now located outside Israel: under Egyptian occupation: Gaza, Khan Yunis; b) under Jordan occupation: Beit Jala, Bethlehem, Bir Zeit, Hebrom, Jenin, Jericho, Jerusalem Citadel, Nablus, Qalquiliya, Ramallah, Salfit, Tulkarm.

N o t e : The P.A.B. Gadera has been converted as from 25.5.1949 to Post Office.

The P.O. Jaffa has been raised to Head Post Office as from the end of 1949.

The P.O. Metulla has been converted to Postal Agency C as from 22.1.1950.

The P.A.B. Qiryat Amal has been converted to P.O.

Dear Friends in Israel and abroad,

Today we are dispatching our bulletin No.4. We are sorry that Nos. 1 - 3 are out of stock, but as most of their contents were tentative articles, which will be replaced very soon by definitive and comprehensive studies in our next bulletins, you have not to regret too much.

Our plans for this year are as follows: No.5 will be definitely released within the next 2 weeks. Contents:

The Handstruck Postmarks of the Mandate
The 3rd Postage Due Set (Mandate)
Israel News.

Within the next 2 months we hope to be able to present our members "The Minhelet Ha'am Postage Stamps" (Do'ar overprinted Jewish National Fond Labels), a monograph which is being done on a cooperative basis by IPPSA (Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America) and the Study Circle. We can tell you that it will be a fine work and a big surprise. The Study Circle hopes that this work will encourage further cooperation between us and all our firends abroad.

There are many other interesting articles in store for the near future - but a good work takes a good while -, be patient sometimes and we can assure you that your patience will be well rewarded.

"The Israel Study Circle"
of the Haifa Philatelic Society

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ISRAEL CALLING

A new set of 6 values, replacing the provisional stamps of the "Doar Ivri" and having the inscription "Israel" in Hebrew, Latin and Arabic, has been issued on 18th December 1949. The designs of the stamps are made by Mr.O.Wallish, printed by the Government Printer in sheets of 400 stamps, 4 panes of 100 each. The Post Office sheet contains 100 stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 10 stamps each. **Every** pane bears a plate No., i.e. the complete sheet bears 4 plate numbers; No.1 at right, No.1 at left, No.2 at right and No.2 at left. Perforation: line perforation 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

3	Prutot	slate grey	coin design as	3	pr. "Doar Ivri"
5	"	violet	" " "	5	" " "
10	"	dull green	" " "	10	" " "
15	"	lake	" " "	15	" " "
30	"	prussian blue	new coin design		
50	"	dark brown	" " "		

Plate varieties: Only one plate variety of major importance has been found on First Day covers on the 5 prutot stamp (damaged centre leaf).

Imperforated in left side margin of sheet: the 5 prutot. Only one pane (10 pieces) is known to exist.

The printing of the stamps has been done very carefully and we can congratulate the Government Printer for a really fine piece of work.

First definitive set of Postage Due stamps.

Inscription "Israel" and large numerals, designed by Mr.O.Wallish, printed by photo-lithography, line perf.11½, date of issue 18th December 1949. Plate-numbers 2-7 as indicated below:

2	Prutot	yellow	Plate No.2
5	"	bright violet	" " 3
10	"	yellow-green	" " 4
20	"	vermilion	" " 5
30	"	bright ultramarine	" " 6
50	"	cinnamon	" " 7

L A T E S T N E W S :

I s r a e l U.P.U. set - 2 values, 40 and 80 prutot, to be issued in March.

I s r a e l Air Mail set - probably to be issued at the end of March.

First coin set: The 250, 500 and 1000 prutot of the first coin set are withdrawn from sale at the post offices as from 1st January 1950.

Instead of the 250 pr. coin the 250 pr. Jerusalem stamp is on sale; whether the 500 and 1000 prutot will be replaced by new stamps is not known to us at the present, but we suppose that new stamps of these denominations will be printed as both values are required for postage.
