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In order to bring our records, since our last publication in bulletin No.4, up to date, we list hereunder all items of philatelic interest which have appeared.

The Postal Stationery has already been dealt with in a special article in our bulletin No.8.

A. Stamps.

The following stamps were issued:

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| March 26, 1950 | U.P.U. 40 pr violet and
80 pr carmine. |
| April 23, 1950 | 2nd Independence Day 20 pr brown
and 40 pr bright bluish green. |
| May 9, 1950 | 25th Anniversary of the Hebrew
University at Jerusalem
100 pr deep green. |
| June 26, 1950 | Air Mail Stamps
5 pr turquoise blue
30 pr grey
40 pr myrtle
50 pr brick red
100 pr carmine
250 pr pale slate blue. |
| August 31, 1950 | Festival Stamps
5 pr blue and orange
15 pr brown and green. |
| October 1, 1950 | 3rd Maccabiah
80 pr olive and black |
| December 26, 1950 | Negev. Opening of Elat Post
Office
500 pr orange-brown and
buff. |

February 1, 1951 Official Stamps.
 5 pr bright magenta
 15 pr vermilion
 30 pr pale ultramarine
 40 pr marone.

March 22, 1951 40th Anniversary of the founda-
 tion of Tel-Aviv.
 40 pr sepia.

April 30, 1951 Independance Loan.
 80 pr deep brown lake.

A new set of 3 stamps commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Keren Hakayemet Leyisrael (Jewish National Fund) is expected in the near future.

The six values of the definite coin stamps (3 pr, 5 pr, 10 pr, 15 pr, 30 pr and 50 pr) appeared in December 1950 in a new perforation 14 comb.

B. Post Offices and Postal Agencies.

The following new offices have been opened:

February 9, 1950	Ganigar	Postal Agency C
February 9, 1950	Geva	Postal Agency C
February 16, 1950	Beit Dagon	Postal Agency C
March 1, 1950	Bikat Ono	Postal Agency C
March 22, 1950	Neve Sha'anani	Postal Agency B
March 28, 1950	Negev	Mobile Post Off.
March 30, 1950	Upper Galilee	Mobile Post Off.
May 3, 1950	Caesarea	Postal Agency C
May 9, 1950	Meona	
	(= Tarshiha)	Postal Agency C
July 2, 1950	Yehud	Postal Agency C
September 4, 1950	Upper Galilee	
	No.2	Mobile Post.Off.
September 22, 1950	Beit Yizhak	Postal Agency C
October 22, 1950	Talpiot Mahane	
	Meavar	Post Office

November 8, 1950	Haifa Port	Branch Office
December 14, 1950	Emeq Bet San (=Beit Sha'an Valley)	Mobile Post Off.
December 26, 1950	Elat	Post Office
January 4, 1951	Beit Lidd, Beit Olim	Post Office
January 15, 1951	Hare Yhuda* (=Judean Mountains)	Mobile Post Off.
February 1, 1951	Negev No.2	Mobile Post Off.
March 11, 1951	Kefar Masarik*	Postal Agency B
April 17, 1951	Qiryat Shemone	Postal Agency B

Conversions:

October 1, 1950	Atlit	to Postal Agency
November 14, 1950	Migdal Aza	to Post Office
March 1, 1951	Ahuzat Samuel, Haifa	to Branch Office
April 1, 1951	Jaffa	to Branch Office

*A special cancellation was in use on the opening day of the office.

The following offices have been closed down:

April 14, 1950	Meshek Ayelet Hashahar
December 15, 1950	Beit Hashitta
December 15, 1950	Heftsibah Beit Alfa
December 15, 1950	Maoz Hayim
December 15, 1950	Sdeh Nahum
December 15, 1950	Tirat Tsevi

C. Special Post Offices and Special Postmarks.

The following list shows all Special Post Offices and Special Cancellations used since the proclamation of the State of Israel.

Slogan cancellations made by krag-machines are purposely omitted.

(P.O. = Special Post Office & Special Postmarks

C = Special Cancellation only

HA = Haifa, JM = Jerusalem, TA = Tel-Aviv)

December 26, 1948	10th Congress of Maccabi World Organisation, TA	P.O.
January 28, 1949	Welcome to Cyprus Refugees (HA, JM & TA)	C.
May 1, 1949	Tabul, Philatelic Exhibition, Tel-Aviv	P.O.
May 6, 1949	Zionist Executive Committee, Jerusalem	C.
May 12, 1949	Admission of Israel to U.N.O. (HA, JM, TA)	C.
May 16, 1949	Celebration of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai, Meron	P.O.
August 14, 1949	18th World Conference of Mizrahi, Jerusalem	C.
August 17, 1949	Transfer of Herzl's remains to Israel (HA, JM, TA)	C.
August 21, 1949	First Journey of Israel Railway (HA, JM, TA)	C.
October 24, 1949	First World Conference of Israel Maritime League, S/S Kedma	P.O.
November 3, 1949	Israel Air Force Day, Tel-Aviv	C.
November 7, 1949	100th Anniversary of birth of Dr. Max Nordau (HA, JM, TA)	C.
December 21, 1949	Cross country torch run by "Gadna" youth brigade, JM	C.
February 19, 1950	Jewish Child's Day (HA, JM, TA)	C.

April 3, 1950	Music Festival, Ein Gev	P.O.
April 19, 1950	2nd Session of the Zionist Executive Committee, J'lem	P.O.
May 10, 1950	Maritime Day, Tel-Aviv	C.
May 21, 1950	25th Anniversary of foundation of Afikim	C.
August 24, 1950	Israel Touring Day, Ramat Gan	C.
September 27, 1950	60th Anniversary of foundation of Rehovot	C.
October 12, 1950	Coronation of Stavit (price-cow) Kefar Gileadi	P.O.
October 24, 1950	U.N.O. Day	C.
December 3, 1950	Exhibition "Behitnadev Am", Tel-Aviv	P.O.
March 30, 1951	Numismatic Congress, Haifa	P.O.
April 8, 1951	International Health Day (HA, JM, TA)	C.
April 13, 1951	GADNA (Youth Organisation), Beersheba	P.O.
April 12, 1951	Anti-Tuberculosis-League of Israel (HA, JM, TA)	C.

It is notified for the information of collectors that so far no special official covers have been issued by the Post Office in connection with the above special post offices and postmarks. All existing covers were prepared either by the respective organisation or by private enterprise.

THE EGYPTIAN POST OFFICE
AT JAFFA.

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by S.Lachman

The intention of this article is to supply our members with information and existing documentation about the Egyptian Post Office at Jaffa. The article is based mainly on the research made by the Study Circle of Egypt (1), to whom all credit should be attributed.

As the locality in question is Jaffa, it is worthy to mention that the article forms a part of our description of the Postal History of Palestine.

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During the early years of reign of the Khedive ISMAIL (1863-1879) the importance of Egypt in the Mediterranean started to grow, especially because of her naval force and merchant navy. Her commercial connections with Turkey were gradually growing and this was the cause for opening in 1865 Egyptian Post Offices in the Turkish Empire, similar to existing Post Offices of some European powers.

It seems therefore to be quite understandable that all mail between Egypt and the newly opened Egyptian Post Offices in Turkey was conveyed by steamers of the "Khedivial Mail Line". And as the ships of the "Khedivial Mail Line" called also at Jaffa, a Post Office was opened there (on 14th July 1870). The Post Circular relating to the opening of the Office reads (2):

Sezione 2 a

No.di Protocollo 3243

NUOVI UFFIZII POSTALI

Alessandria, 14 Luglio 1870.

In seguito all'inaugurazione delle linee di navigazione intraprese dai Battelli Postali Khedivie sulla costa della Turchia Europea e della Soria, questa Direzione Generale si affretta a far conoscere i nomi degli scali ove esistono Uffizii Postali distinguendo quelli pei quali possono essere ricevute lettere raccomandate:

Uffizii di semplice distribuzione:

Sira, Lagos, Tenedos, Mettelino, Mersina, Cavala, Scio, Tripoli, Latakia, Gallipoli.

Uffizii che ricevono raccomandate:

Cospoli, Jaffa, Dardanelli, Alessandretta, Smirne, Salonicco, Beyrut, Volo.

Con tale distinta vuolsi sperare essere eliminato ogni dubbio e prevenuto qualunque disguido facilitando al tempo stesso tale pratica alla S.V.

Il Vice Direttore Generale.

Translation

Section 2 a

Registration No. 3243

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OFFICES

Alexandria, July 14th, 1870

Following the opening of the navigation lines of the "Khedivial Mail Lines" on the coast of European Turkey and Syria, this General Management beg to inform you of the Seaports where there are Post Offices,

pointing out those which deal with registered letters:

Offices for ordinary mail only:

Sira, Lagos, Tenedos, Mettellino, Mersina, Cavala, Scio, Tripoli, Latakia, Gallipoli.

Offices dealing with registered letters:

Cospoli, Jaffa, Dardanelli, Alessandretta, Smirne, Salonico, Beirut, Volo.

By making this distinction we hope we have avoided every doubt and question, and have, in the meantime, facilitated your work.

The Sub General Manager.

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While the Foreign Post Offices in Turkey in general were opened as much from a business- as from a diplomatic point of view, the Egyptian offices had a purely business character. Probably in view of the low revenue derived from the office at Jaffa, that office was closed down on 15th February 1872. The relative Post Circular reads(3):

Sezione No.1 a
Numero di Protocollo, No.711

OGETTO: Sospensione navigazione per le linee Soria e Tessaglia (Jaffa, Beirouth, Tripoli, Lattachia, Alessandretta, Mersina, Volo, Salonico, Tavola, Porto Lagos).

Alessandria, 15 Febbraio 1872.

Dall'Amministrazione dei vapori postali della Khedivie viene significato a questa Direzione Generale la sospensione della navigazione per le due linee della Soria e Tessaglia cioè a dire pei luoghi al margine citati.

Egli è perciò che da oggi in poi la S.V. non accetterà più numerario pei detti scali, ma riceverà soltanto le corrispondenze attenendosi per la tassa alla tariffa della convenzione postale Austro-Egiziana cioè di P.T.2 per ogni porto di grammi 15.

In quanto alle partenze dei vapori austriaci per le dette località esse avvengono ogni 15 giorni a contare dal giorno 22 corrente alle ore 2 p.m.

Si avverte però la S.V. che resta in attività la linea di Constantinopoli ma colle seguenti modificazioni cioè: da Alessandria per Sira, Scio, Smirne, Metelino, Dardanelli, Gallipoli, Constantinopoli e viceversa (linea indiretta) partiranno ogni 15 giorni a cominciare da Giovedì 22 Febbraio 1872.

Da Alessandria per Smirne, Dardanelli, Cospoli e viceversa (linea diretta) le partenze sono del pari quindicinali a cominciare da Giovedì 29 corrente e perciò interparlarmente arrà luogo ogni Giovedì una partenza o del piroscafi diretto o indiretto come sopra detto.

Il Vice Direttore Generale.

Translation

Section: 1 a
Registration No. 711

RE:- Interruption of the navigation of the lines Syria - Tessaglia (Jaffa, Beirouth, Tripoli, Lattachia, Alessandretta, Mersina, Volo, Salonico, Tavola, Porto Lagos.)

Alexandria, February 15th, 1872

We are informed by the Khedivial Mail Lines that navigation will be interrupted on the lines of Syria and Tessaglia, i.e.

for the localities mentioned on the margin.

In consequence thereof, as from this date you will accept no more groups for these ports, whilst correspondence only may be accepted at the ruling rate of the Austro-Egyptian Agreement, i.e.: 2 piastres per 15 grs.

With regard to the departure dates of the Austrian ships bound to the said localities, these will take place fortnightly as from the 22nd instant at 2 p.m.

You are, however, informed that the Constantinopoli lines remain in service, subject to the following alterations: from Alexandria to Sira, Scio, Smirne, Metellino, Dardanelli, Gallipoli, Constantinopoli and vice versa (non direct line) - fortnightly sailings starting as from Thursday, 22nd February 1872.

From Alexandria to Smirne, Dardanelli, Cospoli and vice versa (direct line), departures are also scheduled fortnightly, as from Thursday 29th instant. Thus a departure will take place alternatively every Thursday being either the direct or the non-direct ship, as stated above.

The Sub-General Manager

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Both above Post Circulars have been found in the Postal Museum Fuad I at Cairo. The dates given in these circulars are confirmed by the dates found on accounts and other documents which were as well discovered at the museum. (4)

The stamps in use at the Egyptian Post Office at Jaffa were those of the 1867 issue of Egypt. Although only the 1 pi stamp is mentioned by the Study Circle of Egypt, it must be presumed that several if not all denominations of that issue were actually sold at Jaffa.

The Egyptian Post Office at Jaffa was opened and closed before the formation of the Universal Postal Union. The postage rates were probably similar to those used at other Egyptian Post Offices in Turkey. It is necessary however to mention that because of lack of proper documentation the rates in use were not definitely established, not to speak about rates in use at Jaffa Post Office, for which no covers have been so far discovered. A document, found at the museum Fuad I sheds some light on the matter. its text is as follows: (5)

AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE
VICE-REALI POSTE EGIZIANE.

Tariffa delle corrispondenze per
Constantinopoli e Gedda

A V I S O

Il porto marittimo delle corrispondenze che scambiano tra Suez-Gedda, e tra Constantinopoli e Alessandria è fissato a P.E.1 per lettere ordinarie, a para 5 per le stampe e giornali ed a P.E.1 per i campioni.

Le corrispondenze da Constantinopoli e Gedda per l'interno dell'Egitto e vice-versa pagheranno oltre il porto marittimo la tassa territoriale interna attualmente in uso.

Per le lettere raccomandate si pagherà oltre la tassa di affrancazione un diritto fisso di P.E.2.

L'affrancazione delle lettere, giornali, stampe e campioni è obbligatoria.

La partenza dei vapori da Alessandria per Constantinopoli ha luogo ogni martedì ad ore 3 p.m., e da Suez per Gedda ogni Giovedì ad ore 9 a.m. approssimativamente.

Alessandria, 31 Maggio 1865.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(f^o) G. MUZZI.

Translation

VICE ROYAL POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
Postal Fees for Constantinople and
Djedda.

N O T I C E

Sea transport postal fees between Suez-Djedda and Constantinople-Alexandria are as follows: P.E.1 for ordinary letters, 5 paras for printed matter and newspapers and P.E.1 for samples.

The mail from Constantinople and Djedda to and from the inland country in Egypt will be charged in addition to the sea transport postal fees - the territorial tax actually in force.

For registered letters, P.E.2 will be charged in addition to the postal fee.

Prepayment of postage for letters, newspapers, printed matter and samples, is compulsory.

Sailings from Alexandria to Constanti-
nople will take place every Tuesday at
3 p.m. and from Suez to Djedda every Thurs-
day at about 9 a.m.

Alexandria, 31st May 1865

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

(s) G. MUZZI.

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In addition some reference must be made to
the only one postmark used at that time at the
Jaffa Post Office.

Its illustration is given below:



Further there is known also to be an
Interpostal Seal Jaffa in deep blue colour.

The fact that neither covers nor stamps
off cover are known, gives the above article
more or less a theoretical character; and

there seems to be almost no hope that more than known at present will come to light in future.

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- (1) The History of the Egyptian Post Offices in Turkey, the Red Sea and the Sudan.- Charles Fox, L'Orient Philatelique, Vol.III. p.405, 445 (1939).
 - (2) L'Orient Philatelique, Vol.IV.p.362 (1945).
 - (3) L'Orient Philatelique, Vol.IV.p.422 (1946).
 - (4) L'Orient Philatelique, Vol.IV.p.575 (1946).
 - (5) L'Orient Philatelique, Vol.IV.p.193 (1945).

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