

An overview of postal rates during the Israeli Inflationary era

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## A regular letter cost on 14 August 1977 was 0.50 Israeli Lira



This rate was valid from 15 August 1976 to 14 August 1977

## A regular letter cost on September 1st 1989 was 0.50 NIS



This rate was valid from September 1st 1989 to 30 April 1990

## Within 12 years (1989-1977)



Postage rates have increased up to


## This Is Inflation!!!

### 0.50 NIS <br> 0.50 IE



NIS (New Israeli Shekel)
SHEKEL
I£ (Israeli pound)
0.50 - - = = - 0.14
140.00

6.00

3.5 fold rise in 44 months

233 fold rise in 63 months
12 -fold rise in 34 months

# HOW DOES INFLATION LOOK? 

## High postal rates

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Regular mail
（including printed matter， commercial samples，letter forms； up to 20 grams） 140 Shekel

140

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פרטים על תעריפים צוספים，תנאי דמשטלוח ופוצוציום על אברן או נזקים ניתן לקבל באשׁב

Registered special delivery letter - 3410 Shekel


The Franco Type Machine could not print a sum over 1000 Shekel. A new machine needed

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New type FRANCO TYPE MACHINE enables sum over 1000 Shekel

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## Regular domestic letter - 0.60 Shekel



On October 1st 1980 the Lira was replaced by the Shekel 6.00 Lira $=0.60$ Shekel

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## Regular domestic letter - 0.60 Sheqel



Don't be alarmed... I just wanted to use up my extra stamps

## Regular domestic letter - 1.20 Sheqel



The stamps overflow onto the other side of the envelope

## WHAT WILL WE NOT TALK ABOUT IN THE LECTURE?

- High-value stamps
- High rates
- Envelopes "carpeted" by stamps


## WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT IN THIS LECTURE?

- Postal rate changes
- New stamp issues
- Monetary unit Change
- Mixed stamping
- Stamping mistakes


## POSTAL RATE CHANGES:

PERIOD OF ADAPTATION

Regular domestic letter - 0.90 Shekel


This rate was valid from September 1st 1981 to December 311981

On January $1^{\text {st }} 1982$ the rate rose to 1.10 Shekel

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|  | 1.10 |

This rate was valid from January $1^{\text {st }} 1982$ to February $16^{\text {th }} 1982$

There are always those who did not adapt to change
(Rubber stamp at top asks for additional payment of 0.40 Sheqel, equal to double the underpayment.)


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Postal authorities fined letters missing sufficient postage

## There are always those who did not adapt to change


(Letter from Postal Service of Haifa dated 20 January 1982 informing the sender that the letter has insufficient postage after the rate hike, and that the letter is being returned for the additional
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 postage of 0.20 Shekel plus a fine equal to the underpayment) ,.3.3.s


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Postal authorities added a request for payment of a fine

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## METHODS OF FRANKING

Payment using one stamp (1.10 Shekel)


Use of a single stamp matching the new postal rate

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## Franking with multiple stamps ( $0.90+0.20$ Shekel $)$

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Franking with multiple stamps $(0.90+0.10+0.10$ Shekel $)$


## Franking with multiple stamps ( $1.00+0.10$ Shekel $)$



Franking with multiple stamps ( $0.60+0.50$ Shekel $)$
FEB, 1982

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Franking with multiple stamps ( $10 \times 1.10$ Lira)


Usage of various old stamp that were still accepted (and not yet demonetized)

Franking with multiple stamps (10.00 Lira +0.10 Shekel)


Mixed franking

## NEW STAMPS FOR NEW RATES

## At the end of 1979 no stamp had a 2.70 Lira value



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"ASSURANCE" INSURANCE AGENCY LTD.
TEL-AVIV P.O.B. 2969 . 7 . $\boldsymbol{7}$ ת
רחוב אחוזת בית 3 תל־אביב. - טל. 3497
The rate was valid from December 2nd 1979 to April 30th 1980

## Old stamps were retrieved from storage



The rate was valid from November $1^{\text {st }} 1970$ to January $31^{\text {st }} 1973$

## Users were forced to pay with multiple stamps


$15 \times 0.18$ Lira $=2.70$ Lira

## Clients disliked paying with multiple stamps

## 3 בולים לגלויה של 45 אג׳




־ ודוארו

 בוֹ בּל אחר








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 בגוגה הדרוש וֹרק להח


"Davar" Newspaper, September $5^{\text {th }} 1976$

The Postal Service issued a new stamp with the 2.70 Lira value
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\text { INVENTORY } \\
\text { RENEWAL OF } \\
\text { EXISTING STAMPS }
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The Communications Department (which includes the postal service) is prepared for the new rate

"The explanation for the round numbers used in postal rates: Accounts in Agorot (hundreds of Agorot) confuses postal workers"




The manager of the Postal Service revealed that stamps with round number denominations were prepared even before rate increases were authorized

| כי שרותי הדואר כבר הכינו בולים הנקובים בשקי לים בערכים ,,עגולים" עוד לפני שהתעריפים אושרו |
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[^0]But there was no stamp with a face value of 6.00 Lira


Regular mail postal rate valid from August $15^{\text {th }} 1980$ to September $30^{\text {th }} 1980$

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## The Nazereth Illit stamp



17 June 1975

The stamp was infrequently used since being issued in 1975

## The Nazereth Illit stamp



1980


17 June 1975

Due to shortage of stock, a new printing of the old stamp was required

## The Nazereth Illit stamp



1980


17 June 1975

The Postal Service decided to deceive stamp collectors and print the old printing date for the new printing

## The Nazereth Illit stamp



Major differences:
1975 stamp

- Off white paper
- Two thick phosphor stripes

1980 stamp
-White paper
-Two thin phosphor stripes
(distance between serial number \& printing date depicted as 19 mm for the 1975 stamp and 16.5 mm for the 1980 issue)

A stamp from the second printing


Completing payment of the 0.60 Shekel rate

## RENEWED USE OF AN EXISTING STAMP

In late 2003 the cost of a registered letter was 6.20 New Shekel


The rate for a registered letter was valid from August $14^{\text {th }} 2003$ to October $30^{\text {th }} 2006$

New stamps with the correct face value were issued


Jacob Herzog
24.2.2004


Second Aliya
9.12.2003


Joshua Henkin 4.11.2003

But the quantity did not meet the need for the volume of postal usage

## The Herzog stamp was sold in post offices



This became the primary stamp used for the registered mail rate

It was decided to issue a second edition

reprint

original

This is despite the fact that is a commemorative stamp and not a definitive

Attempts were made to conceal the reprinting from the public


But in practice the printing went away...

The original print included all stamps


Restore original print sheet

The reprint only comprised the Herzog stamp


The print information was accidentally moved one stamp to the right

The reprinted stamp was changed


And some minor changes were added to improve the stamp's appearance.

The new stamps were sold in post offices


Sale of the stamp was discontinued on 14 March 2006

# UNCERTAIN <br> STAMP ISSUE 

# STAMPS WITH NO FACE VALUE 

Non Denominated Stamp

Non Denominated Stamp - Basic Inland Rate


The stamp was issued on September $12^{\text {th }} 1982$

The rate was 1.70 Shekel
oct. 1982


It Day: $5 x p .17+82$
oct 1982
The rate for a regular inland letter was valid from August $16^{\text {th }} 1982$ to November $8^{\text {th }} 1982$.

Two months later the rate rose to 1.80 Shekel


The rate for a regular inland letter was valid from November $9^{\text {th }} 1982$ to December $11^{\text {th }} 1982$.

The article describes the fact that rates were raised without delay, rather than at the beginning of the next month, to avoid speculation in non-denominational stamps

On September $1^{\text {st }} 1989$ the regular mail rate was 0.50 New Shekels


The rate was (nominally) in effect from September $1^{\text {st }} 1989$ to April $30^{\text {th }} 1990$

## CHANGE IN CURRENCY

## DESIGN CHANGE IN STAMPS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION

## "Archaeology in Jerusalem" stamps set



Originally designed using old Shekels

## "Archaeology in Jerusalem" stamps set



The stamps were issued using New Shekel values

## Registered mail - Franked with new stamps



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& \text { בעשרות סמפים, באמצעות כרטים הכספומט } \\
& \text { שברשותך, תקבל מידע עדכני על מצב תצק } \\
& \text { השקעותציך, דתרת מטבע ישראלי, מטבע חוץ } \\
& \text { ומה בעצם לא... }
\end{aligned}
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## bank leumi בנק לאומי



One New Shekel rate was valid from May $16^{\text {th }} 1986$ to October $30^{\text {th }} 1987$

## Registered mail - Franked with old stamps

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One New Shekel rate was valid from May $16^{\text {th }} 1986$ to October $30^{\text {th }} 1987$

## DEMONETIZATION OF OLD STAMPS

1960 - Israel goes from Prutot to Agorot


What happened with the old stamps?

## 1960 - Stand-by stamp set



The stamps were issued on 6 January 1960 due to the changeover from prutot to agorot

Announcement annulling the stamps valued in prutot




 הודוֹ家


 אחרים. החאריך המדנוייק לשפבוּ יפורסם עוֹד

\author{[^1]}
|חוק לתיקון פקודת הממבעב
1959 - תעשי"ט



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(באגוּא) (בוּ





 1.1.1960 מכירת הבוֹלים הכבלילים





יפורסם עוּד

 דהדשים (אגרוח וגלוּ בוּיוח) שיופיצו בין

 כירד עד לה להופעת פידרח חרשה



 |החרשים וכן יוחלפר הבלילים שבמוֹד זור דנמצאאים בידי הקהל בכל הילים






 בטל, יפורסטמו בבוא עמוער.

Announcement annulling the stamps valued in prutot


Article states that arrangements will be made for the public to exchange old stamps for stamps valued in the new currency

[^2]1959 - תעשי"ט



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הלאהּ. בעב

(באגוֹד) (בוּ



 הצ"בר להפרעה רציגיה בעבוּ בודה בחקי







יפורסם עוּד







 זור דנמבצאים בידי הקה הלה בכלילים

חדשים.



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A decision - the old stamps remain valid

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Article, entitled "the pruta and the
agora" states that even after the agora
stamps are issued, the old stamps will be accepted, even in mixed frankings
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##  בולים ובולאים <br> 

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"Herut" newspaper, January $8^{\text {th }} 1960$

Commercial cover with mixed franking


January $21^{\text {st }} 1960$ - Air mail to Switzerland ( 0.25 Lira) + registration fee $(0.18)=0.43$
Rate valid from January $1^{\text {st }} 1959$ to March $31^{\text {st }} 1960$

Commercial cover with mixed franking


July $19^{\text {th }} 1960$ - Air mail to Switzerland ( 0.25 Lira) + registration fee $(0.20)=0.45$
Rate valid from April $1^{\text {st }} 1960$ to November $31^{\text {st }} 1961$

# MIXED <br> FRANKING 

Registered letter rate - 2.60 Shekel


Rate valid from October $1^{\text {st }} 1980$ to March $19^{\text {th }} 1981$

## Registered letter rate - 2.60 Shekel

oct. 1980


Postage could be paid in old stamps

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Registered letter rate - 2.60 Shekel


Postage could be paid in stamps in mixed currencies

Regular letter rate - 0.60 Shekel


Rate valid from October $1^{\text {st }} 1980$ to March $19^{\text {th }} 1981$

Regular letter rate - 0.60 Shekel


Fee paid with a new stamp supplemented by an old stamp

Regular letter rate - 0.60 Shekel


Fee paid with an old stamp supplemented by a new stamp

Regular letter rate - 0.60 Shekel


Fee paid with old and new stamps of equal value

Regular letter rate - 0.60 Shekel


And sometimes we could enjoy solving philatelic stamp puzzles

## Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel

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Rate valid from July $2^{\text {nd }} 1985$ to December $31^{\text {st }} 1985$

## Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel



The affixed stamp of the highest value was that of 500 Shekel

## Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel



There were commemorative stamps with an even higher face value ( 600 Shekel)

Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel

$5 \times(140)+100+10=810$ Sheqel ( 140 was the nominal value of the non-denominational stamps at the time.)

Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel


## Registered letter rate - 0.81 New Shekel



Rate valid from January $1^{\text {st }} 1986$ to May $15^{\text {th }} 1986$

## Registered letter rate - 0.81 New Shekel



New stamps could be used to pay postage

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Old stamps could be used to pay postage

Registered letter rate - 0.81 New Shekel


Mixed frankings could also be used

Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel


Payment with an old stamp supplemented by new stamps

## Registered letter rate - 0.81 New Shekel



Payment with new stamps supplemented by an old stamp

## Registered letter rate - 0.81 New Shekel



Mixed franking of old Shekel stamps supplemented by postage meter franking in New Shekels

Registered letter rate - 810 Shekel


And another envelope for comparison...

# INCORRECT <br> FRANKINGS 

MISSING POSTAGE

## Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 0.595 Shekel



Only missing one-half agora!

## Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 0.57 Shekel



The sender gave himself a "discount" of 3 agorot

Rate - 1.40 Shekel / Payment - 1.22 Shekel


The sender was a bit confused...

Rate - 1.20 Shekel / Payment - 0.30 Shekel


The sender was very confused...

OVERPAYMENT

## Rate - 1.10 Shekel / Payment - 1.13 Shekel



3 Agora overpayment: not good, but not bad!

Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 0.67 Shekel


7 agora overpayment: not good, but not bad?!

Rate - 2.70 Lira / Payment - 2.75 Lira


The main thing is to get rid of the old stamps

## Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 0.65 Shekel



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Rate - 0.70 Shekel / Payment - 0.75 Shekel


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The main thing is to get rid of the old stamps

Rate - 0.70 Shekel / Payment - 4.53 Shekel


Haste makes waste!

Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 7.00 Shekel


Not paying attention to the face value can be expensive

Rate - 10.10 Shekel / Payment - ??? Shekel


What is the nominal value of the non-denominational stamps?

Rate - 10.10 Shekel / Payment - 33.20 Shekel


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11 \times(2.20)+9=33.20 \text { Shekel }
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This is how world glory passes


Rate valid from March $13^{\text {th }} 1966$ to November $1^{\text {st }} 1970$

This is how world glory passes


Rate valid from March $13^{\text {th }} 1966$ to November $1^{\text {st }} 1970$

## Rate - 0.60 Shekel / Payment - 0.605 Shekel

Eleven (X11) stamps, once valid for X11 reg. letters -
are good later (INFLATION) for ONE (!) plain / regular Inland Rate


Willing to pay a small "fine" to get rid of old stamps that are free

## THANK YOU FOR LISTENING


[^0]:    "Maariv" Newspaper, August 14th 1980

[^1]:    "HaZofeh" newspaper, October $15^{\text {th }} 1959$

[^2]:    "HaZofeh" newspaper, October $15^{\text {th }} 1959$

