



1948 - FIRST COIN ISSUE

#1-9 were printed several weeks before expected termination of the British Mandate over Palestine. Designed before the State's name was chosen, the stamps do not bear the name of Israel. Instead they are merely inscribed DO'AR IVRI (Hebrew Post). They were issued on second day of statehood, May 16, 1948.



3p: Bronze half-shekel showing palm tree and baskets of fruit. Coin minted as emergency measure during siege of Jerusalem, 70 AD. Inscription reads *For the Redemption of Zion*. 5p: Bronze coin of 68 AD showing vine leaf and inscription *Freedom of Zion*.



Reverse side of coin shown on 5p. Depicts a slender amphora and decorated lid with inscription Year 3.



Coin minted 132 AD showing a bunch of grapes with inscription Year One of the Redemption of Israel.



Silver shekel minted 67 AD showing ritual cup used in the Temple with inscription reading *Shekel of Israel, Year 2*.



Silver coin, also known as tetradrachme, showing lulav (tied palm branches) and ethrog (citron) used in festival of Succoth.



Silver shekel struck 68 AD. Obverse side shows ritual cup of the Temple with inscription *Shekel of Israel, Year 3*. Reverse side with pomegranates reads *Jerusalem the Holy*.



Silver shekel minted 67 AD depicting ritual cup used in the Temple with inscription reading *Shekel of Israel, Year 2*. Reverse side shows pomegranates and inscription *Jerusalem the Holy*.



Silver shekel coined 69 AD. Front shows ritual cup of the Temple with inscription *Shekel of Israel, Year 4*. Pomegranates shown on reverse side with *Jerusalem the Holy*.

Israel's first issue pictures coins minted by the last independent Jewish governments during wars against Rome. The coins shown on 15p and 50p are from the Bar Kochba War (132-135 AD), others from the War of 2nd Temple (66-73 AD). The lettering is in the ancient Hebrew script.



1948 — HIGH HOLIDAYS



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Flying Scroll: To the King. Inscription impressed on wine and oil jars given in tribute to the king.



Miniature sheet issued in commemoration of the first anniversary of the stamps of Israel. It was put on sale at TABUL, the First National Stamp Exhibition held in Tel Aviv, May 1-6.

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1949 — JERUSALEM



And I will make all my
mountains into a road...
Isaiah 49:11

1949 — NATIONAL FLAG





1949 — PETAH TIQVA



The well of Petah Tiqva drilled by the pioneers of the Mother of Colonies 70 years ago.

1949 — HIGH HOLIDAYS



Insignia of the Air Force.



Insignia of the Navy.



Insignia of the Defense Army.



1949 — POSTAGE DUE



1950 — INDEPENDENCE DAY



With a mighty hand and an out-
stretched arm, and with great
terribleness ...
Deuteronomy 26:8

...And from the East our sun
will rise ...
Shaul Tchernichovsky



1950 — FIRST AIRMAIL ISSUE



Twin turtle doves ornaments for earthen lamps.



Eagle engraved on stone at Beth Shearim.



Mosaic floor at the synagogue of Beth Alpha.



Eagle engraved on a tomb at Marisa.



A relief commonly found in many synagogues.



Mosaic floor of the synagogue of Geresá.

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1950 - HEBREW UNIVERSITY



Acquire the Truth.
Proverbs 23:23

1950 - MACCABIAH



The Third Maccabiah 1950.

1950 - NEGEV



The Negev.

1950 - HIGH HOLIDAYS



O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts.
Nahum 2:1



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1951—BOND DRIVE



Bonds of Israel Government.

1951—TEL AVIV



Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

1951—ZIONIST CONGRESS



23rd Zionist Congress.

1951—JEWISH NATIONAL FUND



Zion



The land shall not be sold forever...
Leviticus 25



Zion





1952 - MENORA



And the Children of Israel... every man
by his own camp and every man by
his own standard.
Numbers 2:12

1951 - HIGH HOLIDAYS



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1953-57 - AIRMAIL



Olive trees in the hills of Judea.



En Gev on the eastern shore of Kinneret (Lake Galilee).



Shaar Hagay on the road to the Capital.



The Lion Rock at Scorpion Pass.



Elat on the coast of the Red Sea.



Tan Metula.



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