

### ISRAEL POST NEW ISSUES

On 2 April 2013, Israel Post plans some new issues that have Biological themes. First is a set of eight ATM labels featuring a Coral Peony, *Paeonia mascula*. The labels will measure 58mm wide by 27mm high. The designer is Renat Abudraham Dadon. Printing is by Tadbik using the Flexo Digital method. The table below shows the eight denominations and postal usages.

Postal Usage	Postal Rate (NIS)
Inland letter up to 50g	2.00
Inland letter 51–200 g	3.00
Inland letter 201–350 g	4.50
Airmail group 1 up to 100g (USA)	6.20
Airmail group 2 up to 100g (mainly Europe)	4.20
Airmail group 3 up to 100g	5.00
Airmail group 4 up to 100g	6.10
Surface Mail to Europe up to 100g	3.50



On the same date, Israel Post plans to issue a set of three stamps showing four different vulture species under the title, “Taking Vultures Under Our Wing.” The species depicted are the Bearded Vulture (*Gypaetus barbatus*), Lappet-faced Vulture or Nubian Vulture (*Torgos tracheliotus*), Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*), and Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*). The bird on the stamp showing the Nubian Vulture is *T. t. negevensis*, the larger subspecies.

Each stamp will have a NIS 3.00 denomination and measure 40mm wide by 30mm high. The designers are Zvika Roitman and Tuvia Kurtz. Printing is by Cartor Security Printing using the offset method with plate numbers 905, 906, and 907 in sheets of eight stamps with four tabs. Israel Post will also offer a set of three maximum cards containing designs similar to each of the stamps.

