

January 2025

Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

January 25 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

January 28 Elections and Dinner

We will give you \$10 for dinner or desert if dues are paid. Election of officers and board members. We are down two board members with Allison gone and Ken recuperating Mark Kingman has agreed to run for the board. Still openings.

February 22 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

February 25 Something Presidential or Yehud Coinage (see below)

Need a volunteer for something presidential.

After the Last Meeting

18 members got to see some very rare War of 1812 gold medals brought in by Robert Rodriguez.

David Elliott presented coins of the possible magi, Byzantine Jesus coins, and the ancient Star of Bethlehem coins. The Star of Bethlehem is likely one of the most attested astronomical events. All the Greco-Roman astronomers/astrologers noted the event and a series of Roman governors of Syria claimed the stars foretold their rise to emperor of the world and minted coins for 200 years. Others brought in Santa Claus coins. 2025 coins shown below. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (45 sold).

Rusty is planning to add a silver eagle to the gold coin to help get the last 15 sold. Thanks Rusty! Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website:www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

We meet at **Denny's**
205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



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*All 2024 coins here: Arkansas Innovation \$1 in mail.
The first coins of 2025:*



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: 2024 S set famous women .25 won by Jim Arden.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Dan DeRouchy: 2024 Innovation set \$1
Bart Daniels: filled .01 album, 2 wheat .01, roll of unc. .01
Joe Wozniak: 2023 & 2024 women .25 sets **mystery box**,
Joe Lamberson: 2024 famous women set
Jeff Allen: 1953 .10, candy coins in mint bags
Faye Allen: 2005 D mint set
Mary Long: presidential dollars set, 3 paper money books
Robert Rodriguez: copy 19th century banknote Farmers
Mark Kingman: silver gram, 2024 NA \$1PD set
Andre Assam: birth year set holder, 2 consecutive \$1 bills
Art Bonnel: paper money books, RCC medal, 2022 .25 set
Andy Olson: Zitkala PDS .25, 1913 .05
Rick DeAvila: NV cased state .25, .01 unc. roll
Mark King: 2 copies 19th banknotes

Quarter Pot

Ken Hopple (not present) won the .25 pot

THANKS TO BILL GREEN, FRED HOLABIRD, AJ and RUSTY KING who have donated a lot of raffle prizes. *I do need some more silver coins and will pay going rates for dimes, quarters, halves, commemoratives and dollars.* Always like to get or buy mint sets and medals too.

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Treasurer's report: At the end of December, our available balance was \$6,606.91. Activity included: Income included \$85 for our monthly club raffle, \$140 dues for renewing members and \$90 for our gold coin raffle. New expenses for the month included \$116.38 for Newsletter Repro/postage/office supplies. RCC has had a good year financially. Our starting balance was \$5,377.38 and we ended with \$6,606.91 in the bank.

Upcoming Coin Shows

Jan 17-18, NorCal Concord Coin Show, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Dealers: 30+, Admit:\$5
 Bill Green: 925 351-7605 coinzip.com

Jan 31-Feb1, CoinExpo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., Dealers: 30+, Admit:\$6 Scott Griffin: 415 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com \$2 off coupon, parking \$5 largest N. California show

February 14-16 62nd Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E, Flamingo, Dealers: 200+, Dawn 888 330-5188
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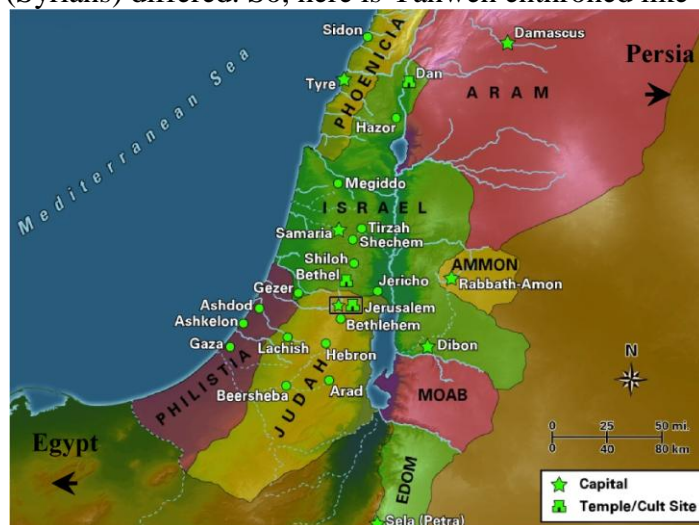


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The Other Coin: Yehud Coins of the Persian and Ptolemaic Period 5th century BC to 3rd century BC

It is hard to understate the importance of the Yehud coinage study for the understanding of ancient Judaism. I got the book new for Christmas, waiting a year for a used one, since \$150 seemed a lot. All the coins can be seen on Levantine Coins on-line: <https://numismatics.org/lco/results> \$150 was a deal.

The Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC. Assyrians had a policy of killing everyone like the Mongols. Any survivors had to have fled to the surrounding areas or Egypt. Babylon destroyed the southern Kingdom of Israel (Judah) in 586 BC and marched the Jerusalemites to Babylonian Captivity until miraculously Cyrus of Persia allowed them to return after 538 BC (the story is in Ezra and Nehemiah). In the 50 years of exile, the Jewish priests and leaders edited the Torah into the Old Testament we have. Judaism was recreated much like it would be again after the Romans destroyed the temple in 70AD. The coins let us understand just how "Jewish" the Babylonian Israelites of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were as well as how the other children of Abraham: Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, Egyptian Jews and Semites: Phoenicians, Philistines, Aramites (Syrians) differed. So, here is Yahweh enthroned like



Zeus or Baal on a Yehud (Judah) coin. So much for



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the prohibition against graven images. The fellow in a Greek Corinthian helmet is likely a Greek satrap or general, a mercenary for Persia. It is not double-struck, but an attempt to show the head turned to the onlooker, typical of coins minted in Philistia, the largest mint in the area (410-390 BC). A similar coin of Baal enthroned Cilicia (S. Turkey, 361-334BC):



Baal holding an eagle instead of falcon with grain ear and grapes. Baaltars in Aramaic. Yahweh holds falcon symbol of Jerusalem and sits on winged wheel common to Triptolemus, Greek god of grain and found in first chapter

of Ezekiel. The mask (I think betyl) is shaped like a Silenus or faun another agricultural deity of grain and grape with Judah in Aramaic above. The next coin



has Yahweh's wife with the Hathor flip, an Egyptian goddess often imaged as a cow (like the golden calf) and known by the Semites as Astarte, Greeks as Aphrodite. A female goddess has been found in the Jewish temples in Egypt, Samaria, and Edom. All the Torah invective against the prostitution and orgiastic rites of Judah's neighbors seducing good Jews was likely an attempt to reform the religion while in Babylonian Captivity. The lion attacking deer is also the reverse of the Baal coin symbolizing the king, sun, Persia defeating the priestess of Artemis, moon, Ephesus. Judah in Aramaic above 400-375 BC.

Now, it can be argued that Judah just sent the silver as taxes to help pay for the army to reconquer Egypt for Persia and the Philistia mint made the coins like they wanted, putting Judah's name on the coins to indicate their contribution in taxes for the war effort. However, the most common Judah coins are copies with paleo-Hebrew inscriptions imitating Athenian coins (400BC-333BC). An international coinage

acceptable to Persians and Greek mercenaries alike. Athena is portrayed with her owl. Behind the owl is a



lily of Jerusalem rather than olive branch and a crescent moon. The authors suggest the coins were used to pay local temple guards or administration and perhaps auxiliary soldiers if paid every day. The coinage wavered from an Attic weight with lead in the silver to a Persian weight with copper in the silver from melting coins from Greek or Persian sources. The Jerusalem minted coins for itself of falcon and



lily, and the temple minted coin with the shofar, ear of God, and dove of sacrifice. All with falcon reverse.



With Alexander the Great appearance in 333BC the Jewish mint has coins of a beardless male on a shield or a crowned Persian king taking sides of the probable winner. There are coins with Hezekiah a Jew who describes himself as governor and likely is the Yezekiah that fled to Egypt during the battles after Alexander died and his generals contended for control of Alexander's kingdom. Various headed griffins



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(the Persian guardian animal), owls, and falcons are reverses. The facing bare head on a shield may be Alexander the Great (his first portraits if so) or a generic beardless Macedonian. The last beardless head may be Hezekiah who went Greek or some other conquering Macedonian. Ptolemy, one of Alexander's general and likely a half brother took over Egypt and conquered the Syrian coast. The Judah mint then minted coins imitating coins of Ptolemy I and II until the 260s BC when Ptolemy II's coinage reform replaced the small silver Jewish coins with his own copper coinage. Ptolemy II or III ended the autonomy of Judah when the high priest refused to pay 30 talents of silver to be ruler.

Ptolemy I with Lagid eagle on thunderbolt paleo-Hebrew Judah to right. Ptolemy II coin with



Ptolemy I and wife Berenice I and Ptolemy II with Arsinoe II. These coins formally declared the



Ptolemies gods and saviors. The coins were minted in Phoenicia, and Tyre became the official mint for Judah and the temple with nearly pure silver, but also Melqart (the Phoenician Hercules) or god kings of Egypt or Seleucid Empire on the obverse and other gods on the reverse. Judas 30 pieces of silver were Tyrian tetradrachms. No graven images ever



took hold. Yahweh's wife was banished along with ritual prostitution and prostitution and adultery by a

woman was met with stoning. The Pharisees attempted to institute a tithe of everything. Sacrifice resumed. The reforms begun in Babylonian exile slowly took hold.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

New Coins

New coins for 2025 include Ida B. Wells a journalist and suffragette, Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts, scientist Dr. Vera Rubin, Stacey Park Milbern, disability advocate, and Althea Gibson, tennis star.



The Innovation series includes Arkansas' Raye Montague who designed Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate. The Florida coin honors the Space Shuttle program. The Michigan coin honors Ransom Olds' pioneering patent for the assembly line concept. The Texas coin pays tribute to NASA's Mission Control at Houston's Johnson Space Center. The Native American



dollar has Hawaii's Mary Kawena Pukui, a musician, artist, and writer. The first coins of the year out already



(January 2) celebrates the 250th anniversary of the

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Marine Corps with \$5 gold, \$1 silver and half dollar clad copper nickel coins and a common reverse. \$865 for .243 oz gold, \$91 for .859 oz silver, and \$56 clad.



Numismatic Potpourri

Two more volumes of the Roman Provincial Coinage project now published and online. They cover all Roman provincial coinage issues from Pertinax to the death of Macrinus (AD 193-218) in all the Eastern provinces of the Roman Empire. This includes 11,000 type descriptions and over 45,000 coins from 317 cities! The hard facts of coinage will revolutionize our understanding of the Roman Empire like the Yehud coinage has Judah. Volumes on-line: <https://rpc.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/volumes> **Metal detectorists discovered an early 9th century Viking boat grave of 3 women with coins and jewelry. A very rare early Viking coin of Hedeby (Denmark) was also found with other Viking, Carolingian, Irish, and English coins.**



In memoriam: "I know it's been a long while but wanted you to know that our son Shannon passed away from cardiac arrest due to sepsis just before Christmas. Thanks, John and Donna Holmes."



Canada's 2025 commemoratives include stories of WWII, 350th anniversary of Greenwich Observatory, Elizabeth II, first railway, and the Red Arrows. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon read a proclamation on December 20 declaring that **January 5, 2025, would be Nellie Tayloe Ross Day. She was the first female governor of any state (Wyoming) and first woman director of the mint 1933-1953** promoting the Franklin half and Roosevelt dime. She supervised new construction of the San Francisco Mint, the gold depository at Fort Knox and the silver depository at West Point. She died in 1977 at the age of 101.



50 ruble 1828 Peace with Persia medal of Nicholas I with Mount Ararat and Noah's ark. Armenia was made independent of the Ottomans under Russia, allowing Armenians to return. Russians gained control of Caspian Sea and 20 million rubles after a year of war with Persia promoted by the British. The Russians planted their flag on Mount Ararat.

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