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Preferred Citation

Bernice and Henry Tumen collection, Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University

Biographical or Historical Information

The Tumen collection of Jewish ceremonial objects of the home and synagogue had been assembled over many years by Dr. Henry J. Tumen and Bernice Tumen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Tumen (d. 1994) was a gastroenterologist, professor of Medicine, and the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Graduate School of Medicine and Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The present collection was gifted to the Brandeis University Rose Art Museum in 1981. In 1983, a public dedication was held at the University and a permanent installation showcasing pieces of the collection was unveiled in Goldfarb Library just outside the Judaica rooms. Currently, the installation rotates pieces of the Tumen collection to allow students, faculty, and library patrons to view the many intricate and interesting Jewish ceremonial objects.
Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of Jewish ceremonial objects: kiddush cups, spice boxes, candlesticks, menorahs, torah bindings, breastplates, rimonim, yadayim, as well as megillot, amulets, and mezuzot originally produced in Europe, the Near East, North Africa, and America. The collection contains pieces from the 2nd-3rd century, but principally showcases 19th-20th century artifacts. The Tumen gift also includes a collection of rare Israeli coins and books on Judaica and Jewish ceremonials.

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**Scope and Contents**

Plate depicts hunting scenes surrounded by floral design, with Hebrew inscription "Cast thy bread upon the water..." around the rim. Loop on back [suggests it was hung as decoration]. Persian, brass, 8.25" (diameter)

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**Scope and Contents**

Beaker form, with small foot, flared rim, and dotted surface, Greek key pattern around top. Initials inscribed, encircled by a belt. Latin characters, "BLC". European, silver, 2.75" (height), 2.75" (diameter)

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**Scope and Contents**

Beaker form, simple with a thin plain band around top and bottom. Stamp of angel on bottom. European, pewter, 3” (height), 3.25” (diameter)

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**Etrog container, 1878**

**Date:** 1878

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.201T

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**Scope and Contents**

Oval box on four paw-shaped feet. Decorated with floral and ribbon designs. Lid on hinge. European, pewter [possibly silver plate], 4.5” (l) x 5.5” (w) x 4.25” (d)

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**Polish mortar and pestle, mid 19th century**

**Date:** mid 19th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.044T a,b

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**Scope and Contents**

Traditional form. Polish, turned brass, 4.5” (mortar, height, diameter), 7.75” (pestle, length)

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**Mezuzah scroll, undated**

**Date:** undated

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.082T

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**Scope and Contents**

Hand lettered square of parchment [normally contained in a mezuzah]. Near Eastern, ink on parchment, 2.5” (height, width)

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**Amulet text, 19th century**

**Date:** 19th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.083T

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**Scope and Contents**

Sheet of paper on which is repeatedly written the name of an angel. It is arranged in code. [The name at the bottom may be that of the owner]. Near Eastern, ink on paper, 5.5” (height), 8” (width)

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**Silk tallit (prayer shawl), 19th century**

**Date:** 19th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.147T
Scope and Contents

Narrow, fairly small, rectangular. White with black bands and yellow-gold collar. European, silk, 14” (width), 62” (length)

Box 3

Persian buckle, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.057T

Scope and Contents

Three sections on hinges (one square, two triangular), with braided design border and floral design in center of square. All three sections inscribed in Hebrew containing selections from morning service and prayer for a woman. Attached to belt by loops at either end. Persian, silver, 1.5” (height), 5.25” (width)

Box 3

Silver amulet with chain, 19th - 20th century

Date: 19th - 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.073T

Scope and Contents

Rectangular-crown form, hung on chain by two rings on reverse. Decorated with semi-precious stones and fleurs-de-lis. Sealed back contains scroll. Near Eastern, silver, 2.25” (amulet, height), 2.75” (amulet, width), ~23” (chain, length)

Box 3

Silver amulet, 19th - 20th century

Date: 19th - 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.079T

Scope and Contents

Shield form suspended by two loops at top. Hebrew inscription at center and around border. Ribbon design in lower portion. Near Eastern, silver, 3” (height), 2.75” (width)

Box 3

Chatelaine, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.096T
### Scope and Contents

Peacock-headed lyre supporting ring. Hung on belt by hook at top of back of lyre. Small stamp at back of hook. Austrian, silver, 5” (height), 2” (width)

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### Scope and Contents

Silver three-dimensional star of David on rock crystal with mahogany base [broken]. American, 3” (h), 2” (w), 2” (d)

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### Scope and Contents

Cylindrical case without parchment. Decorated with seven Cypriot coins. Lid on chain lifts off. Near Eastern, tin or lead, 3.5” (height)

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### Scope and Contents

Mezuzah case with parchment. Cylindrical form. Scroll seen through window (now broken), lid missing. Near Eastern, copper, 3.5” (height)

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### Scope and Contents

Bulbous form with stem. Found at a monastery in the Sinai in 1948. Roman, glass, 5.25” (height)

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### Scope and Contents

**Small, green, fairly deep saucer with thick rim.** Found at a monastery in the Sinai in 1948. Roman, glass, 0.75” (height), 2.75” (diameter)

European brass spice box, late 19th century  
**Date:** late 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.174T

**Scope and Contents**

Tower form with round base, spire with ball and pennant. Openwork on sides of box. Door with functioning handle on side. [Appears once to have had four pennants with connected bells on box itself.] European, brass, 8.5” (height)

Hungarian silver spice box, 20th century  
**Date:** 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.185T

**Scope and Contents**

Vial form with floral decorations rising from stem with three sunflowers on round base. Openwork on lid, which has rooster finial and lifts off. Floral design around base with two stamps. Hungarian, silver, 13.5” (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Rectangular form with rounded corners, suspended by two loops at top. Hebrew inscription of prayer from morning service. Near Eastern, silver, 3.5” (height), 2.25” (width)

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**Scope and Contents**

Rectangular talismanic buckle with rounded corners, attached to the belt by six loops on the reverse side. Inscriptions in Hebrew around border and in center area which is divided into four quarters containing
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<td>Pear-form bell attached to blank, shield-form plaque by two rings. [Blank plaque suggests engraving was intended]. Hung from ark by hook at top of plaque. Latin characters &quot;MGS&quot; stamped at bottom on back of plaque. European, silver, 5.25” (height), 1.5” (width)</td>
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### Scope and Contents

**Beaker form, with houses and floral designs depicted on four shields around the cup. Two stamps on bottom.**
- **Russian, silver, 2.75” (height), 2.25” (diameter)**

**European silver spice box, undated**
- **Date:** undated
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.169T

**Scope and Contents**

**Tower form, with square filigree spice section with knop stem and circular base, fitted above with four pennants and four bells hanging below and a spire, with a larger pennant.**
- **Box is floral design and openwork, door opens on hinges.**
- **Hebrew inscription around base, and stamp "sterling" on rim of base.**
- **European, silver, 7.5” (height)**

**European silver spice box, 19th century**
- **Date:** 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.181T

**Scope and Contents**

**Footed bulbous form, repoussé. Floral designs on box and square base. Filigree openwork on lid, with ball finial. Two stamps on finial and stamp on base at rear.**
- **European, silver, 4.75” (height)**

**Brass rimonim, 19th - 20th century**
- **Date:** 19th - 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.216T a,b

**Scope and Contents**

**Two-tiered bulbous upper section, multi-faceted ball on stem. Near Eastern, brass, pair, 10.25”, 10” (height)**

**Polish candlestick, early 19th century**
- **Date:** early 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.046T

**Scope and Contents**

**Round base, stem with tiered decoration. Polish, brass, 9.5” (height), 4” (diameter at base)**

**Hanging sabbath lamp, 19th century**
- **Date:** 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.132T

Scope and Contents

Circular form, hanging oil lamp with seven wicks. Suspended by hook on chain with rooster decoration. Indian, brass, 6.5" (height), 7" (chain height), 5.25" (diameter)

European spice box, circa 1900

Date: circa 1900

Material Specific Details: 1981.186T

Scope and Contents

Egg form box on long stem. Openwork on egg, separates from stem, and hatch at base opens compartment. Decorated with florals and set with precious and semi-precious stones. European, silver, 11" (height)

Clay lid to vessel, 50-300

Date: 50-300

Material Specific Details: 1981.141T

Scope and Contents

Round with looped handle, with bulbous bottom. Found at monastery in Sinai in 1948. Roman, clay, 2.5" (height), 5.25" (diameter)

Polish menorah backplate, late 19th century

Date: late 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.048T

Scope and Contents

Pierced with two rampant lions supporting a menorah surmounted by a crown. Polish [possibly Danzig], cast brass, 5" (height), 7.75" (width)

Persian belt buckle, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.055T

Scope and Contents

Octagonal, curl and braid design with Hebrew inscription containing selection from the morning service and prayer for
protection of a woman. Attached by four loops on reverse side. Persian, silver, 2” (height), 2.5” (width)

**Persian buckle, 19th century**
- **Date:** 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.056T

**Scope and Contents**
- Octagonal, curl and braid design around the outside, Hebrew inscription in the center. Attached to belt by four loops on reverse side. Persian, silver, 2” (height), 2.5” (width)

**Near Eastern amulet, 19th - 20th century**
- **Date:** 19th - 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.067T

**Scope and Contents**
- Rectangular with rounded corners, suspended by two loops at the top. Inscribed in Hebrew with priestly blessing. Small stamp in lower left corner. [May have been worn by priest (Cohen) when reciting blessing during service]. Near Eastern, silver, 2.25” (height), 3.25” (width)

**Near Eastern circular amulet, 19th - 20th century**
- **Date:** 19th - 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.069T

**Scope and Contents**
- Round, suspended by two loops on top. Inscribed in Hebrew with prayer from morning service. Small stamp on lower left of back. Near Eastern, silver, 2.5” (diameter)

**European amulet with chain, undated**
- **Date:** undated
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.074T

**Scope and Contents**
- Sunflower-shaped, suspended on string of alabaster and onyx stones by two loops on top. The stones are mostly red or a shade of red with only six white beads and two black. [This color has traditionally been used as a protection from hemmorhaging and fluxes]. European, silver, alabaster and onyx beads on chain, Arabic inscription, 2.5” (amulet, diameter), 28” (chain, length)

**Near Eastern amulet with stone and chain, 19th - 20th century**
- **Date:** 19th - 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.076T
**Scope and Contents**

"Fruit" form hung from chain by two loops at top. Set with an orange-red stone in center, decorated with circles and braid designs which looks almost floral. Near Eastern, silver, 2.5"(amulet, height), 2"(amulet, width), 27" (chain, length)

Near Eastern amulet, 19th - 20th century  
**Date:** 19th - 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.080T

**Scope and Contents**

Banjo-clock shaped, supported by ring at top. Decorated with braid and with hanging ornaments on chains on bottom and at middle of amulet. [Several appear to be missing]. Hebrew inscription on back (illegible). Near Eastern, silver, 4" (amulet, height), 10" (amulet with chains and ornaments, height)

European amulet, undated  
**Date:** undated  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.081T

**Scope and Contents**

Egg-shaped but one half sharply hooked. One half with stationary loop and other half with mobile loop. Floral designs and four sets of two hanging bells. Hook latch, opens on hinge to reveal second compartment with hinged lid within outer casing. [May have contained talismanic ointment]. European, silver, 1.25" (height, plus bottom loop), 1" (diameter)

Near Eastern amulet, 19th century  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.087T

**Scope and Contents**

Padlock shape. Ring at top still has string remnants [suggesting it was worn or hung]. Hole in side on lower left section [suggests it may have once contained ointment]. Illegible Hebrew lettering on front and back. Near Eastern, silver, 1" (h), 1" (w), 1/8" (d)

Near Eastern amulet, 19th - 20th century  
**Date:** 19th - 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.088T
Scope and Contents

Square (eight-pointed) star form. Loops on top, bottom, and sides [suggests suspension]. Inscribed around border with Hebrew lettering and design (no longer legible). [Probably talismanic]. Near Eastern, tin, 1.5” (height), 1.75” (width)

German silver spice box, mid 19th century
Date: mid 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.168T

Scope and Contents

Tower form, circular base, two-tiered. First tier: filigree box with damaged door and three (of four) pennants. Second tier: ten commandments flanked by lions. Three stamps on rim of base. German [possibly Berlin], silver, 8.5” (height)

European brass spice box, late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.171T

Scope and Contents

Tower form, round base, spire with pennant. A floral design rises above base. Box is two-tier house-like design: upper tier contains four windows, lower has door with functioning handle on one side. Diamond designs on lower tier. European, brass, 8” (height)

European egg form spice box, 18th - 19th century
Date: 18th - 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.191T

Scope and Contents

Egg form, floral design with geometric shapes, with hanging ring. Opens in middle by left-handed screw. European, silver, 1.25” (length)

Polish Torah yad, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.206T

Scope and Contents

Hand form with curled finger. Sleeve extends over lower part of stem. Ball finial with ring, second ball in middle of stem, both decorated with leaf designs. Polish, silver plate, 9.5” (length)

Israeli Torah yad, 19th century

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Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.208T

Scope and Contents

Silver hand form with plain ball at top and midsection, ending with flared cuff above hand. Upper section decorated with circular spirals and diamonds. Plaque above hand indicates it was made at the Bezalel school in Jerusalem. 9.5” (length)

Box 6

One of two Near Eastern rimonim, undated
Date: undated

Material Specific Details: 1981.219T

Scope and Contents

Tower form, floral designs and inscription on stem. Upper section has representations of windows and columned openwork. "Abraham Karsinet" inscribed in Hebrew on stem. Near Eastern, silver or tin, 10” (height)

Box 7

Polish basin and pitcher, 19th century
Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.092T a,b

Scope and Contents

Polish, silver. Both used during the washing ritual at the Passover Seder.

Basin: broad lip, high oval form. Hebrew lettering on rim on top of wider side of oval. 10” x 14” (oval), 3.5” (height)

Pitcher: bulbous pool, round base. Handle with floral pattern. Hebrew lettering below spout, and two small stamps on bottom. 8” (height)

Box 7

Near Eastern Star of David amulet, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.085T

Scope and Contents

Six-pointed star form [probably suspended from loop at top]. Floral and deer design with Hebrew inscription (a letter at each point and "zion" in the center). [Probably talismanic]. Near Eastern, brass, 3.5” (height), 3” (width)

Box 8

European synagogue candle snuffer, circa 1900

Box 8
Date: circa 1900  
Material Specific Details: 1981.094T

**Scope and Contents**

Conical, supported by cylindrical mount attached to snuffer by hook-shaped rod. Mount decorated with four bells. Snuffer has decorative band along bottom. Inscribed with Hebrew letter "shin" - abbreviation for shadai ("Almighty"). European, silver, 4.5” (height)

Near Eastern Christian censer (spice box), 19th century  
Date: 19th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.098T

**Scope and Contents**

Egg-shaped and footed, with pierced base. Appears to be missing door. Openwork upper half, twisted ring at top. Floral designs on pool. A bird stands at either side of missing door. Near Eastern, silver, 3.25” (height), 2.25” (width)

Roman clay oil lamp, 50 - 300  
Date: 50 - 300  
Material Specific Details: 1981.138T

**Scope and Contents**

Traditional form, decoration around top, no handle or cover. Two openings for wick and filling. Found at monastery in Sinai in 1948. Roman, clay, 1.5” (height), 2.5” (width), 3.75” (length)

Roman clay oil lamp, 50 - 300  
Date: 50 - 300  
Material Specific Details: 1981.139T

**Scope and Contents**

Traditional form, no cover and only small appendage for a handle, fluted decoration. Two openings for wick and filling. Found at monastery in Sinai in 1948. Roman, clay, 1.5" (height), 2.5” (width), 4” (length)

Roman clay jug, 50 - 300  
Date: 50 - 300  
Material Specific Details: 1981.140T
### Scope and Contents

Bulbous form, previously broken, but evidence of restoration. Found in monastery in Sinai in 1948. Roman, clay, 3.5” (height), 2.25” (width)

German silver kiddush cup, 19th century  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.152T

Beaker form, flared rim. German inscription surrounding a portrait. "12" stamped on bottom. German, silver, 3” (height), 2.75” (diameter)

Russian silver kiddush cup, 1879  
**Date:** 1879  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.159T

Beaker form, small scenes of houses and floral designs depicted on four shields around the cup, with flared rim. Four stamps on bottom including "1879". Russian, silver, 2” (height), 1.75” (diameter)

European silver kiddush cup, 19th century  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.161T

Beaker form, decorated with seven-branched menorah, with Hebrew inscription on opposite side, "My blessings for the peace of the Sabbath." European, silver, 3.25” (height), 2.75” (diameter)

European silver spice box, undated  
**Date:** undated  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.170T

Short tower form. Openwork box on all sides, pierced domed lid. Stamped "sterling" on rim of base. European, silver, 4” (height)

European fish form spice box, early 20th century  
**Date:** early 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.175T
Scope and Contents

Fish form, non-articulated, with turquoise stone eyes. Head on hinge serves as opening to spice compartment. Three small stamps on tail. European, pewter, 2.75" (length)

European egg form spice box, 19th century  
Date: 19th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.194T

Scope and Contents

Egg form, wave designs. Two spice compartments, at top and middle, unscrew to open. Ring at top. European, silver, 1.5" (length)

European silver spice box, 19th century  
Date: 19th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.183T

Scope and Contents

Oval egg form on a base supported by four feet. Openwork on top of lid, crowned by leaves, coiled snake, and egg/ball finial. Stamp on foot. European, silver, 4.75" (height)

Turkish spice box, 19th century  
Date: 19th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.188T

Scope and Contents

Vial form, lid on chain, crowned by bird. Glass spice compartment with copper pepper-box lid within silver case. Case, lid, and bottom decorated with floral designs. Three glass moorish style windows. Turkish, 3.5" (height), 2" (diameter)

Turkish brass spice box, 19th century  
Date: 19th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.189T

Scope and Contents

Bulbous form, round base, with floral designs and bird finial. Turkish, brass, 4.5" (height)

Silver spice box with Jerusalem engraving on base, undated  
Date: undated  
Material Specific Details: 1981.228T
**Scope and Contents**

Hanging form, with its own supports. "Jerusalem" engraving on round base, spice container hangs from canopy in pierced box, silver, 3” x 2” (diameter)

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**Israelite challah cover, circa 1900**

**Date:** circa 1900

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.145T

**Scope and Contents**

Pink, rectangular cloth printed with representations of menorah, holy sites, and Sabbath prayers said at home. Also has congregations address and Rabbi’s name. [Probably sold as means of raising funds to support learning center owned by galician community in Jerusalem.] Writing in Hebrew and English, Israeli, cotton, 17” (height), 22.5” (width)

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**Spanish Torah yad, 20th century**

**Date:** 20th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.211T

**Scope and Contents**

Hand form, spiral design on ivory stem. Silver decoration at middle with green stone. Crowned by spice box with silver band. Openwork star of David [which may have once had a silver outline]. Lid lifts off, blue stone set in center of bottom of lid. Hebrew inscription (top broken), 16” (length)

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**Torah yad, undated**

**Date:** undated

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.209T probably - double check (Zach had this listed as unidentified - but it seems to match the description of 1981.209T)

**Scope and Contents**

Ivory with turquoise stone (broken)

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**Israeli tin synagogue plaque, 1920**

**Date:** 1920

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.108T
**Scope and Contents**

Of the Bezalel school. Scene of the interior of a Sephardic synagogue. Included: paper/magazine clipping of item. Israeli, tin, 4.5” (height), 16” (width)

European brass spice box, late 19th century

**Date:** late 19th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.173T

**Scope and Contents**

Tower form with round base, spire without pennant. Four pennants on box itself, with four bells hanging below. Openwork box, with hinged door with functioning handle on one side. European, brass, 7.75” (height)

Polish Torah yad, 19th century

**Date:** 19th century

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.207T

**Scope and Contents**

Left hand form with curled finger. Crowned by ball with leaf finial and chain, second ball above hand. Twisted pattern on stem. Polish, brass, 10.75” (pointer length), 38” (with chain length)

Israeli copper plaque on lead, circa 1920

**Date:** circa 1920

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.109T

**Scope and Contents**

Square plaque of man praying, with open book and candle. Of the Bezalel school. Hebrew inscription, one word at top, line of words at bottom. Artist initials and city name of Jerusalem inscribed in lower right corner. Israeli, copper on lead, 4 5/8” (height and width)

Israeli bronze plaque on wood, 1920

**Date:** 1920

**Material Specific Details:** 1981.110T

**Scope and Contents**

Square plaque of man praying, with open book and candle. Of the Bezalel school. Hebrew inscription, one word at top, line of words at bottom. Artist initials and city Jerusalem inscribed. Mounted on wood, hung by loop
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### Scope and Contents

European, unmounted, tightly wound, parchment, 15" (height)

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In stagelike setting, two rampant lions support the two tablets of the ten commandments. Foliage patterns surround them, all is surmounted by a crown. Ring on back. Polish, stamped brass, 8.25" (height, width)

| European Torah yad, late 19th century |
| **Date:** late 19th century |
| **Material Specific Details:** 1981.212T |

Hand form, fire design on stem. Stamp "sterling" and Hebrew lettering 2.5” from top of stem. 8" (pointer length), 26" (with chain length)

| Megillah (Book of Esther) on parchment with silver case, 20th century |
| **Date:** 20th century |
| **Material Specific Details:** 1981.223T |

Near Eastern, 24” (length)

Case: silver, cylindrical, narrow handle, decorated with plant designs surrounding a menorah, two lyres border door at top, and door decorated with a vine, has ring in center.

Scroll: pen and ink handwritten on parchment, unrolls from within case.

| German Torah binder (Wimpel) [possibly circumcision binder], circa 1927 |
| **Date:** circa 1927 |
| **Material Specific Details:** 1981.107T |
Scope and Contents

The binder commemorates the birth of Shmuel Kramer in 1927 during the Hebrew month of Nissan. It offers a prayer that he grow up to be involved in Torah, marriage, and other good deeds. German, paint, ink on cotton, ~ 9” (length), 7.25” (width)

European brass menorah, late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.128T

Scope and Contents

Temple menorah form. Seven-branched menorah with three-tiered stepped octagonal base. Footed, bulbous stem. Floral and floral-banner designs on base, bulbous candle holder. European, brass, 10.75” (height), 9” (width)

Brass sabbath lamp and drip dish (2 pieces), 18th century
Date: 18th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.130T a,b

Scope and Contents

European, brass

Lamp: hanging form oil lamp with seven lights - six at tips of star-shaped pool, and one atop stem. Suspended by horseshoe-shaped handle at top. 10.5” (height), 9” (width)

Drip dish: round, deep pooled, suspended on hook atop stem at center from bottom of lamp. Lamp will remain lit for hours - especially convenient during Sabbath when it is forbidden to kindle a flame. 3.25” (height), 4.75” (diameter)

Hanging sabbath lamp, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.131T

Scope and Contents

Circular form oil lamp with seven wicks. Suspended by hook on chain. Indian, brass, 5.25” (height), 4” (diameter), 21” (chain length)

Silver Torah breastplate, yad, and six portion plaques (a, b, c), late 19th - early 20th century
Date: late 19th - early 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.148T a,b,c
Scope and Contents

American, English, Czech, silver

Breastplate: shield form in late 19th century Russian style. Leaf designs, crown bells, and bird finial. Ark with ten commandments opening on hinge to reveal Torah. Pillars with bells on sides of ark. Portion box, with dated inscription, and three hanging bells on bottom. Chain on back. Stamp and "sterling" on bottom, just left of center. 13.5" (height), 10" (width)

Yad: Hand form, with chain. Heart stamp with letters "D,J,S" and three small stamps. 6.5" (length)

Portion plaques: Six assorted plaques. Hebrew inscriptions. 2.5" (avg. length) [1.75", 2.5", 2.5", 2.75", 3", 3.25"]

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European Torah crown, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.203T

Scope and Contents

Six-pointed red crown embroidered with floral designs, with seed pearl initials on rear. European, velvet, 6.25" (height), 27" (circumference)

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Silver Torah breastplate, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.204T

Scope and Contents

European, silver, with three hanging bells and hanging charm, plate with central seven-branched menorah above outline of tablets and two lions on either side atop columns. [Two blank plaques suggest it was to be engraved]. 9.5" (with bells height), 7.5" (width)

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Silver Torah yad, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.205T

Scope and Contents

Fruit form, leaf design on stem. Missing the finial. European, silver, 8" (length)

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Ivory Torah yad, undated

Date: undated

Material Specific Details: 1981.209T
Scope and Contents

Hand form, silver crown finial with ten commandments below. Center of stem contains an inscription above a flower with an inset turquoise stone. Silver decoration on lower part of stem. European, ivory, 12" (length)

Ivory Torah yad, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.210T

Scope and Contents

Ivory and silver hand form, 2/3 stem decorated with carved winding grapevine, other 1/3 plain metal. Ring on top, 15.5" (length)

Silver Torah yad, 20th century

Date: 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.213T

Scope and Contents

Hand form, floral design and Hebrew blessing on stem. Crowned with bulbous spice box with holes on top which twist off to open compartment. Near Eastern, silver, 19" (length)

Bone, silver, and wood Torah yad, 20th century

Date: 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.214T

Scope and Contents

Hand form, top third of stem squared off and inscribed with Hebrew lettering. Crowned by wood spice box, decorated with holes forming star of David. Silver ball with floral decorations separates box from pointer. Near Eastern [possibly Spanish], 15.5" (length)

Silver and glass Torah yad, 20th century

Date: 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.215T

Scope and Contents

Hand form, spiral design on lower half of stem, top half plain except for silver band in middle. Crowned by fruit and glass floral design, cluster of bells beneath design. Near Eastern, silver, glass, 16.5" (length)

Moroccan rimonim (a, b), 19th century

Box 15
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.217T a,b

**Scope and Contents**

Bulbous form, spire crowned by star of David with inscription in center. Decorated with floral designs and bells hanging on chains. Hebrew inscription "Zion". Moroccan, silver or brass, pair, 12", 11.75" (height)

Polish silver plated candlesticks (a, b), late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.045T a,b

**Scope and Contents**

Tiered bulbous form with floral designs and square bases. Both are stamped with an oval stamp and a number, located on one side of the base. Polish [possibly Warsaw], unknown base metal, silver plate, 13.25" (height), 5.5" (width)

Polish brass candlesticks (a,b), late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.047T a,b

**Scope and Contents**

Bulbous form with neo-classic relief. Both have stamps inscribed in the metal under each of the four corners of the bases. Each piece has an oval stamp which includes the word "Warszawa" and each has the imprint of a thistle. Each has a number (1 - B1143 and 2 - B1143 or B1145). The fourth stamp is unclear on each. Polish [possibly Warsaw], brass, 11.75", 12" (height), 5.5" (diameter of base)

Silver flower form spice box, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.097T

**Scope and Contents**

Flower form, stem running down to form round base. Two leaves on stem. Spice compartment in center of flower. Pierced lid lifts off. European, silver, 5.5" (height) 3" (width)

Silver spice box, 20th century
Date: 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.100T
Scope and Contents

Cube form, standing on four paws. Pierced metal openwork on five sides. Tulip finial on top. Hinged lid with latch. Wire screen lining in spice compartment. Small stamp on bottom and "Sterling" and "Handmade". American, silver, 1.5" (length, width)

Wooden candlesticks, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.111T

Scope and Contents

Pair of travelling candlesticks, dish form with stems. Floral design on stems, concentric circles on exterior of dish. Pieces assemble to form candlesticks, but disassemble and screw together compactly for travelling. European, wood, 3" (open, height), 2" (closed, height), 4" (diameter)

Silver kiddush cup, 20th century
Date: 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.124T

Scope and Contents

Footed form, round base, leaf design, flanged lip. Several small stamps on base. European, silver, 3" (height), 1 5/8" (diameter)

Silver kiddush cup, 20th century
Date: 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.125T

Scope and Contents

Footed form, round base, leaf design, flanged lip. Letter "L" inscribed, and "sterling" on base. European, silver, 4" (height), 1.75" (diameter)

Indian spice box, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.134T

Scope and Contents

Round, onion form, floral and chain designs. Lid twists off to open spice compartment. Pierced upper body. Seven-pointed star of David on bottom [clearly an error - suggests artist may not have been Jewish]. Indian, copper, 5.75" (height), 4.5" (diameter)

Silver plated kiddush cup, late 19th century
Date: late 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.135T

Scope and Contents

Footed, with a round base, engraved with decoration. Floral designs on lip, [blank plaque suggests it was to be inscribed]. Silversmith's stamp on bottom reads "Rogers & Bro. Triple Plate" and fist with lightning bolts. American, silver plate, 6” (height), 2 7/8” (diameter)

Silver kiddush cup, 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.153T

Scope and Contents

Beaker form, decorated with wave design, with flared rim. Inscribed with letter "M", and stamp on bottom. European, silver, 3.5” (height), 2.5” (diameter)

Silver kiddush cup, late 19th century

Date: late 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.162T

Scope and Contents

American, silver, circular base, flared rim, not footed, with two hands making sign of cohenim (priests). "Sterling" stamp on bottom. 2 1/8” (height), 2 5/8” (diameter)

Polish silver spice box, 20th century

Date: 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.166T

Scope and Contents

Bulbous, with floral designs, and onion domed lid, crowned by star of David. Two stamps on bottom rim. Hebrew inscription on midsection, "Havdalah". Polish, silver, 7” (height)

Polish silver spice box, late 19th century

Date: late 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.178T / 51.7S7 [in exhibit case: Intercultural Influences]

Scope and Contents

Fruit form, pear-shaped box on stem with nine leaves rising from a floral base. Openwork on box. Bird crowning box
serves as handle to lid of spice compartment. Polish, silver, 4.5" (height), 5.75" (length)

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**Scope and Contents**

Fish form, scaled body, ruby eyes. Head and mouth are on hinges to open to the two spice compartments. Bottom fin may serve as base. Chain attached to side fins for handling. Inscribed across top of head, "MJA to CET". European or Near Eastern, silver, parcel-gilt, 3" (length)

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**Scope and Contents**

Fish form, scaled body with moveable joints. Green stone eyes, mouth on hinge with spring is opening to spice compartment. Two stamps on the fin base. Israeli, silver, 9.75" (length)

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**Scope and Contents**

Tower form, pennant atop spire. Two-tiered round filigree box. Turning latch handle. Two stamps on rim of base. German [Berlin], silver, 9" (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Fruit form, pear-shaped box for rosewater. Decorated with leaves and long stem which unscrew as the lid for access to the spice compartment. Openwork on the leaves and box. Round base with floral designs. European, silver on brass, 7" (height), 2.5" (width)

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**Scope and Contents**

Fruit form, apple-shaped box on stem with three leaves. All on round base supported by three feet. Floral design on base and blank plaque [suggesting it was to be engraved]. Apple leaf/stem finial is handle to openworked lid. Apple unscrews from its mount on the stem. Two stamps on base, just left of rear foot. Polish, silver, 7” (height)

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**European silver bird form spice box, early 20th century**  
**Date:** early 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.184T

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**Scope and Contents**

Bird (turkey) form, stands on its own legs. Head lifts off as the lid to the spice compartment. European, silver, 3.5” (height), 6.25” (length)

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**European spice box, 19th century**  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.187T

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**Scope and Contents**

Pine cone form on stand, top 1/3 of cone lifts off as lid. Base decorated with pine cones on branches, with three stamps. European, [possibly silver], 6.5” (height)

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**Turkish brass spice box, 19th century**  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.190T

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**Scope and Contents**

Octagonal four-footed round base with tree finial. Screw operated lid, top of box opens to flower form. Turkish, brass, 4.25” (height)

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**Silver egg form spice box, 18th - 19th century**  
**Date:** 18th - 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.192T

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**Scope and Contents**

Egg form, textured design, unscrews open at top and middle. European, silver, 1.25” (length)

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**Silver egg form spice box, 18th - 19th century**  
**Date:** 18th - 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.193T
Scope and Contents

Egg form, floral designs, with hanging ring. Unscrews open in middle. European, silver, 1.75" (length)

Silver egg form spice box, 19th century
Date: 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.195T

Scope and Contents

Egg form, checker board design, with hanging ring, and two spice compartments at top and middle - unscrew to open. European, silver, 1.75" (length)

Wooden egg form spice box, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.197T

Scope and Contents

Egg form, covered by decorative holes. Unscrews at middle to open. Near Eastern, wood, 2.75" (length)

Wooden egg form spice box, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.198T

Scope and Contents

Egg form, covered by decorative holes. Unscrews at middle to open. Near Eastern, wood, 3" (length)

Round wooden spice box, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.199T

Scope and Contents

Round box form, chain designs and decorative holes forming star design. Unscrews at middle to open. Near Eastern, wood, 7/8" (height), 1.75" (diameter)

Near Eastern pair of sabbath lamps, undated
Date: undated
Material Specific Details: 1981.222T
### Russian silver spice box, circa 1910

**Date:** circa 1910  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.227T

**Scope and Contents**  
Russian, vase form with circular base. Crowned by ball and post without pennant. Filigree spice section, silver, 4.5" (height)

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### European spice box, late 19th century

**Date:** late 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.172T

**Scope and Contents**  
Round tower form, with round base, spire without pennant is a lid. Openwork on side of box and spire. European, silver plate, base metal unknown, 8.5" (height)

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### Near Eastern hannukah menorah, 19th century

**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.050T / 45.M30 [in exhibit case: Intercultural Influences]

**Scope and Contents**  
Backplate with stars, floral designs, and a row of mihrabs. Nine arches and windows on backplate, fronted by nine removeable oil receptacles with pronounced spouts. Suspended by a ring at the top. Near Eastern, pierced sheet brass, 11.5" (h), 11" (w), 3.25" (d)

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### Near Eastern belt buckle, undated

**Date:** undated  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.054T

**Scope and Contents**  
Octagonal buckle from a robe worn during the High Holidays. Attached to belt by four loops on the reverse side. Hebrew inscription with prayers from morning service,
"Pray, by the great strength of thy right hand..." Near Eastern, silver, brass, 3.5" (height), 2.75" (width)

Silver buckle, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.065T

Scope and Contents
Octagonal buckle attached to belt by two loops on reverse side. From kittle robe worn during the High Holidays. Inscription in Hebrew around border and on center area with a prayer from the morning service. Near Eastern, silver, 3" (height), 2 1/8" (width)

Dutch dreidel, late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.102T

Scope and Contents
Hexagonal form with stem and foot. Inscribed with Latin letters "A", "B", "T", "S", "N", "D". Dutch, silver, 1.75" (height)

Polish atarah, late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.104T

Scope and Contents
"Collar" portion of a tallit (prayer shawl). Floral designs in silver thread. Polish, silver, cloth, 24" (length), 3.75" (width)

European shofar (ram's horn), late 19th century
Date: late 19th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.105T

Scope and Contents
Black, carved with plant designs and Hebrew prayer recited upon hearing the shofar. European, horn, 16.5 (length)

German etrog container, 1878
Date: 1878
Material Specific Details: 1981.200T

Scope and Contents
Oval box with floral designs, stands on four paw-like feet. Lid is hinged and has key lock and flower finial. German
and "1878" on lid, and three stamps on bottom. Silver plate, [probably on tin], 4.5" (l) x 5.5" (w) x 4.25" (d)

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**Scope and Contents**

Oval box, decorated with chain and floral designs. On plate-like base supported by four ball feet. A ring attached on either side and hinged top. European, silver plate, 6.5" (l) x 6.25" (w) x 5" (d)

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**Scope and Contents**

Unmounted scroll in case decorated with openwork floral designs. Two lids attached by charms: one opens to megillah, the other opens to an empty compartment (may have contained spices). Near Eastern, brass, parchment, 6" (length)

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**Scope and Contents**

Possibly South Italy, pen and ink handwritten on parchment, with plain wood, velvet case. Outlined sections of writing on parchment separated by illuminated panels, 9" (length, mounted), 4 3/8" (height of scroll)

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**Scope and Contents**

Large, heart-shaped, containing five pairs of small holes. Hebrew lettering, mostly in top half, and six-pointed star within a circle in bottom half. It is a plaque to be hung in honor of a new bride. Near Eastern, silver, 7.75" (height), 7" (width)

| Persian amulet, undated | Box 18 |
Date: undated  
Material Specific Details: 1981.052T

**Scope and Contents**

Copper amulet with floral designs and gold flowers between rows of lettering (the last word at the bottom left is squeezed in). Hung on five nails. Persian, copper with gold, 4.5” (height), 3” (width)

Silver bridal belt buckle, undated  
Date: undated  
Material Specific Details: 1981.053T

**Scope and Contents**

Octagonal buckle, attached to the belt by four loops on the reverse side. Hebrew inscription includes bride’s name, the biblical name Hannah, and Psalm cxxi. Near Eastern, silver, 2.75” (height), 3.5” (width)

Silver amulet with hamsa and coin charms, 19th - 20th century  
Date: 19th - 20th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.058T

**Scope and Contents**

Tear-drop shaped, flat, with inscribed semi-circle designs. Two Arabian coins and a hamsa are suspended from the bottom. Hung from loop on top. [Probably used as protection from "evil eye"]. Near Eastern, silver, 2.5” (height, plus hanging elements), 1.75” (width)

Silver amulet, 19th - 20th century  
Date: 19th - 20th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.059T

**Scope and Contents**

Shield form, suspended from two loops at top. Hebrew inscriptions from morning service around outer border and at center. Near Eastern, silver, 3” (height), 2.5” (width)

Tin hamsa amulet, 19th - 20th century  
Date: 19th - 20th century  
Material Specific Details: 1981.060T

**Scope and Contents**

Hamsa (hand) form, suspended by loop at top, with star of David in center. Hebrew inscription of the priestly blessing on fingers and "zion" in center. [The inscription and the
hamsa were considered potent forces against the "evil eye"].
Near Eastern, tin, 2.5" (height), 1.5" (width)

Silver shiviti, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.061T

Scope and Contents
Tablet form, slightly convex, suspended by two loops at the top. Hebrew lettering over all of face and around border.
[Hung on the wall of a Jewish public building to indicate the direction of Jerusalem, which was faced during prayer].
Near Eastern, silver, 2.75" (height), 1.75" (width)

Silver shiviti, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.063T

Scope and Contents
Tablet form, suspended by two loops at top. [Hung on wall of Jewish communal building to show direction of Jerusalem which is faced during prayer]. Hebrew inscription on all of front and around border. Near Eastern, silver, 2.75" (height), 1.75" (width)

Silver shiviti, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.066T

Scope and Contents
Rectangular with rounded top, suspended by two loops at the top. Large, inscribed menorah flanked by two flowers and two birds. Hebrew lettering around border and on menorah. [Hung in Jewish communal buildings to indicate the direction of Jerusalem, which was faced during prayer].
Near Eastern, silver, 3.75" (height), 3" (width)

Silver amulet, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.070T

Scope and Contents
Rectangular with rounded top, suspended by loop at top. Arch at top inscribed in Hebrew with Yosef’s blessing. Letter design - abbreviations of verses using first letter of each word. Star of David beneath arch. Near Eastern, silver, 3.5" (height), 3” (width)

Silver amulet with chain, 19th - 20th century
Box 18
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.072T

Scope and Contents
Rectangular with rounded corners hung on chain by two loops at the top. Hebrew inscription from morning service for protection of mother and child. Near Eastern, silver, 2.25” (amulet, height), 2 5/8” (amulet, width), 17” (chain, length)

Round silver amulet with chain, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.075T

Scope and Contents
Pendant form, hung on chain by two loops at top. Star of David in circle of leaves surrounded by Hebrew inscription. Star is not quite straight up and down. Stone set at top. [Used for general good and welfare]. Near Eastern, silver, precious stone, 3” (amulet, diameter), 28” (chain, length)

Brass amulet, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.077T

Scope and Contents
Triangular, suspended by two rings on sides of upper section. Floral design. Five bells hang from rings on lower section. Lid slides open [to possibly insert talismanic writings]. Near Eastern, brass, 2” (height), 2.25” (width, at top)

Persian silver amulet with charms, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.078T

Scope and Contents
Round with openwork floral design supported by three chains from a hook. Six fish hang from it, supporting two half-moons, two birds, and ten Persian coins. Persian, silver, 2” (amulet, diameter), ~8” (height, with chains and ornaments)

Silver shiviti with chain, 19th - 20th century
Date: 19th - 20th century
Material Specific Details: 1981.084T
**Scope and Contents**

Rectangular amulet with fancy top, hung on chain by two loops at top. Hebrew inscription at top along border and in menorah design in center. [Hung on wall of Jewish communal building to indicate direction of Jerusalem which is faced during prayer]. Near Eastern, silver, 3” (shiviti, height), 2” (shiviti, width), 18” (chain, length)

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**Silver amulet with chain, 19th - 20th century**

**Date:** 19th - 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.086T

**Scope and Contents**

Cylindrical, hung from spice container bead at end of chain by three chains. Floral designs. Set with semi-precious stones in front and at ends (blue, red, green). Seven moons set with same color stones hang from bottom. [possibly an amulet case / talismanic]. Near Eastern, silver, 5.5” (length), 1” (diameter), 34” (chain, length)

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**Silver shiviti, 19th - 20th century**

**Date:** 19th - 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.089T

**Scope and Contents**

Inverted fir-tree form, with Hebrew inscription. Suspended by two loops at the top. [Hung in Jewish communal buildings to indicate the direction of Jerusalem which is faced during prayer]. Near Eastern, silver, 3.5” (height), 3” (width)

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**Silver bridal belt and buckle, 19th century**

**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.091T

**Scope and Contents**

Belt consists of semi-cylindrical filigree sections connected by chain links (62). Buckle is figure-eight shaped filigree with raised bow-shaped filigree in the middle and floral design at center, with three bell-shaped hanging ornaments. Near Eastern, silver filigree, 37” (length, with buckle), 1” (belt, width), 2” (buckle, width)

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**European silver card case, circa 1900**

**Date:** circa 1900  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.095T

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Scope and Contents

Filigree card case with chain and ring. Hinged lid opens by button latch. Filigree arranged in floral design. European, silver, 4” (h), 2.75” (w), 0.5” (d)

Gilt silver amulet case with chain, undated

Date: undated

Material Specific Details: 1981.101T

Scope and Contents

Triangular with two lions climbing up the sides and a bell hung from the bottom. Front is intricately decorated and has two green stones and one red stone set near the top and an inscribed crown at the center. Back decorated with studs, three red stones, the ten commandments, and a heart. Removable filigree lid with seated lion. Rope chain attached to lid by two loops on top. Parchment inside. Near Eastern, gilt silver, 6.5” (height), 4.25” (width, lion to lion), 1.25” (depth)

Dutch wax seal, late 19th century

Date: late 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.103T

Scope and Contents

Oval form. Pierced, flat bell-shaped handle. Three small stamps below handle. Seal inscribed with Latin and Hebrew letters. Dutch, silver, 1” (height)

Wooden Hebrew stamp, 18th - 19th century

Date: 18th - 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.106T

Scope and Contents

Carved in wood, depicts shekel (a unit of money). [Probably intended to make two-sided paper Hebrew coin as children's toy]. European, wood, 1.5” (h), 3” (w), 0.75” (d)

Carved judgement of Solomon, 19th - 20th century

Date: 19th - 20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.112T

Scope and Contents

Ball which opens on a brass hinge. Star designs on outside, carved judgement of Solomon in two scenes on
inside. [Its purpose was as decoration]. European, bone, 2.25” (diameter), 4.5” (opened, width)

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**Scope and Contents**

Two painted figurines wearing Eastern European clothing standing on bases. Elderly female carrying books, and elderly male carrying prayer shawl and cane. Paint on unknown base, pair, 5.5", 5.75" (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Mezuzah case with parchment. Scroll design on turquoise-colored case. Open by tab on back. Gold "Shaddai" (Almighty) on front and "made in Israel" on tab on back. Israeli, brass, 3.75” (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Mezuzah case with parchment. Pillar form, lion at bottom, tab opening on back. "Ben Ari" inscribed on back at bottom, lion (ari) on front [may be personal signature]. Hebrew lettering on front, "made in Israel" on back. Israeli, brass, 3.75” (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Mezuzah case and parchment. Parchment displayed through clear plastic. Hebrew "shin" on front and Hebrew initials "sterling" and "made in Israel" on back. Slides apart to open. Israeli, silver, clear plastic, 3” (height)

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**Scope and Contents**

Mezuzah case and parchment. Cylindrical form. Hebrew inscription "Jerusalem" and "Shaddai" (Almighty). Lid missing. Israeli, wood, 5” (height)

**Israeli mezuzah case, 20th century**
- **Date:** 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.121T

**Scope and Contents**

Mezuzah case and parchment. Cylindrical form on mounting plaque. Window to see scroll. No lid or bottom. Israeli, silver, glass, 3.25” (height)

**Brass bowl, 19th century**
- **Date:** 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.126T

**Scope and Contents**

Round form, floral designs. Hebrew lettering on side. Near Eastern, brass, 2” (height), 5.25” (diameter)

**Brass bowl, 19th century**
- **Date:** 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.127T

**Scope and Contents**

Round form, floral designs. Hebrew lettering on side, Arabic lettering on bottom. Near Eastern, brass, 2.25” (height), 5” (diameter)

**Brass laver, late 19th century**
- **Date:** late 19th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.129T

**Scope and Contents**

Round, three-handled with curled lip. [Used for ritual washing of hands before eating bread.] Tula stamp on bottom. Russian, brass, 5.5” (height), 5.75” (diameter)

**North African hamsa amulet, 20th century**
- **Date:** 20th century
- **Material Specific Details:** 1981.133T
### Scope and Contents

Pierced metal hamsa with fish and floral design. Fish hang from each finger, crown finial with moon, star, and fish stamps. North African, 7.5” + 2” fish (height), 4.75” (width)

**Persian copper plate, 20th century**

**Date:** 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.142T

### Scope and Contents

Plate depicting hunting and combat scenes surrounded by floral designs, with Hebrew inscription (“Cast thy bread upon the waters...”) around the rim. Hook on back [suggests it was hung as decoration]. Persian, copper, 8.25” (diameter)

**Persian copper plate, 20th century**

**Date:** 20th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.144T

### Scope and Contents

Plate depicting scenes of noblewomen with attendant surrounded by floral design, with Hebrew inscription around rim. Loop at back [suggests it was hung as decoration]. Persian, copper, 8.25” (diameter)

**German marriage cup, 19th century**

**Date:** 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.149T

### Scope and Contents

Footed, highly ornate cup decorated with various colored stones. Decorated with marriage scenes and images of the nuptial pair, with Hebrew/Yiddish inscription around the base extending good wishes and prayers for the newly wedded pair. Set of small stamps on base. German, silver, gold, 8.5” (height), 3.25” (diameter)

**German maiden marriage cup, late 19th century**

**Date:** late 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.164T

### Scope and Contents

Woman in dress as base holding up a swinging cup, decorated with floral and fruit designs. Four stamps on
German maiden marriage cup, late 19th century

**Date:** late 19th century  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.165T

**Scope and Contents**

Woman in dress as base holding up a swinging cup, decorated with floral designs. German, silver, 4" (height)

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Israel coins, medals, and stamps, circa 1958 - circa 1977

**Date:** circa 1958 - circa 1977  
**Material Specific Details:** 1981.229T

**Scope and Contents**


Small stamp collection featuring the 50th anniversary of Jewish scouting and two stamp sets providing biblical verses, with newspaper clipping from the Jewish Exponent on August 9, 1968.

**Inventory:**

1-2. Two small bronze medals. They read "Judaea Captive 70 C.E." and "Israel Liberated 1948" on the front and back respectively.

3. Coin, 1960 proof silver, 1 Lira

4. Coin, commemorative, 1968 silver, 10 Lirot

5. State medal, 1959 silver, 5 Lirot

6. 10th anniversary coin, silver, 10 Lirot

7. Victory coin, 1967 silver, 10 Lirot

8. "Let My People Go" coin, silver, 10 Lirot

9. "Let My People Go" pin, silver

10. Mikveh Israel coin, 1970 proof silver, 10 Lirot

11. Pidyon Ha Ben coin, 1970 proof silver, 10 Lirot
12. Pidyon Ha Ben coin, 1971 proof silver, 10 Lirot
13. Pidyon Ha Ben coin, 1972 proof silver, 10 Lirot
14-15. Two chanukah coins, 1958, each 1 Lira
16. Chanukah coin, 1963 proof, 1 Lira
17-18. Two chanukah coins, 1961 proof, each 1 Lira
19-20. Two chanukah coins, 1962 proof, each 1 Lira
21. Chanukah coin, 1963 proof, 1 Lira
22. 12th Independence Day coin, 1960 proof silver, 5 Lirot
23. 13th Independence Day "Bar Mitzvah" coin, 1961 proof, 5 Lirot
24-25. 18th Independence Day "Am Israel Hai" coins, each 1966 proof silver, each 5 Lirot
26. 19th Independence Day "Port of Eilat 10th Anniversary" coin, 1967 proof silver, 5 Lirot
27. 21st Independence Day "Shalom" coin, 1969 proof silver, 10 Lirot
28. 23rd Independence Day "Science Based Industry" coin, 1971 proof silver, 10 Lirot
29. 26th Independence Day "Revival of Hebrew" coin, 1974 proof silver, 10 Lirot
30. Coin (modern buildings), 1960, 1 Lira
31. Medal (SS Shalom & "King Solomon made a navy of ships"), 1964
32. Medal ("The First Judeans" & "armed Vanguard of Israel's Sons"), 1967
33. Medal (menorah & "The Israel Museum")
34. Medal ("Edmond de Rothschild Father of the Yishuv and his son James who gave the Knesset its Home")
35. Medal (Abba Eban), proof bronze
36. Medal ("The Ghetto Uprisings 20th Anniversary" & "I will give them an everlasting name"), 1963, bronze
37. Medal ("Tel-Aviv International Trade Fair"), 1964, bronze
38. Medal (16th Chess Olympiad), 1964, bronze

39. Medal ("14th Congress Tel-Aviv, 20-26 May" & "Histadrut Israel"), 1964, bronze

40. Medal (3rd International Bible conference), 1964, bronze

41. Ancient coin medal ("Ashkelon coin 47 BCE" & "Ashkelon"), sterling

42. Ancient coin medal ("Coin of Tiberias 101 CE" & "Tiberias"), sterling

43. Ancient coin medal ("Coin of Caesarea 44 CE" & "Caesarea"), sterling

44. Ancient coin medal ("Coin of Acre 217-222 CE" & "Acre"), sterling

45. Ancient coin medal ("Coin of Beit-Shean 189 CE" & "Beit Shean"), sterling

46. Ancient coin medal ("Nabataean Coin 9-40 CE" & "Avdat"), sterling

47-59. Thirteen "Season's Greetings" tokens and cards from Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation

47-48. Two 25th anniversary "Homage to Israel's Navy" tokens, 1973

49. "Greetings from Israel" token, 1977

50. "Homage to the I.A.F." token, 1971

51. Token, 1967

52. Coin, 1963, 1 Agora, in goldtone rim

53. Coin, 1 Agora

54. 26th anniversary token, 1975

55. Token, 1968

56. "Let My People Go" token, 1972

57. "Israel's 25th Anniversary" token, 1974


59. Token, 1970

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60. State medal ("Masada shall not fall again" & "We shall remain free men"), sterling

61. State medal ("I will remember the covenant of their ancestors" & "Israel in homage to the First Ones"), sterling

62. State medal ("Israel Liberata")

63. State medal ("Expedition to the Judean Desert Caves 1960" & "Bar Kokhba War 132-135 CE"), sterling

64. State medal ("Ye Dared to Go Up" & "30th Anniversary of the First Immigrant Runners"), bronze

65-66. Two coins, each 1962, proof, 1/2 Shekel

67. Coin, 1964, 5 Lirot

68. 15th Independence Day coin, 1963, proof, 5 Lirot

69. 14th Independence Day coin, 1962, proof, 5 Lirot

70. Coin, 1965, proof, 5 Lirot

71-72. Two coins commemorating Israel's 20th anniversary, each 1 Agora

73. Set of six mint proof coins, 1963

74-75. Two sets of mint proof coins, 1965

76-77. Two sets of mint proof coins, 1966

78-80. Three sets of mint proof coins, 1967

81-85. Five sets of 20th anniversary mint proof coins, 1968

86-89. Four sets of mint proof coins, 1969

90-92. Three sets of mint proof coins, 1970

93. Set of mint proof coins, 1971

94. Set of mint proof coins, 1974

95. One wooden display stand

96-98. Three sets of five stamps of Jerusalem

99. Three stamps ("50th anniversary of Jewish Scouting")

Hanging Ornament, 19th-20th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.122T / 61.A36
Scope and Contents

Star of David inside horseshoe. Near Eastern, silver, 3.25" (height) x 1.75" (width)

Moroccan rimonim (pair), 19th century

Date: 19th century

Material Specific Details: 1981.220T [in exhibit case "intercultural influences"]

Scope and Contents

Moroccan. Spiral stems with pierced metal and engraved designs on upper sections. Holes at extreme right and left indicate it may have had hanging objects. 10.5", 10.25" (height)