



Shiviti (Synagogue amulet)

Date

c. 1930

Medium

Parchment, ink, paint

Description

Triangular elements are present along the edges of the art work and letters are written along the edges right next to the triangular elements. This art work seems to be divided into an upper and lower part by Hebrew letters forming horizontal dividing lines. In the top half of the art work are three circles near the top and beneath them are

two hands and a star in between. There is a star-like element inside the right and left circle and in the middle circle are letters written in bold. In the star beneath the circles is a flower in light brown. There are eight half circles in brown in the upper part. In the lower part are six half circles in brown. Also there are two vertically long fiery elements each situated on a circle with a triangular element inside. In between the fiery elements is an element resembling a candle with many candle sticks. Other motifs include hamsa ("Hand of God") and other protective, talismanic elements.

Dimensions

19 5/16 × 13 3/8 in. (49 × 34 cm)