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A JEWISH SILVER AMULET OF THE KABBALH.

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ENGRAVED WITH THE SACRED MATHEMATICAL TABLE OF THE MOON, THE CHARACTERS OF THE INTELLIGENCES AND THE NUMBER 3321, BEING THE DIVINE NAME MALCHABETHARSISIM HED. THE REVERSE DEPICTING THE CHARACTER OF THE SPIRIT AND INSCRIBED BERUAH SCHEHALIM.

LATE 17TH – EARLY 18TH CENTURY

SIZE 6 CM DIA – 2¼ INS DIA

LITERATURE

CONSIDERED TO BE A MAGIC TABLE OF THE PLANETS THAT WILL ENSURE GOOD FORTUNE THE DESIGN ON THIS SILVER PLAQUE IS BASED ON THE KABBALH, A TRADITIONAL MYSTIC INTERPRETATION OF THE SCRIPTURES. IT IS AN ANCIENT ESOTERIC JEWISH MYSTICAL TRADITION OF PHILOSOPHY CONTAINING STRONG ELEMENTS OF PANTHEISM. KABBALISTIC WRITING REACHED ITS PEAK BETWEEN THE 13TH AND 16TH CENTURIES. IT IS LARGELY REJECTED BY MODERN JUDAIC THOUGHT AS MEDIEVAL SUPERSTITION, BUT IT IS STILL BASIC TO THE BELIEFS OF THE HASID SECT WHO STRESS INTENSE EMOTION AND ECSTATIC PRAYER AS PART OF WORSHIP.