

SA1228304

Massive Bohemian Jewish Masonic Ceremonial Engraved Glass Beaker, c.1850–1860

Price

GBP 12,500

| USD \$16,883 | EUR 14,620

Item Reference: SA1228304**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 20.5 cm (8.1")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

An exceptionally rare and monumental nineteenth-century ceremonial glass beaker, produced in Bohemia circa 1850–1860. Hand-blown from remarkably heavy clear glass with walls approximately 9 mm thick, it is richly decorated with fine wheel engraving combining Masonic symbolism with traditional Jewish religious imagery. The Hebrew inscription around the rim reads **קוֹס שֶׁל בְּרָכָה** (Kos shel Berakhah), meaning "Cup of Blessing". The inscription appears to have been copied from a supplied model by an engraver unfamiliar with Hebrew script, accounting for the irregular execution of the first word. The principal composition centres on the Temple Menorah beneath the radiant All-Seeing Eye within a triangle, flanked by the columns of Solomon's Temple, Jachin and Boaz. Above are two winged trumpeting heralds. The reverse depicts the Tablets of the Law beneath the Star of David and Crown of the Torah, supported by a magnificent pair of Lions of Judah. A radiant burst behind the Tablets symbolises Divine Revelation. Particularly impressive details include the lions' manes and claws, the feathers of the winged figures, the flames of the Menorah and the architectural elements. This unusu...

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