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Object:	Bsamim. Box for spice preservation
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Description

One of the fundamental covenants that the Jewish people received from God on the Mount Sinai is the covenant to keep the Saturday. Since ancient times, in the Jewish tradition, there has been a carefully developed ritual of celebrating Saturday, which has become an important part of the way of life of the Jews, their material life. The importance of Saturday is also emphasized by a special attitude to the attributes of this holiday. The tradition of having a special candlestick, wine glass and bsamim has been cultivated in families for centuries. These attributes were often made of precious metal, decorated with filigree, engraving, and engraved landscapes. Incense boxes «bsamim» (from Hebrew «incense») are distinguished by a variety of forms and compositional solutions. Bsamim in the form of a vase is a vivid example of the interpenetration of Jewish and Ukrainian folk arts. A vase is placed on a stepped round base, a hop shoot with elegantly bent leaves, gilded cones, and a sculptural image of a bird emerges in the vase. A flower crowns the shoot, which serves as a container for spices.

Basic data

Material/Tec	hnique:		Silver, casting, forging, chasing, engraving,	
			gilding	
Measurements:			h 195, d 65 mm	
Events				
Created	When	1867		

	Who	
	Where	Zhytomyr
[Relationship	When	
to location]		
	Who	
	Where	Ukraine
[Relation to	When	1840-1860
time]		
	Who	
	Where	

Keywords

- Євреї
- Модерна доба