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Symbolism in „ Esther“ – by Erik Kučera

In this picture we see Esther in the middle. In the area of her head we see 12 stars which is a sacred number, 12 for example being the number of tribes and also the number of sides to a Star of David.

On the right side is a rendition of the hat of Haman, it is small in comparison to Esther to show her strength over him.

She is surrounded by Hamantashen – the folded pastry which is a very plain dough on the outside, but inside is hidden a bursting sweet flavor. These treats which symbolize the nature of the Purim miracle are surrounding Esther in this work as well.

We also see a Key to the left and a keyhole in part of Esther's throat, this is to symbolize that Esther was the key to the survival of the Jews and the placement of this symbol within her throat represents the strength of her voice.

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