

MODERNITY ART

Symbolism in „Purim“– by Erik Kučera

On the left side above one sees the Star of David with a path representing the way to freedom through the golden door. One sees the numbers of 13 and 14 along the path. 13 is representative of the 13th of Adar, which is the day that Haman chose for the extermination of the Jews. The number 14 is for the 14th of Adar, which is the day the victory was celebrated.

In the middle is our heroine Esther, with brilliant hair and beautiful skin. Her eyes are shining brightly as she celebrates the freedom of her people who survived Haman's decree. On her ear one sees an earring she wears which is made in the shape of a Hamantasche. She who made the future possible for those who were sentenced to death, is part future herself, represented in the universe which makes up part of her face.

Above on the right side we see a Mask which is used as part of the celebration today of the Purim Festival.

The stairs in the middle that pass up and beyond Esther's shoulder are representative of the pathway to success for the Jews and their survival.

Below right we see a symbol of the number 15 shown both just numerically and also a dial using the numbers 1 and 5. This number is symbolic of the 15th of Adar which is when Purim is celebrated in Jerusalem.