



above: Succah Tablet, Venice, Italy, ca. 1740.
 Artist: Francesco Grisellini. Copperplate engraving
 showing Moses with the Tablets and Aaron with the
 incense flanking a scene of the Succot celebrations at
 the Temple in Jerusalem, and depictions of sluccot.
 22 inches, 56 cm. x 16 inches, 40 cm.

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309 GRISELINI, FRANCESCO Rare Engraved Sukkah Decoration. Bearing central Hebrew verse : "Blessed Are You When You Come In" (Deut. 28:6). With vignettes illustrating Sukoth activities during the Temple-era including the joyous Water Libation Ceremony. Tinted. Signed by the artist in Hebrew lower left. 15.5 x 20 inches.

Venice, mid-18th century. \$4000-6000

• A rare survivor of a mid-18th century engraving created for affixing on the walls of one's outdoor Sukkah designed by Venetian-born Grisellini (1717-1787).

Dr. Mendel Metzger in "The Earliest Engraved Italian Megilloth," comments extensively on Grisellini's excellence as an engraver of Jewish works of art which included the design of title-pages of Hebrew printed books as well as manuscript Esther Scrolls.

See also L. Greenspoon, *The Book of Esther in Modern Research* (2003) p. 147.