

Shabbat Watch with Jewish Calendar

*The timepiece touching the religious theme ranks among the most known creations of Konstantin Chaykin Manufacture. Thanks to emerging technologies in manufacture of movements and relying on long experience in designing of time devices, Konstantin Chaykin managed to gain a worldwide recognition. His watches have been always marked off with trailblazing design and engineering solutions. A new model extending the range of religious theme masterpieces is no exception of this rule. After **Resurrection** astronomical watch with orthodox Easter calendar, **Al Biruni** and **Moon Hegira** astronomical timepieces with Muslim calendar, Maestro made unique **Shabbat** table clock with Jewish calendar and homonymous watch extension allowing to the owner to never windup the watch on Saturday.*

The Jewish calendar is considered as one of the most complicated, but also having unique accuracy. The Shabbat watch embodied ancient traditions of Israel which have found their expression in sacred symbolics of Judaism. Its name derives also from religion. Shabbat in Hebrew means "be at rest, cease all activities". This was the seventh day of Creation, when the Almighty had a rest after the Creation. According to Torah, Shabbat is celebrated on Saturday, a sacred day of rest. Every Jew must dedicate his Saturdays to God and therefore he should not perform actions which may distract him from thinking about eternity. There are 39 occupations forbidden on Saturday. One of them is Makeh B-patish (literally – "the final hammer blow") – any action setting the subject into condition of readiness. Winding a watch is such a "Makeh B-patish" as well. The name of the new Konstantin Chaykin's timepiece is directly associated with its key feature – Shabbat innovative function. Its essence consists in that the watch will never stop on Saturday, and Jews will not need to trespass against the principle of their faith in order to follow the current time on their favourite device. Even if the watch is short of winding, it will stop 5-6 hours prior to this day of the week.

With its each part, each trait of decoration the Shabbat is conceived to remind the ancient religion - Judaism. Graceful blue hands and gilded hour markers tellingly form a contrast to the silvery dial. Blue color of hands is chosen not occasionally - to the Jews, it symbolizes spiritual Jerusalem and mercy. The Cabbalist theme is used not only in the watchcase decoration, but integrated in its exclusive mechanism – minute tourbillon crowning the movement, made in the form of Magen David. This exclusive movement has 440 microscopic components. All of them are manufactured, carefully ground smooth and polished by hand. The Geneva-type mechanism located on the barrel drum restricts the spring torsion torque, thus improving accuracy of the clock rate. Practically all axles of watch wheel system are mounted on ball bearings, which provides their low friction factor and increases their life time. Besides the patented device of additional winding startup (the *Shabbat* function), the watch has the calendar displaying date, weekday and month according to the Jewish calendar, and a large, centrally located Moon phase indicator.

The dial decoration has also a profound meaning. Near the hour markers there are golden characters of Hebrew alphabet. They are twelve in all: Aleph, Beth, Gimel, Daleth, He, Waw, Zayin, Heth, Teth, Yod, Kaph, Lamed. Naturally, the time should be read not using the characters themselves, but by means of their numeric value, gematria. This is the Cabbalist doctrine considering the characters as certain symbols, representations of primordial, divine text being the basis for the entire Creation. The mystic of the ancient alphabet was transferred by the master onto the watch dial. Indeed, the Time, endless and eternal, is one of the most mysterious things, integral part of Divine Creation. And, maybe, this combination of Time mechanical image with enigmatic characters full with profound meaning will allow the seeker to approach one more step closer to comprehension of the Creation's mystery ...

About the "Konstantin Chaykin" watch manufactory

Watch Manufactory Konstantin Chaykin - Russian company specializing in the production of luxury watch. Head of the company - Konstantin Chaykin - is the only Russian member of the International Academy of Independent Watchmakers (Académie Horlogère Des Createurs Indépendants) and the author of more than 60 patented inventions and watch complications based on them. Every year the manufactory presents its developments in the world's leading watch shows such as Baselworld in Basel and many others.

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