

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Inventory	81.6.305
References	Bonner, SMA D. 231; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.e_6
Former Collections	King, Rev. Charles William Collection
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	19 x 14 x 2 mm
Dating	ca. 2nd-3rd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; clothing: kilt; crown, unspecified; snake; vessel: situla
Divine Names & Voces	Ίάω; Φρη̃ and variants; Σαβαώθ, variants



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A: Frontal view of a lion-headed deity, crowned head and feet to right. He is wearing a kilt, right hand lowered beside the body and holding a situla, left hand slightly extended and holding a snake.
B: Inscription in three lines: σαβαω|φρην|ιαω → Σαβαώ, Φρη̃ν, Ίάω.

Bibliography

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