

Magical gem: Sarapis in papyrus boat (A) Greek inscription (B)

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ID-Number	DE-Hamburg-Skoluda_M129
Collection	DE_Hamburg, Skoluda Collection
Inventory	M129
References	Michel 2001, no. 34; Michel, DMG, no. 45.4.b_3
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	24.1 x 30.7 x 4.1 mm
Dating	2nd-3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	clothing: mantle; cornucopia; Isis; Nephthys; crown, double feathers; crown, unspecified; Helios; rays (4); busts (3); bird, with human head; flail; clothing: tunic; Sarapis; scarab, with outstretched wings; scepter, unspecified; throne; solar disk; Harpocrates; gesture, hand raised to mouth; boat, papyrus
Divine Names & Voces	Μιχαήλ; Γαβριήλ and variants; Ραφαήλ and variants; Σαμαήλ



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A: Sarapis enthroned to left on a papyrus boat, wearing tunic and mantle, left hand leaning on a tall scepter, right hand stretched forward. Above his head, a scarab with outstretched wings, facing the scarab, the bust of Helios in profile, with four rays around the head. Below Helios, the scarab-bodied figure of Harpocrates, with a solar disk on his head, right hand holding a flail, left hand raised to mouth. Behind the throne another figure of Harpocrates with the body of a bird, double crown and cornucopia. The prow and stern of the boat are topped with the busts of Isis and Nephthys (?), with Isis wearing the double feather crown, and Nephthys' crown unspecified. Letters above the scene: ιαλ δα; inscription below the boat: βαιμ.

B: Inscribed in four lines: μιχαηλ|γαβριηλ|σαμαηλ|ραφαηλ → Μιχαήλ, Γαβριήλ, Σαμαήλ, Ραφαήλ.

Bibliography

[Michel 2001 on CBd-1669](#)