

Magical gem: Helios (A) Greek inscription and characteres (B)

Cbd-Number	CBd-2011
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_11928
Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
Inventory	11928
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 35; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 22.2.a_4
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
Material	jasper, yellow
Dimensions	15 x 12 x 3.5 mm
Dating	turn of the 2nd-3rd c. AD (H. Philipp)
Iconography	clothing: mantle; gesture, greeting; Helios; rays (5); whip
Divine Names & Voces	ἡλιος and variants



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A: Helios, to front, head to right, raising his left hand in a greeting gesture, in his right hand a whip. The figure wears a mantle thrown over his shoulder and his right arm. Five rays around the head.

B: Inscription: ἡλιος| characteres → variant of ἡλιος, characteres.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2011](#)

[Michel, *DMG*, 22.2.a_4.](#)

Images

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