


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

CBd-Number	CBd-2054	
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9836	
Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum	
Inventory	9836	
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 78; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 45.4.b_1	
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection	
Material	lapis lazuli (blue)	
Dimensions	17.5 x 13 x 2.8 mm	
Dating	turn of the 1st-2nd c. AD (H. Philipp)	
Iconography	boat, papyrus; throne; scepter, unspecified; Sarapis; Nephthys; Isis; Harpocrates; gesture, hand raised to mouth; crown, double; crown, unspecified; crown, atef; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; busts (2); flail?	
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; vocales; ιαλδαβαιμ	

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A: Sarapis enthroned to front on a papyrus boat, wearing tunic and mantle, left hand leaning on a tall scepter, right hand stretched forward. His head is crowned with the atef-crown complete with ram's horns and uraei. On the left, facing him: a scarab-bodied (?) figure (see [CBd-1669](#)) of Harpocrates, right hand raised to mouth; on the right, another figure of Harpocrates with the body of a bird, double crown, heka-scepter or flail. The prow and stern of the boat are topped with the busts of Isis and Nephthys, wearing crowns. Inscription above the scene: αλδαβαιμ → <ι>αλδαβαιμ.

B: Inscription in three lines: ιαηιαωαια|ωουεηουεηια|ωαηωιαω → vocales including Ἰάω.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2054](#)

[Michel, *DMG*, 45.4.b_1.](#)

Images

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