

Magical gem: Lion, Helios, skeleton (A) obelisk with characteres, Ἰάω (B)

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Former Collections	Mezzacappa, Damon (1936-2015) New York
Material	magnetite (black)
Dimensions	18 x 12 mm
Iconography	animal: lion; gesture, lying; skeleton; Helios; rays (4); star; obelisk
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Magnetite (J. Spier) - Alloy metal (Getty website). Chips along the edge.

A: Lion striding to left. Under the baseline: a skeleton lying supine, head to left. Above the back of the lion: Helios-bust crowned with rays; above the head of the lion: an eight-pointed star.

B: Obelisk containing characteres. On the left side: ι, on the right side (vertically) αω. ιαω → Ἰάω.

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Bibliography

[Michel, DMG](#), 37.A.3.a_1

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