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ABBREVIATIONS
Coins from the Bar Kokhba Revolt Hidden in Me‘arat Ha-Te‘omim (Mughâret Umm et Tûeimîn), Western Jerusalem Hills

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ME‘ARAT Ha-Te‘omim — Te‘omim Cave (“Cave of the Twins”) — is a karst cave located on the northern bank of Nahal Hame‘ara (coordinates 152049/126028), on the western edge of the Jerusalem hills.

The first comprehensive study of the cave, referred to then as “Mughâret Umm et Tûeimîn” (“the cave of the mother of twins”) was carried out by C. R. Conder and H. H. Kitchener on October 17, 1873; their report included a detailed map. At the northern tip of the entrance hall, the explorers encountered a deep pit. They did not descend into it; nor did they notice the continuation of the cave north of it.

In the late 1920s, René Neuville, the French consul in Jerusalem, excavated the bottom of the large entrance hall of the cave and found ceramic, wooden, and stone vessels from the Neolithic and Chalcolithic (Ghassulian) Ages, Early Bronze Age I(?), Middle Bronze Age II(?), Iron Age, and Roman and Byzantine periods.2

From 1970 to 1974, the cave was studied by Gideon Mann on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. Mann examined the deep pit situated at the northern edge of the entrance hall, and discovered natural (karst) passages leading to two inner chambers. Mann mapped the section and collected pottery from the time of the Bar Kokhba Revolt.3

During the summer and autumn of 2009 we directed another survey of the cave.4 This article will present three hoards of coins hidden at the end of the Bar

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2 R. Neuville: Notes de préhistoire palestinienne: La grotte d’et-Taouamin, JPOS 10 (1930), p. 65. We are grateful to Uri Davidovich, who referred us to this publication and even helped us analyze and summarize the findings of Neuville’s excavations.
3 G. Mann: On a Rope — Into the Pit of Me‘arat Ha‘Teomim, Teva Va-Aretz 20 (1978), pp. 161–164 (Hebrew). We thank Prof. Amos Klener, who in November 2009 re-examined the pottery found by Mann. The pottery is in the collections of the State of Israel (IAA storage facilities, Beit Shemesh).
4 The survey was carried out by the authors (permit S-133/2009) on behalf of the Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology at Bar-Ilan University together with the Cave Research Unit at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with assistance from the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) and the participation of Vladimir Buslov, Mika Ullman, Uri Davidovich, and Yonathan Goldsmith. The coins and metal
Kokhba Revolt in the hard-to-reach inner section of the cave, together with other archaeological finds from the time of this revolt. The coins found in this survey in the entrance hall will be described elsewhere.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CAVE AND THE FINDS
IN THE INNER SECTION (Plan 1)

The cave entrance (partly natural but enlarged by rock-cutting) is located about 4 meters above the riverbed channel. The opening leads into a large entrance hall (measuring approximately 50×70 m, with a maximum height today of about 10 m). Most of the area of the hall is covered by rocks originating in a collapse of the ceiling. Stalactites and stalagmites have formed at various spots in the hall. In the southeastern corner of the hall, a small karst cavity was found that had been deepened by hewing (C). A square pool (approximately 2×2 m, 0.5 m deep) was hewn in the floor of this cavity, and water drips into it from the ceiling. From this cavity northward, the eastern wall of the cave was straightened by extensive rock-cutting. On the northern side of the entrance hall, among stalagmites and columns, an easily traversed path leads to passage D, a wide, high passage leading northward. About 20 meters to the north, the passage is blocked by a deep karst pit (about 23 m deep). On the northern side of the pit, there are three narrow, hard-to-reach openings, hidden from the eye, leading to a narrow, winding karst passage into the inner section of the cave — chambers F and G. Chamber F is oval-shaped (maximum length 19 m, maximum width 8 m). Large fragments of storage jars were found on the southern edge of the chamber, and nearby, inside a hole in the rock, a group of coins were found in situ (Catalogue, “Hoard A”) (Photo 1). They included eighty-three silver coins restraught by the Bar Kokhba administration and a fragment of silver jewelry. These coins were found stuck together, probably because they had been kept in a pocket or case made of some organic material that did not survive. Nearby, on a fragment of a storage jar, a bronze coin of the city of Ashkelon (Fig. 9, no. 84) was discovered. About two meters north of there, fragments of a storage jar, an oil lamp, and a glass bottle were found. Next to them, in a crack between fallen ceiling rocks, another group of ten coins (Catalogue, “Hoard B”; nine silver coins and a bronze perutah) — six Roman and four Judean (from the Second Temple period to the Bar Kokhba Revolt) — were discovered in situ, along with a bronze needle. Between two pieces of rock adjacent to the}

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objects were cleaned by Marina Rassovsky in the Israel Museum laboratories. The pottery was restored by Andrei Weiner of the Israel Museum laboratories. The coin plates were prepared by Doody Evan. We are grateful to Dr. Zvika Tsuk, Menachem Fried, and Onn Valency of the INPA and to Dr. Zvi Greenhut of the Israel Antiquities Authority for their help. Dudi Mevorach, Daniel Ein-Mor, Yinon Shivtiel, Amos Klener, and Nili Graicer also provided assistance.
Plan 1: Plan of the Te’omim Cave
western wall of the chamber and about a meter and a half to the north, another
group of twenty-four coins (Catalogue, “Hoard C”) — five Roman gold coins,
fifteen silver coins (thirteen Roman coins and two Bar Kokhba denarii), and four
Roman bronze coins — were found in situ, along with an iron needle (Photo 2).
Next to them, fragments of a storage jar were found. Next to the eastern wall of the
chamber, two iron spears (one Roman *pillum*, apparently taken as booty, and a
spear made by the rebels) were found in situ.

From the inner (northern) part of chamber F one descends to chamber G. This
chamber was almost completely devoid of archaeological finds, other than an
intact small ceramic juglet and fragments of a storage jar. Also discovered were
five sets of crumbling human bones, placed in a natural crack. The discovery of
bones and hoards of coins suggests that the fugitives met their death in the cave.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The survey of the inner section of the Telomim Cave indicates that it was used for
refuge purposes. Fighters — as evidenced by the weapons — fled to the cave at
the end of the Bar Kokhba Revolt, perhaps bringing along additional refugees
from a nearby Jewish village. The fugitives knew the secrets of the cave and the advantages of the inner section, which is hard to reach, is hidden from the eye, and has a constant water supply.

So far we have encountered the use of natural caves in the Judean Desert cliffs for refuge purposes⁵ and the preparation of ramified rock-cut underground complexes beneath settlements for hiding purposes.⁶ The Te'omim Cave is unusual in that it is a natural cave situated in the heart of Judea. In recent years scholars have discovered additional natural caves in the settled part of the country that were used as places of refuge.⁷

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We assume that the three hoards of coins found in the Teºomim Cave came from three purses belonging to three different families. Presumably, the family that brought the first hoard to the cave supported the revolt, since they gave the Bar Kokhba minting authorities all the coins in their possession. In contrast, the other two families were more cautious; they decided not to have all their coins restruck, since such coins were useless outside the area controlled by Bar Kokhba.

The first hoard found in the Teºomim Cave is the only hoard of silver Bar Kokhba coins discovered thus far in proper archaeological excavations (as opposed to illegal excavations by antiquities thieves). Leo Mildenberg noted that antiquities thieves found two hoards that resemble this one in terms of the number of coins: one in the village of Beit Umar in 1976, and the other near Dahariyeh in 1980. The first hoard found in the Teºomim Cave includes one sela (tetradrachm) from year 1 of the “Redemption of Israel,” six selaªim from year 2 of the “Freedom of Israel,” and 13 selaªim from the third year of the revolt. This hoard does not contain any denarii from the first year of the revolt. Four zuzim (denarii) in the hoard have the name Shimªon in abbreviated form (Shimª) on one side, and the inscription “Eleazar the Priest” on the other (nos. 21–24). It is generally assumed that these denarii were struck in the second year of the revolt. Aside from these four denarii, the hoard contains additional thirteen denarii struck in the second year of the revolt (nos. 25–37), and forty-six denarii struck in the last year of the revolt and bearing the inscription “For the Freedom of Jerusalem.” The three selaªim struck with previously undocumented dies (nos. 16–18) and two selaªim struck with a pair of dies never before documented on the same coin (nos. 7 and 15) are important from a numismatic standpoint. Among the denarii, no. 77, which belongs to the series of irregular coins, is important as well.

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8 Two green stains were found in the cave, possible evidence of additional coins that disintegrated over time due to dampness.
10 L. Mildenberg: The Coinage of the Bar Kokhba War, Aarau, Frankfurt, and Salzburg, 1984, pp. 56–57. Although Mildenberg believed that all the hoards had been found in the Judean Hills, it seems that some of them were found in the Shephelah (in rock-cut hideouts located underneath Jewish villages and systematically lootet between 1967 and 1984). It turns out that antiquities dealers told Mildenberg that the hoards had been found near the antiquities thieves’ villages, and that the thieves had kept the exact location of the discovery a secret. See Mildenberg (this note), pp. 54–57.
The second group of coins is significant in that they are the first Bar Kokhba coins ever discovered together with Jewish coins from the Second Temple period. In general, “bad money,” i.e., coins with a low percentage of the valuable metal (Roman imperial silver coins were just c. 90% silver and c. 10% bronze) puts “good money” out of circulation, since the people who have the “good money” keep it for themselves instead of spending it. Because the shekels coined during the Jewish War were 99% silver, the family that brought the second group of coins to the cave presumably kept the shekel minted in the second year of the Jewish War (67/8 CE) due to its monetary value. But the presence of a bronze perutah from the time of John Hyrcanus cannot be explained in a similar manner. Therefore, we have to consider the possibility that they kept both of these coins for nationalistic reasons.

Because a gold aureus was worth twenty-five silver denarii, the third hoard, containing twenty-four coins, exceeded the first hoard (of eighty-three coins) in value. The third hoard was worth 150 silver denarii, whereas the first was worth only 143.

The bronze coins found in the Te’omim Cave are further evidence that most of the bronze coins that fell into the rebels’ hands originated in Ashkelon. The five gold coins in the third hoard were struck in the first century CE. Presumably, they were kept by the family that fled to the Te’omim Cave and were passed down from generation to generation as part of the assets that this family managed to save up.

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12 It should be noted that Mildenberg questioned whether the hoard discovered in 1924 was indeed a real hoard, since Hasmonean coins, Herodian coins, and coins from the Jewish War were reportedly found together with it. See Mildenberg (n. 10 above), p. 55.

13 The shekel from year 2 found in the Te’omim Cave was gray, whereas the rest of the silver coins found there were greenish.

CATALOGUE

Hoard A

Tetradrachms (Sela'im)

1. Æ; 26 mm; 13.93 gr.; axis 12; date: 132/33 CE (Fig. 1:A1)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; inscription: יר/ש/לת; on bottom right, slight remains of two Greek letters from the original coin: ΔΗ (?)
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog on upper left; inscription:
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 123, no. 1 (obv. 1 and rev. 1); on the types, see also TJC, pp. 143–146; Patrich 1994

2. Æ; 27 mm; 14.54 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A2)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: יר/ש/לת; cross-rosette between waw and shin
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog on left; inscription:
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 126–127, no. 10 (obv. 2 and rev. 8)

3. Æ; 25 mm; 12.42 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A3)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: יר/ש/לת; above façade, cross-rosette
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription:
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 128–129, no. 15 (obv. 4 and rev. 8)

4. Æ; 25 mm; 12.18 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A4)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: יר/ש/לת; above façade, cross-rosette
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription:
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 131, no. 21 (obv. 4 and rev. 14)

5. Æ; 24 mm; 14.32 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A5)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: יר/ש/לת; above façade, cross-rosette
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription:
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 128–129, no. 15 (obv. 4 and rev. 8)

6. Æ; 26 mm; 14.73 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A6)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, rosette; underneath, remains of portrait belonging to previous coin

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: סְעֵב לָחָן יְשֵׁרַעַל
Mildenberg 1984, p. 133, no. 27 (obv. 6 and rev. 18)

7. ăr; 27 mm; 14.78 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 1:A7)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
   below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, rosette
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: סְעֵב לָחָן יְשֵׁרַעַל
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 133–137 (obv. 8 and rev. 18), unrecorded die-link

8. ăr; 25 mm; 12.66 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 1:A8)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
   below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, eroded rosette
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לֶחָדָר וּרְשׁוּלָם
Mildenberg 1984, p. 141, no. 47 (obv. 8 and rev. 33)

9. ăr; 24 mm; 14.24 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 1:A9)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
   below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; fissured
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לֶחָדָר וּרְשׁוּלָם
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 160–161, no. 82 (obv. 12 and rev. 64).

10. ăr; 26 mm; 13.90 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 1:A10)
    Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
    below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, eroded rosette
    Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לֶחָדָר וּרְשׁוּלָם
Mildenberg 1984, p. 162, no. 85 (obv. 12 and rev. 44)

11. ăr; 26 mm; 14.51 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A11)
    Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
    below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, rosette
    Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לֶחָדָר וּרְשׁוּלָם
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 155–156, no. 78 (obv. 12 and rev. 61)

12. ăr; 24 mm; 14.04 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A12)
    Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table;
    below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שֵׁם/עָם; above façade, eroded rosette; upper right, traces of bust(?) from previous coin
    Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לֶחָדָר וּרְשׁוּלָם
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 144–145, no. 56 (obv. 13 and rev. 42)
Fig. 1. Hoard A — Tetradrachms
13. As; 25 mm; 15.10 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A13)

Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: ולתחום ורגל; above façade, rosette; underneath façade, traces of previous coin

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: ולחות ירושלים; underneath, traces of previous coin

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 155–156, no. 78 (obv. 12 and rev. 61)

14. As; 26 mm; 13.95 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A14)

Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: وسلم ורגל; above façade, rosette; underneath façade, traces of previous coin

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: ולחות ירושלים

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 155–156, no. 78 (obv. 12 and rev. 61); similar to no. 13 above

15. As; 25 mm; 14.30 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A15)

Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: وسلم ורגל; above façade, rosette; underneath façade, traces of previous coin

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: ולחות ירושלים; underneath, traces of eagle belonging to previous coin

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 140, 141 (obv. 12 and rev. 33); unrecorded die link

16. As; 25 mm; 13.35 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A16)

Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple: columns with large, fluted shafts; entablature consisting of two parallel dotted lines. Capitals unattached to columns appear as small lines. Inside temple, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: وسلم ורגל.

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: ולחות ירושלים. The first lamed resembles a gamma and is located very low. The second resh is close to and parallel to the lulav. The bottom of the final mem is parallel to the ethrog.

Obv. and rev. unrecorded in Mildenberg 1984 and in Kaufman 2000–02, 2007–08

17. As; 25 mm; 14.41 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A17)

Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple: columns with large, fluted shafts; entablature consisting of two parallel dotted lines. Capitals unattached to columns appear as small lines. Inside temple, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: وسلم ורגל.

Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: ולחות ירושלים. The first lamed resembles a gamma and is located very low. The second resh is close
to and parallel to the lulav. The bottom of the final mem is parallel to the etrog.

Obv. and rev. unrecorded in Mildenberg 1984 and in Kaufman 2000–02, 2007–08; similar to no. 16 above

18. AR; 26 mm; 13.28 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A18)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple: columns with large, fluted shafts; entablature consisting of two parallel dotted lines. Capitals unattached to columns appear as small lines. Inside temple, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שְׁמַע/יְהוָה.
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לָלָעַת/יוֹרְשָׁלָם. The first lamed resembles a gamma and is located very low. The second resh is close to and parallel to the lulav. The bottom of the final mem is parallel to the etrog.

Obv. and rev. unrecorded in Mildenberg 1984 and in Kaufman, 2000–02, 2007–08; similar to nos. 16 and 17 above

19. AR; 27 mm; 14.56 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A19)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; wavy line above temple architrave; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שְׁמַע/יְהוָה.
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לָלָעַת/יוֹרְשָׁלָם

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 166–167, no. 92 (obv. 17 and rev. 71)

20. AR; 25 mm; 14.27 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 2:A20)
   Obv.: Tetrastyle façade of the Jerusalem Temple; wavy line above temple architrave; inside, shewbread table; below, ladder-shaped balustrade; inscription: שְׁמַע/יְהוָה.
   Rev.: Bundle of lulav and ethrog; inscription: לָלָעַת/יוֹרְשָׁלָם; underneath, scratches

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 218–219, no. 163–164 (obv. 16 and rev. 68)

**Denarii (Zuzim)**

21. AR; 18 mm; 3.19 gr.; axis 2; date: 132–134 CE (Fig. 3:A21)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: שְׁמ/י/ך
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow;¹⁵ inscription: לַלָעַת/יִבְנֵי/Q נ/א; on upper side, traces of letters from previous coin

Mildenberg 1984, pp. 173–174, no. 3 (obv. 3 and rev. 1)

Fig. 2. Hoard A — Tetradrachms (cont.)
22. Æ; 18 mm; 2.81 gr.; axis 1; date: 132–134 CE (Fig. 3:A22)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: אלעזר הסנאן
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 173–174, no. 3 (obv. 3 and rev. 1)

23. Æ; 20 mm; 3.41 gr.; axis 2; date: 132–134 CE (Fig. 3:A23)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: אלעזר הסנאן
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 173–174, no. 3 (obv. 3 and rev. 1)

24. Æ; 18 mm; 3.48 gr.; axis 1; date: 132–134 CE (Fig. 3:A24; Fig. 4:A24r)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: underneath, bust of Flavian emperor (?), facing r.
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 175, no. 7 (obv. 4 and rev. 5)

25. Æ; 17 mm; 3.27 gr.; axis 2; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A25)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: Harp and inscription: שבע השנים של ישראל
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 178, no. 13 (obv. 4 and rev. 7)

26. Æ; 19 mm; 2.68 gr.; axis 2; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A26)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: Two trumpets and inscription: שבע השנים של ישראל
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 359 (obv. 3 and rev. 14)

27. Æ; 19 mm; 2.67 gr.; axis 1; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A27)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: Two trumpets and inscription: שבע לוחות הברית
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 180–181, no. 19 (obv. 4 and rev. 14)

28. Æ; 19 mm; 3.34 gr.; axis 1; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A28)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: שבע שנים של ישראל
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 181–182, nos. 21–22 (obv. 5 and rev. 15)

29. Æ; 17 mm; 3.44 gr.; axis 1; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A29)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ò/îù
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: lower r., the Latin letters DRIANUS from previous coin (denarius of Hadrian); traces of bust of Emperor
31. Æ; 18 mm; 2.88 gr.; axis 1; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A31)
   Obv.: Three-letter inscription in wreath: ñ/û/û
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: ñ/û/û; upper l., the Latin letters IMP CAESAR from previous coin (denarius); traces of bust of Emperor
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 186–187, no. 33 (obv. 5 and rev. 21)

32. Æ; 20 mm; 3.44 gr.; axis 6; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A32)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: ñ/û/û'
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: ñ/û/û
Mildenberg 1984, p. 195, no. 45 (obv. 8 and rev. 22)

33. Æ; 13 mm; 3.04 gr.; axis 6; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A33)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: ñ/û/û; upper r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: ñ/û/û
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 190–192, no. 40 (obv. 7 and rev. 12)

34. Æ; 18 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 6; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A34)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: ñ/û/û
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: ñ/û/û
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 190–192, no. 40 (obv. 7 and rev. 12)

35. Æ; 19 mm; 2.50 gr.; axis 6; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A35)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: ñ/û/û; upper r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: ñ/û/û
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 192–193, no. 41 (obv. 8 and rev. 12)

36. Æ; 20 mm; 3.27 gr.; axis 6; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A36)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: ñ/û/û; upper r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: Lyre; inscription: ñ/û/û; upper l., the letters IHYPA belonging to previous coin (drachm of Trajan from Provincia Arabia)?
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 196–197, no. 47 (obv. 8 and rev. 27)

37. Æ; 18 mm; 2.99 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 3:A37)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: ñ/û/û (i.e., ñ/û/û)
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: ñ/û/û
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 202–203, no. 60 (obv. 14 and rev. 32)

38. Æ; 18 mm; 3.12 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 3:A38)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: ñ/û/û
Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 206, no. 66 (obv. 14 and rev. 38)

39. år; 19 mm; 2.98 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 3:A39)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: מildenbery 1984, pp. 203–204, no. 62 (obv. 14 and rev. 34)

40. år; 19 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 3:A40)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 205, no. 65 (obv. 14 and rev. 37)

41. år; 19 mm; 3.18 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 3:A41)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ; upper r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: Palm branch (lulav); inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 205, no. 65 (obv. 14 and rev. 37)

42. år; 19 mm; 2.85 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A42)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ; lower r., the three letters ΔHM belonging to previous coin (drachm of Trajan from Provincia Arabia)
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: מildenbery 1984, pp. 224–225, no. 103 (obv. 16 and rev. 71)

43. år; 19 mm; 3.17 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A43)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ; lower r., the three letters ΔHM belonging to previous coin (drachm of Trajan from Provincia Arabia)
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 213–214, nos. 82–83 (obv. 14 and rev. 53)

44. år; 19 mm; 2.98 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A44)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 210, no. 77 (obv. 14 and rev. 49)

45. år; 18 mm; 3.01 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A45; Fig. 9:A45 (camel))
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: נט/שמ; lower r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: מildenbery 1984, p. 209, no. 75 (obv. 14 and rev. 47)
Fig. 3. Hoard A — Denarii
46. Æ; 18 mm; 2.84 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A46)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני; on upper r., remains of bust
         of Emperor
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם
         Mildenberg 1984, pp. 213–214, no. 82 (obv. 14 and rev. 53)

47. Æ; 18 mm; 3.14 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A47)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני; lower part, the four letters
         MAPX belonging to previous coin (drachm of Trajan from Provincia
         Arabia)
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: [ל]חזִיר יוּרְשָלֶם;
         lower r., the letters AYTOKPA from previous coin (a drachm)
         Mildenberg 1984, p. 228, no. 110 (obv. 16 and rev. 75)

48. Æ; 16 mm; 2.83 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A48)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם
         Mildenberg 1984, pp. 211–213, no. 79–80 (obv. 14 and rev. 51)

49. Æ; 19 mm; 3.01 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A49)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני; traces of letters from previous
         coin
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם;
         traces of letters from previous coin
         Mildenberg 1984, p. 225, no. 104 (obv. 16 and rev. 55)

50. Æ; 17 mm; 2.95 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A50)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני; traces of the three letters
         MAP belonging to previous coin (drachm of Provincia Arabia)
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם;
         on lower r., traces of letters from previous coin. In the lower right one can
         see damage to the die. This damage was recorded by Mildenberg
         Mildenberg 1984, p. 225, no. 86 (obv. 15 and rev. 55)

51. Æ; 18 mm; 3.38 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A51; Fig. 9:A51r)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם;
         on lower part, profile of Emperor and traces of letters from previous coin
         Mildenberg 1984, p. 210, no. 77 (obv. 14 and rev. 49)

52. Æ; 18 mm; 3.16 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A52)
   Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמשנני
   Rev.: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: הלַחְרוֹת יוּרְשָלֶם
         Mildenberg 1984, pp. 240–242, no. 134 (obv. 19 and rev. 94)
53. AR; 19 mm; 3.34 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A53)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: One-handed jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: רורית ירושלים; on l. side, head of Emperor and traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 208–209, no. 72 (obv. 14 and rev. 44)

54. AR; 18 mm; 3.21 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A54)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; around, traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 221, no. 97 (obv. 15 and rev. 66)

55. AR; 18 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 2; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A55)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; around, traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 220, no. 94 (obv. 15 and rev. 63)

56. AR; 17 mm; 3.40 gr.; axis 2; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A56)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; above, traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 236–238, no. 130 (obv. 19 and rev. 67)

57. AR; 19 mm; 3.13 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A57; Fig. 9:A57o)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים; below, traces of the letters ARAVGFDOMITIANV from previous coin (denarius of Domitian)
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; lower l., traces of letters from previous coin

58. AR; 18 mm; 3.23 gr.; axis 3; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A58)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; upper l., traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 231, no. 117 (obv. 18 and rev. 67)

59. AR; 19 mm; 3.27 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A59)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: רורית ירושלים
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: רורית ירושלים; lower r., traces of letters from previous coin
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 235, no. 127 (obv. 19 and rev. 88)
60. Æ; 18 mm; 3.27 gr.; axis 1; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A60)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: לֶחֶרֶת ירְשָׁלְאָם
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: מildenברג 1984, pp. 215–216, no. 84 (obv. 14 and rev. 54)

61. Æ; 19 mm; 3.45 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A61)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: לֶחֶרֶת ירְשָׁלְאָם
   *Rev.*: One-handled jug; inscription: מildenברג 1984, pp. 235–236, no. 128 (obv. 19 and rev. 89)

62. Æ; 20 mm; 3.15 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 4:A62; Fig. 9:A62o)
   *Obv.*: Bunch of grapes; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 257, no. 165 (obv. 21 and rev. 106)

63. Æ; 19 mm; 3.23 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A63)
   *Obv.*: Bunch of grapes; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 285, no. 218 (obv. 24 and rev. 141)

64. Æ; 18 mm; 2.81 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A64)
   *Obv.*: Bunch of grapes; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 285, no. 218 (obv. 24 and rev. 141)

65. Æ; 17 mm; 3.09 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A65)
   *Obv.*: Bunch of grapes; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 285, no. 218 (obv. 24 and rev. 141)

66. Æ; 20 mm; 3.30 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A66)
   *Obv.*: Bunch of grapes; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 281–282, no. 210 (obv. 24 and rev. 135)
   *Rev.*: Three-stringed lyre; inscription: מildenברג 1984, p. 280, no. 208 (obv. 24 and rev. 120)
Fig. 4. Hoard A — Denarii (cont.)
68. Æ; 18 mm; 3.46 gr.; axis 7; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A68; Fig. 9:A68o)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון; underneath, profile of Emperor.  
**Rev.** Three-stringed lyre; inscription: לוחות ורשות; underneath, traces of previous coin  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 281, no. 209 (obv. 24 and rev. 113)

69. Æ; 19 mm; 3.46 gr.; axis 7; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A69)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון  
**Rev.** Three-stringed lyre; inscription: לוחות ורשות  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 284, no. 214 (obv. 24 and rev. 138)

70. Æ; 18 mm; 3.31 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A70)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון  
**Rev.** Three-stringed lyre; inscription: לוחות ורשות  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 284, no. 214 (obv. 24 and rev. 138)

71. Æ; 18 mm; 3.60 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A71)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון  
**Rev.** Three-stringed lyre; inscription: לוחות ורשות  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 282, no. 212 (obv. 24 and rev. 136)

72. Æ; 19 mm; 3.57 gr.; axis 7; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A72)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון  
**Rev.** Palm branch (*lulav*); inscription: לוחות ורשות  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 247, no. 148 (obv. 11 and rev. 60)

73. Æ; 19 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A73; Fig. 9:A73r)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון  
**Rev.** Two trumpets; inscription: לוחות ורשות; underneath, bust of Domitian and traces of letters: OMITIAN  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 273, no. 198 (obv. 24 and rev. 127)

74. Æ; 19 mm; 3.18 gr.; axis 7; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A74)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון; around, fragments of Greek letters from drachm of Trajan from Provincia Arabia: ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΩΝ  
**Rev.** Two trumpets; inscription: לוחות ורשות; underneath, bust of Trajan and remains of Latin inscription: PMTRPPOS  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 255, no. 162 (obv. 21 and rev. 85)

75. Æ; 18 mm; 3.31 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A75; Fig. 9:A75o)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון; underneath, bust of Trajan and remains of Latin inscription: PMTRPPOS  
**Rev.** Two trumpets; inscription: לוחות ורשות; traces of letters  
Mildenberg 1984, p. 255, no. 162 (obv. 21 and rev. 85)

76. Æ; 19 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A76)  
**Obv.** Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמעון
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77. AR; 18 mm; 3.35 gr.; axis 12; date: 134/35 CE; irregular coin (Fig. 5:A77)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך
   Rev.: Two trumpets; inscription: לוחות ירושלים
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 255, no. 251 (obv. 45 and rev. 167)

78. AR; 19 mm; 3.72 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A78)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים; underneath, traces of the letters Y11ATΩ from previous coin (drachm of Provincia Arabia)
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 271–272, no. 195 (obv. 24 and rev. 126)

79. AR; 19 mm; 2.71 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A79)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך; traces of letters from previous coin
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים; underneath, traces of the letters Y11ATΩ from previous coin (drachm of Provincia Arabia)
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 252, no. 157 (obv. 11 and rev. 77)

80. AR; 17 mm; 2.94 gr.; axis 7; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A80)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך; traces of the letters KAIC from previous coin
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 251–252, no. 156 (obv. 11 and rev. 58)

81. AR; 19 mm; 3.21 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A81)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך; traces of the letters TRA from previous coin (denarius of Trajan)
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים; traces of letters
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 254–255, no. 161 (obv. 21 and rev. 81)

82. AR; 23 mm; 3.38 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A82)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך; traces of the letters PM from previous coin
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים; traces of letters
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 270–271, no. 194 (obv. 24 and rev. 125)

83. AR; 19 mm; 3.56 gr.; axis 6; date: 134/35 CE (Fig. 5:A83)
   Obv.: Bunch of grapes; inscription: שמותך
   Rev.: One-handled jug; in r. field, willow; inscription: לוחות ירושלים
   Mildenberg 1984, pp. 254–255, no. 161 (obv. 21 and rev. 81)
Fig. 5. Hoard A — Denarii (cont.)
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84. Æ; 23 mm; 11.68 gr.; axis 12; date: 119/20 CE (Fig. 9:84)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Hadrian r., laureate, undraped; in front, inscription: [CEBACTOC]
   *Rev.*: City goddess, standing l. on prow, with standard and aphlaston; on l., inscription and altar; on r., dove standing l.; inscription: [ACKALΩ]; in field, date: Π[KC] (223)

*BMC Palestine*, p. 127, no. 175

Hoard B

1. Æ; 18 mm; 3.33 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 92 CE (Fig. 6:B1)
   *Obv.*: Head of Domitian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM PM TRP XI
   *Rev.*: Minerva, helmeted, draped, standing l. holding vertical spear in r. hand, l. arm bent; inscription: IMP XXI COS XVI CENS PPP

*BMCRE II*, p. 337, nos. 194–198; pl. 65:16

2. Æ; 19 mm; 3.30 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 101–102 CE (Fig. 6:B2)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Trajan, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES NERV A TRAIAN AVG GERM
   *Rev.*: Victory, naked to hips, standing r., l. foot set on helmet, inscribing shield resting on altar; inscription: P M T R P COS IIII P P

*BMCRE III*, p. 45, no. 111, pl. 11:5

3. Æ; 28 mm; 8.79 gr.; axis 8; mint of Bostra; date: 112–114 CE (Fig. 6:B3)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Trajan, laureate, r.; inscription: AYTOKP KAIC NEP TPAIANOC CEB ÃÅÌ ÄÁÊ
   *Rev.*: Legionary eagle flanked by two standards; inscription: ΔEMAPX EΞΙΠΑΤΩς

In the past, it was generally believed that this coin was struck at Caesarea of Cappadocia; see *BMC Galatia*, p. 57, pl. X:2; Sydenham 1933, p. 70. Today, this coin is attributed to Bostra; see Metcalf 1975, 105, no. 8; Walker 1977, p. 106, no. 3370; *SNG*, vol. 4, nos. 1160–1165; McAlee 2007, p. 194.

4. Æ; 16 mm; 2.88 gr.; axis 6; mint of Bostra; date: 112 CE (Fig. 6:B4)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Trajan, r., laureate, inscription: [AYTOKP KAIC NE]P TPAIAN CEB ΓΕΡΜ [Δ ΑΚ]
   *Rev.*: Personification of Arabia, draped, standing l., holding branch in r. hand extended over camel, walking l., in her l. hand sword; inscription: ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞ ΙΞ ΥΠΙΑΤΩς

Meshorer 1981, no. 1155
5. Æ; 19 mm; 3.20 gr.; axis 6; mint of Bostra; date: 112–114 CE (Fig. 6:B5)
Obv.: Bust of Trajan, r., laureate; inscription: [AYTOKP] KAIC NEP TPAIAN CEB ΓΕΡΜ ΔΑΚ
Rev.: Personification of Arabia, draped, standing l., holding branch in r. hand extended over camel, walking l., in her l. hand sword; inscription: ΔΗΜΑΡΧΟΣ []
Mesorher 1981, nos. 1155–1157

6. Æ; 18 mm; 2.77 gr.; axis 6; mint of Bostra; date: 112–114 CE (Fig. 6:B6)
Obv.: Bust of Trajan, r., laureate; inscription: [AYTOK] KAIC NEP TPAIAN CEB ΓΕΡΜ Δ[AK]
Rev.: Personification of Arabia, draped, standing l., holding branch in r. hand extended over camel, walking l., in her l. hand sword; inscription: ΔΗΜΑΡΧΟΣ []
Mesorher 1981, nos. 1155–1157

7. Æ; 15 mm; 1.93 gr.; axis 12; date: 135–104 BCE (Fig. 6:B7)
Obv.: Paleo-Hebrew inscription in wreath: יְהוָה ה均使其 המשיח בברית ישראל
Rev.: Double cornucopia with pomegranate between horns
TJC, pp. 203–204, group D

8. Æ; 22 mm; 14.14 gr.; axis 12; date: 67 CE (Fig. 6:B8)
Obv.: Cup; rim decorated with row of nine pellets; above it, date: שבט (Year 2); around, שְׂכֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל (Shekel of Israel)
Rev.: Stem with three pomegranates; around, ירושלים הקדושה (Jerusalem the Holy)
TJC, p. 241, no. 193, pl. 61:193; Deutsch 2009, no. 15, pl. 4.16

9. Æ; 18 mm; 3.28 gr.; axis 1; date: 135 CE (Fig. 6:B9)
Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: לֶהָדוּת יִרְשָׁלְם
Rev.: Flagon with handle; inscription: לֶהָדוּת יִרְשָׁלְם
Mildenberg 1984, p. 218, no. 88

10. Æ; 18 mm; 2.65 gr.; axis 1; date: 135 CE (Fig. 6:B10)
Obv.: Five-letter inscription in wreath: לֶהָדוּת יִרְשָׁלְם
Rev.: Palm branch; inscription: לֶהָדוּת יִרְשָׁלְם
Mildenberg 1984, pp. 219–220, no. 91
This coin was found in a notch about 30 cm above the rest of the coins of this group.

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Hoard C

1. **A**: 19 mm; 7.27 gr.; axis 3; mint of Lugdunum; date: 36–37 CE (Fig. 7:C1)

   **Obv.** Head of Tiberius, r., laureate; inscription: TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS

   **Rev.** Female figure (depicting Livia as Pax), draped, seated r. on chair, holding branch in l. hand and long scepter in r.; inscription: PONTIF MAXIM, r. up, l. down

   *BMCRE* I, p. 126, no. 49, pl. 23:5.
2.  Æ; 18 mm; 7.16 gr.; axis 6; mint of Rome; date: 64–68 CE (Fig. 7:C2)
Obv.: Head of Nero, r., laureate; inscription: IMP NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, l. up, r. down
Rev.: Jupiter with cloak around lower limbs, bare to waist, seated l. on throne, holding fulmen in r. hand and long scepter in l.; inscription: IVPPITER CVSTOS, l. up, r. down
BMCRE I, p. 210, no. 74, pl. 39:20

3.  Æ; 18 mm; 7.17 gr.; axis 6; mint of Rome; date: 64–68 CE (Fig. 7:C3)
Obv.: Head of Nero, r., laureate; inscription: IMP NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, l. up, r. down
Rev.: Jupiter with cloak around lower limbs, bare to waist, seated l. on throne, holding fulmen in r. hand and long scepter in l.; inscription: IVPPITER CVSTOS, l. up, r. down
BMCRE I, p. 210, no. 77, pl. 39:21

4.  Æ; 20 mm; 7.23 gr.; axis 6; mint of Rome; date: 69 CE (Fig. 7:C4)
Obv.: Head of Vitellius, r., laureate; inscription: A VITELLIUS GERM IMP AVG TRP
Rev.: Vitellius, togate, seated l. on curule chair, feet on stool, extending r. hand and holding eagle-tipped scepter in l.; inscription: L VITELLIUS C OS III CENSOR, starting lower l.
BMCRE I, p. 371, no. 23, pl. 61:2

5.  Æ; 20 mm; 7.22 gr.; axis 12; mint of Lugdunum; date: 71 CE (Fig. 7:C5)
Obv.: Head of Vespasian, laureate, r.; inscription: IMP CAES VESPASIAN AVG PM TR P P P COS III
Rev.: Nemesis, winged, draped, advancing r., holding in l. hand winged caduceus pointed downwards at snake gliding r. before her. Her r. arm is bent upwards and with r. hand she is pulling out a fold of her robe below the neck. Inscription: [PACI] AVGVSTI.
BMCRE II, p. 82, no. 399–400, pl. 13:20

6.  Æ; 17 mm; 3.35 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 72–73 CE (Fig. 7:C6)
Obv.: Head of Vespasian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES VESP AVG PM COS III
Rev.: Simpulum, sprinkler, jug and lituus; above, AVGUR; below, [T]RI POT
BMCRE II, p. 11, no. 64

7.  Æ; 15 mm; 3.48 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 76 CE (Fig. 7:C7)
Obv.: Head of Vespasian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG
Rev.: Pax, bare to the waist, seated l., holding branch extended in r. hand, l. hand on lap; inscription: PON MAX TRP COS []

BMCRE II, pp. 32–33, no. 172; pl. 5:8

8. Æ; 20 mm; 3.32 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 88 CE (Fig. 7:C8)
Obv.: Head of Domitian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM PM TRP VII
Rev.: Minerva, helmeted, draped, standing on prow, brandishing javelin in r. hand and holding round shield in l.; at l. foot, owl; inscription: IMP XTiII COS XIII CENS PPP

BMCRE II, p. 324, no. 117; pl. 63:10

9. Æ; 19 mm; 3.55 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 90–91 CE (Fig. 7:C9)
Obv.: Head of Domitian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES DOMIT [AVG] GERM PM TRP X
Rev.: Minerva, helmeted, draped, standing on prow, brandishing javelin in r. hand and holding round shield in l.; at l. foot, owl; inscription: IMP XXI COS XV CENS PPP

BMCRE II, p. 335, no. 179, 180

10. Æ; 19 mm; 3.87 gr.; axis 7; Mint of Rome; date: 98–99 CE (Fig. 7:C10)
Obv.: Head of Trajan, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAES NERV A TRAIAN AVG
Rev.: Vesta, not veiled, draped, seated l. on seat without back, holding patera in extended r. hand and torch sloping upwards to r.; inscription: PMT RPCOSIIPP

BMCRE III, p. 35, no. 26, pl. 9:13

11. Æ; 18 mm; 3.21 gr.; axis 5; Mint of Rome; date: 118 CE (Fig. 7:C11)
Obv.: Bust of Hadrian, r., laureate; inscription: IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG
Rev.: Aeiquitas (or Moneta?) draped, standing l., holding scales in r. hand and cornucopia in l.; inscription: P M T R P COS III

BMCRE III, p. 260, no. 156

12. Æ; 18 mm; 3.22 gr.; axis 7; Mint of Rome; date: 119–122 CE (Fig. 7:C12)
Obv.: Bust of Hadrian, r., laureate: IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG
Rev.: Fortuna, draped, standing l., holding rudder on ground in r. hand and cornucopia in l., l. hand resting on column; inscription: P M T R P COS III

BMCRE III, p. 262, no. 170, pl. 50:9

13. Æ; 20 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 6; Mint of Rome; date: 128–132 CE (Fig. 7:C13)
Obv.: Bust of Hadrian, r., laureate; inscription: HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS
Rev.: Star above and within crescent: COS III
BMCRE III, p. 302, no. 502, pl. 56:14

14. Æ; 28 mm; 14.05 gr.; axis 12; mint of Antioch; date: 69 CE (Fig. 8:C14)
Obv.: Head of Galba, laureate, r.; in r. field, star; inscription: ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ
ΓΑΛΒΑ ΕΣΠΑΣΙΑΝΟΥ
Rev.: Eagle to front, head l. on thunderbolt; on l., palm branch; inscription: ΕΤΟΥΣ ΝΕΟΥ ΙΕΡΟΥ Α
RPC I, p. 617, no. 4195, pl. 160:4195; McAlee 2007, p. 147, no. 304

15. Æ; 23 mm; 14.22 gr.; axis 12; mint of Antioch; date: 69/70 CE (Fig. 8:C15)
Obv.: Head of Vespasian, laureate, l.; inscription: ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤ Κ]
ΕΣΠΑΣΙΑΝΟΥ
Rev.: Head of Titus, laureate, r.; inscription: ΤΦΑΛΛΥΙΟ][ΝΕΟΥΛΕΠΟΣ; in field, B; behind the bust, a star
RPC II, p. 277, no. 1942, pl. 86:1942/15; McAlee 2007, p. 164, no. 330

16. Æ; 28 mm; 15.65 gr.; axis 12; mint of Antioch; date: 69/70 CE (Fig. 8:C16)
Obv.: Head of Vespasian, laureate, r.; inscription: [] ΟΥΕΣΠΑΣΙΑΝΟΣ
ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ
Rev.: Eagle to front, head l. on club; on l., palm branch; inscription: ΕΤΟΥΣ ΝΕΟΥ ΙΕΡΟΥ Β
RPC II, p. 279, no. 1954, pl. 87:1954; McAlee 2007, p. 166, no. 345

17. Æ; 27 mm; 13.74 gr.; axis 6; mint of Antioch; date: 109/10 CE (Fig. 8:C17)
Obv.: Head of Trajan, r., laureate, supported by eagle standing r.; below neck, club; inscription: ΑΥΤΟ[ΚΡΑ[ ΚΑΙΣ ΝΕΡ ΤΠΑΙΑΝΟΣ ΣΕΒ
ΓΕΡΜ ΔΑΚ
Rev.: Head of Herakles, r.; inscription: ΔΗΜΑΡΧΟΣ ΕΞ ΥΠΑΤ Ε; in field, graffito(?)

18. Æ; 28 mm; 13.84 gr.; axis 7; mint of Antioch; hammered edges; date: 112/13
CE (Fig. 8:C18)
Obv.: Head of Trajan, r., laureate, supported by eagle standing r.; below neck, club; inscription: ΑΥΤΟ[ΚΡΑ[ ΚΑΙΣ ΝΕΡ ΤΠΑΙΑΝΟΣ ΣΕΒ
ΓΕΡΜ ΔΑΚ
Rev.: Tyche of Antioch, veiled and turreted, seated r. on rock, holding two ears of corn and poppy-head in r.; her r. foot on upper part of river-god
Orontes swimming r.; inscription: [ΔΗΜΑΡΧΟΣ] ΕΞ ΙΣΥΠΙΑΤΣ
Wruck 1931, pp. 194–195, no. 166; McAlee 2007, p. 204, no. 472

19. Æ; 23 mm; 14.04 gr.; axis 12; date: 105/06 CE (Fig. 8:C19)
Obv. Bust of Trajan r., laureate, undraped; in front, inscription: [ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ]
City goddess, standing l. on prow, with standard and aphlaston; on l., inscription and altar; on r., dove standing l.; inscription: ACK[ΛΩ]; in field, date: ΘC (209)

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20. Æ; 25 mm; 12.70 gr.; axis 12; date: 106/07 CE (Fig. 8:C20)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Trajan r., laureate, undraped; in front, inscription: [CEBACTOC]
   *Rev.*: City goddess, standing l. on prow, with standard and aphlaston; on l., inscription and altar; on r., dove standing l.; inscription: [A]CK[ΛΩ]; in field, date: IC (210)
   BMC Palestine, p. 123, nos. 136–139

21. Æ; 21 mm; 11.49 gr.; axis 12; date: 116/17 CE (Fig. 8:C21)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Hadrian r., laureate, undraped; in front, inscription: [C]EB[ACTOC]
   *Rev.*: City goddess, standing l. on prow, with standard and aphlaston; on l., inscription and altar; on r., dove standing l.; inscription: [A]ΚΑΛΩ; in field, date: KC (220)

22. Æ; 23 mm; 10.60 gr.; axis 12; date: 119/20 CE (Fig. 8:C22)
   *Obv.*: Bust of Hadrian r., laureate, undraped; in front, inscription: [CEBACTOC]
   *Rev.*: City goddess, standing l. on prow, with standard and aphlaston; on l., inscription and altar; on r., dove standing l.; inscription: ACK[ΛΩ]; in field, date: ΓΚ (223)
   BMC Palestine, p. 127, no. 175

23. Æ; 19 mm; 3.24 gr.; axis 12; date: 133/34 CE (Fig. 8:C23)
   *Rev.*: Flagon with handle; on r., willow branch; inscription: שב לזר ישראל
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 188, no. 34

24. Æ; 18 mm; 2.89 gr.; axis 12; date: 135 CE (Fig. 8:C24; Fig. 9:C24r)
   *Obv.*: Five-letter inscription in wreath: שמח, in upper right, five letters from the original Roman coin: MOPRIN
   *Rev.*: Two trumpets; between trumpets small pellet; inscription: חצרות י阐明; in upper left, three letters (PMP) from the original Roman coin and remains of bust of Trajan(?)
   Mildenberg 1984, p. 238, no. 131
Fig. 7. Hoard C
Fig. 8. Hoard C (cont.)
Fig. 9. Denarii showing traces of former Roman coins.
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