
A ZOOMORPHIC VESSEL FROM BETH-SHEAN

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The same differentiation can be made with regard to the pressure beam. At the beginning of the mishnaic discussion on oil presses, it is classified as a portable accessory but at the end of the passage it is referred to as a permanent accessory. This contradiction, again,

can be explained by the fact that the pressure beam at Tīrat Yehuda is a portable accessory, while those of 'En Hod, Khorazin, and the Department of Agriculture are permanent fixtures.

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In 1964, a zoomorphic clay vessel, shaped like a team of oxen or calves yoked together (pl. XV) was discovered in Beth-Shean. It is now in the collections of the Department of Antiquities and Museums (No. 65-500). Its measurements are: 15.5 cm. long, 16.5-18.5 cm. wide, and 14 cm. high. The funnel-like openings on the backs and the spouts on the

heads of the animals indicate that the vessel was used to contain and pour liquids. The rouletted decoration covering most of the vessel's surface points to its origin in the talmudic period (third to fourth centuries C.E.) Its shape, however, recalls vessels of much earlier times.

THE LID OF A SARCOPHAGUS FROM BETH-SHEAN

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The lime-stone lid of a sarcophagus (pl. XVI:1) was discovered in 1962, outside the Byzantine city-wall of Beth-Shean, and is now on display at the Beth-Shean museum. The lid is shaped like a gabled roof. Each long side of the gable measures 245 cm. by 65 cm. One side bears a relief showing a man, clad in a tunic and pleated cloak reaching down to his ankles,

resting his head and left arm on a pillow. In his right hand he holds a *mappa*, used in Roman times to announce the start of the games. The *mappa* and his general attire clearly indicate that the man depicted on the lid was an important personage in Beth-Shean-Scythopolis in the talmudic period.

A MENORAH ON A LINTEL FROM DANNA

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At Danna, ten miles north-west of Beth-Shean, architectural remains, including a basalt lintel bearing a relief carving of a seven-branched *menorah* (pl. XVI:2) have recently been found. After discussion of the objects carved on both sides of the *menorah*, it is sug-

gested to identify them as two stylized *lulabs*.

It seems likely that the lintel belonged to a synagogue of the Jewish community of Danna, which may perhaps be identified with the talmudic Kfar Dan (*Jerusalem Talmud*, Demai, II, 22c).