Weight from the Bar Kokhba administration

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Details

Period: Roman period, 132-135 CE
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Description

Inscription: Side A: “Ben Kosba Prince of Israel and his administrator Shim’on Dasoi half” Side B: “Simon son of Kosba Prince of Israel and his administrator half” Bar Kokhba ran a centralized administration during the revolt, which struck its own coins and weights. The area of Beth Guvrin was one of his administrative centers, and many underground hiding complexes were found in the vicinity. In one of these, an official weight of the Bar Kokhba administration was discovered. In confirmation of its weight it bears Bar Kokhba’s full name, Simon son of Kosba, and his official title, “Prince of Israel.” It also bears the name of Shimon Dasoi, the administrator in charge of the markets and the accuracy of weights and measures.