**ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND KOSHER “BREAD STAMP” NEAR ACRE**

A 1500 year old seal with the image of the seven-branched Temple Menorah was discovered during excavations at Horbat Uza, near Acre, Israel. The seal is ceramic, dated to the Byzantine period in the 6th Century CE. The seal is believed to have been used by a bakery that supplied kosher bread to the Jews of Acre, and has therefore been called a “bread stamp”. For more information, visit: [http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/israeli-archaeologists-find-1500-year-old-kosher-bread-stamp-near-acre-1.406452](http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/israeli-archaeologists-find-1500-year-old-kosher-bread-stamp-near-acre-1.406452)

**THRAICIAN HORSEMAN RELIEF DISCOVERED AT PERPERIKON**

Bulgarian archaeologists have discovered the ceramic relief of a Thracian horseman, dated to the 4th Century BCE. The relief was found near Bezik Tepe in Perperikon and is believed to be one of the earliest images of the horseman cult in modern day Bulgaria. For more information, visit: [http://www.sofiaecho.com/2012/01/12/1743755_ archaeology-ancient-image-of-thracian-horseman-found-at-bulgarias-perperikon](http://www.sofiaecho.com/2012/01/12/1743755_ archaeology-ancient-image-of-thracian-horseman-found-at-bulgarias-perperikon)

**HALLATON HELMET NOW RESTORED**

The Hallaton Helmet, a Roman cavalry helmet dated to the Iron Age, finished its nine-year conservation process. The helmet was discovered in 2000 along with over 5000 coins, silver ingots and ritual deposits. The helmet was found to be made of iron, covered in silver sheet and decorated with gold leaf, probably used for ceremonial purposes. For more information, visit: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-16475224](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-16475224)

**BRITISH WWII SUBMARINE DISCOVERED BY MALTA**

The HMS Olympus was discovered by a team of divers from Florida off the coast of Malta. The submarine struck a mine and sank while trying to evade German and Italian warships on May 8, 1942; nearly 90 men lost their lives. The divers’ findings were announced this week. For more information, visit: [http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jan/11/british-second-world-war-submarine-wreck](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jan/11/british-second-world-war-submarine-wreck)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

By popular demand, we will be watching Burial Grounds, the Etruscan zombies movie, on Thursday, February 9, at 6:00 in the seminar room (205I). We will continue hosting bake sales this semester, so please come out and show your support!

**LECTURES:**

We will be hosting an AIA lecture by Susan Rotroff, titled “The Unsolved Mystery of the Agora Bone Well”, on Tuesday, January 31, at 8:00 pm in FAB 249. Volunteers to bring refreshments are needed!

**FEATURED STUDENTS:**

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy de Grummond, Dr. Laurel Fulkerson, Dr. Daniel Pullen, Dr. Svetla Slaveva-Griffin, Stephen Collins-Elliot, Ann Glennie, Kyle Jazwa, and Joe Vansuch who gave presentations at this year’s AIA/APA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia at the beginning of the month.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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