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CAPInv. 612: mrz𐎠 šmš

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Phoenicia
iii. Site	Unknown

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	𐎠 𐎠 𐎠 𐎠 𐎠 𐎠 𐎠 (IEJ 32 (1982): 118-28, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	mrz𐎠 šmš

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	iv BC
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	šmš: Shamash
iii. Descriptive terms	𐎠 𐎠 𐎠mrz𐎠 ,	
Note	mrz𐎠: IEJ 32 (1982): 118-28, l. 1	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IEJ 32 (1982): 118-28 (IV BC)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Aramaic dedicatory inscription
i.c. Physical format(s)	Inscription on a bronze bowl

**ii. Source(s) provenance**

Bought in Switzerland, said to come from the Lebanon

## XII. NOTES

**i. Comments**

According to Avigad/Greenfield 1982, "we" - a female group - offer two cups to the *mrz* of Shamash. But Amadasi 1987 shows that "we" refers to the cups, who describe themselves as offerings for the *mrz*.

**iii. Bibliography**

Avigad, N., and Greenfield, J.C. (1982), 'A Bronze phialē with a Phoenician Dedicatory Inscription', *IEJ* 32: 118-28.  
Guzzo Amadasi, M.G. (1987), 'Under Western Eyes', *SEL* 4: 121-8.  
McLaughlin, J.L. (2001), *The marzēa in the Prophetic Literature. References and Allusions in Light of the Extra-Biblical Evidence*. Leiden/Boston (37-8).

## XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

Possible

**Note**

It is unclear whether or not *mrz* means an association here; maybe it should rather be taken in the sense of "festival" or "banquet/symposion".