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CAPInv. 603: **mrz** **dwšr'**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Oboda

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ (IEJ 13 (1963): 113-17 no. 10, l. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>mrz</i> <i>dwšr'</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	70 - 106 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric: <i>dwšr'</i> : Dushara
iii. Descriptive terms	☐ ☐ ☐ <i>m̄rz</i> <i>'</i> ,
Note	<i>mrz</i> : IEJ 13 (1963): 113-17 no. 10, l. 2

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IEJ 13 (1963): 113-17 no. 10 (AD 70-106)
Online Resources	AGRW ID 9549
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Aramaic dedicatory inscription

i.c. Physical format(s)	Broken trough made of chalk (according to Negev: a libation altar)
ii. Source(s) provenance	2 km south of Oboda

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	<i>mdr'</i> (<i>mrd'?</i> <i>mdd'?</i>) (l. 1). This may be a structure that has to do with the water system (Alpass 2011: 190; Negev read <i>skw'</i> , "dam", which was corrected by Naveh; Hackl et al. suggest "Spende[behälter]"). In all probability, the reference is to the object that carries the inscription.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	□ □ □ □ □ <i>bny mrz</i> □ □' ,
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The dedication is dated according to the regnal years of Rabbel II, who also receives praise in l. 4.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Diushara, which appears in the name of the group, is qualified as "the god of Gaia" (<i>'lh g'y'</i>), a small settlement outside Petra.
iii. Bibliography	Alpass, P.J. (2011), <i>The Religious Life of Nabataea</i> . Diss. Durham (189-91). Hackl, U., Jenni, H., and Schneider, Chr. (2003), <i>Quellen zur Geschichte der Nabatäer. Textsammlung mit Übersetzung und Kommentar</i> . Fribourg/Göttingen (404). McLaughlin, J.L. (2001), <i>The marzēa</i> □ in the Prophetic Literature. <i>References and Allusions in Light of the Extra-Biblical Evidence</i> . Leiden/Boston (45-8). Millares Maciá, M. (2007), <i>Marzeah y thíasos: una institución convival en el Oriente Próximo Antiguo y el Mediterráneo</i> . Madrid (169-71). Naveh, J. (1967), 'Some Notes on Nabatean Inscriptions from 'Avdat', <i>IEJ</i> 17: 187-89. Negev, A. (1963), 'Nabatean Inscriptions from 'Avdat (Oboda) II', <i>IEJ</i> 13: 113-24.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The terminology used suggests a private association