



- 82** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (15.02 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Jerusalem' (Paleo Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, +. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 15.1 (O4/R8; this coin); TJC 230a; Hendin 1387). Nicely toned. Extremely fine. \$ 5,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 83  
ex Beit Mirsim Hoard.

A hoard of around one hundred silver Bar Kochba coins and various Roman and provincial issues was found during the Winter of 1973-1974 at Beit Mirsim, about seventeen kilometers south-southwest of Idna between Jerusalem and Beersheba. The preponderance of Bar Kochba hoards found in this region suggests that it was a rebel stronghold during the conflict with Rome.



- 83** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.68 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Jerusalem' (Paleo Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, +. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 21.5 (O4/R14; this coin); TJC 230a; Hendin 1387). Well struck and well centered on a nice broad flan. Lightly toned. Extremely fine. \$ 5,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 85.

The reverse die used to strike this coin is missing the first *resh* in the legend, but the letter was later added to the die (see Mildenberg 24).

*Breathtaking Quality Year Two Silver Sela*



- 84** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (11.59 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrapstyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 28 (O6/R19); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). Magnificent. Fantastic strike and toning. Perfectly centered. *"This is the finest Year Two sela I have ever seen"* (Ira Goldberg). Superb extremely fine. \$ 8,000

ex Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection, part. II (Sotheby's, 21-22 June 1990), lot 618.

This and the following seven sela varieties of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kokhba War depart from the previous issues of the first and second years in the paleo-Hebrew obverse legend. Here, instead of the usual legend naming Jerusalem, now Simon [bar Kokhba] is named. It is unclear whether this change indicates that all hope of reclaiming Jerusalem had been given up by the rebels by this point in the war or whether it merely indicates an increased emphasis on Bar Kokhba's personal leadership as a messianic figure. It should be noted that it is unlikely that Bar Kokhba's soldiers ever occupied Jerusalem. In all of the archaeological excavations that have been conducted there, tens of thousands of coins have been found, but only three of them were coins of Bar Kokhba.

*Another Absolutely Incredible Quality Year Two Sela*



- 85 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.16 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 29 (O6/R20); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). Lustrous. Mint state. \$ 6,000

Purchased privately, June 1998.

*Mint State Year Two Silver Sela*



- 86 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (13.38 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 31 (O6/R22); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). Lustrous surfaces and delicately toned. Mint state. \$ 6,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin at the NYINC, December 1992.



- 87 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.86 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 36 (O8/R26); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). Well struck with all details nice and bold. Delicately toned. Extremely fine. \$ 6,000

Purchased privately from NFA, May 1994.

*Nearly Mint State Year Two Silver Sela*



- 88 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.17 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 41 (O11/R30); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). *Rare - only seven specimens cited by Mildenberg.* The die-break at corner of Ark more pronounced than on Mildenberg 40. Lustrous and delicately toned. Nearly mint state. \$ 6,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, February 1996.



- 89 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.13 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 40 (O10/R28); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). *Very Rare - only six specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Interesting die-break on the obverse. Lightly toned. Extremely fine. \$ 5,000

Purchased privately from NFA, June 1993.



- 90 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (13.55 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 43 (O11/R30); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). *Rare - only eleven specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Lightly toned with lustrous surfaces. Extremely fine. \$ 5,000

Purchased privately from NFA, August 1991.



- 91 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.18 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 43 (O11/R30); TJC 233; Hendin 1388). *Rare - only eleven specimens cited by (Mildenberg. Delicately toned with underlying luster present. Extremely fine.* \$ 5,000

Purchased on December 20, 1991 from Josef Kaufman.

*Rare Wide Lyre Year Two Silver Zuz*



- 92 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.63 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma', abbreviating Simon (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), wide lyre with three strings and four dots on sound box. (Mildenberg 13 (O4/R7); TJC 238; Hendin 1389). Well struck and perfectly centered. Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 3,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, October 1993.

This and the following zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War reflect interesting iconographic and political developments as the threat of a massive Roman invasion of Judaea loomed. The wreathed paleo-Hebrew legend type naming Simon bar Kochba has evolved from the preceding large bronzes of the first year (132/3 CE), which is notable because the zuzim of that year originally carried the name of Eleazar whom Simon may have killed in a fit of rage at his betrayal. The musical instrument on the reverse, probably the kinnor used in the Temple, also appeared previously on medium bronzes of the first year. It is unclear why these particular bronze-inspired types were employed for silver zuzim in the second year when they were still in use for large and medium bronze denominations, respectively.

*Outstanding Quality Wide Lyre Year Two Silver Zuz*



- 93 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.14 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), wide lyre with three strings and four dots on sound box. (Mildenberg 15 (O3/R10); TJC 238; Hendin 1389). *Very Rare - only six specimens cited in Mildenberg.* Nicely toned, with partial legends of the host coin, a denarius of Hadrian, on both sides/ Superb extremely fine. \$ 3,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, December 1992.



- 94 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.02 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 14.1 (O4/R9; this coin); TJC 245; Hendin 1390). *Extremely Rare - only two examples cited by Mildenberg, this being his no. 1 which was chosen to illustrate the dies.* Mildenberg notes that the "completely straight palm branch on [the reverse] is unique throughout the coinage." Lightly toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 2,000

Purchased privately from Antiqua at the NYINC, January 2007.

This and the following two zuzim introduce a new reverse type to this silver series: a palm branch standing alone. This type may have been intended to reflect several levels of meaning. Not only could it be seen as a symbol of victory (a little premature as it turned out) for the rebel cause over the Romans, but also as a national symbol of Judaea and perhaps a reference to the Jewish religious festival of Tabernacles. This particular example is especially notable for its uniquely straight palm branch. As can be seen on the other specimens in this sale, the palm branch is typically depicted in a somewhat more naturalistic manner.



- 95 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.99 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 17 (O3/R12); TJC 245; Hendin 1390). Lightly toned. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Goldberg (16 September 2008), lot 1859; Antiqua FPL XIV (December 2006), lot 95.



- 96 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.94 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 29.2 (O3/R12; this coin); TJC 245; Hendin 1390). *Rare - only seven specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Undertype visible. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part II (Superior, 10 December 1992), lot 452  
ex El Fawar Hoard.



- 97 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.33 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 16 (O3/R11); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). *Scarce - ten specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Lightly toned. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

Purchased privately from Claude Anselem, December 1988.

Silver zuzim like this and the following six examples feature the name of Simon bar Kochba in paleo-Hebrew surrounded by a wreath as on other apparently early zuzim issues of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kokhba War. However, the reverse type featuring a fluted jug and willow branch copies the design used for the obverse of zuzim struck in the first year (132/3 CE).



- 98 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.31 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 32 (O5/R20); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). Well struck on a nice, wide flan. Superb extremely fine. \$ 1,000

Purchased privately, August 2003.



- 99 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.40 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 33 (O5/R21); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). Very boldly struck and well centered. Superb extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Superior (1-2 December 1990), lot 2229.



- 100 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.72 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 30.3 (O5/R18; this coin); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). Scarce - eleven specimens cited by Mildenberg, this being his no. 3 and the example used to illustrate the dies. Toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part II (Superior, 10 December 1992), lot 453  
ex Beit Mirsim Hoard.



- 101** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.68 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 22 (O5/R15); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). Nice large flan and boldly struck. Extremely fine. \$ 900

Purchased privately from D. Hendin at the NYINC, December 1984.



- 102** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.99 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 34 (O5/R22); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). Boldly struck and nicely toned. Extremely fine. \$ 900

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, June 1988.



- 103** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.16 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 36 (O5/R23); TJC 250; Hendin 1391). *Rare - only seven specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Boldly struck and nicely centered. Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 900

Purchased privately, August 2001.



- 104** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.40 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), two trumpets upright. (Mildenberg 20 (O5/R14); TJC 243; Hendin 1392). *Very rare - Mildenberg cites just four specimens.* Well struck on a huge flan. Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 1,250

Purchased privately, August 2001.

Interesting Note for Lots 104, 105, 106

Depicted on these silver Zuzim and others later in the sale, are two upright trumpets used by the sons of Aaron to call the people together on certain occasions. While only one trumpet was really needed, it was felt that the two surviving sons of Aaron should each have his own silver trumpet to avoid any sibling rivalry.



- 105** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.45 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), two trumpets upright. (Mildenberg 24.6 (O5/R14; this coin); TJC 243; Hendin 1392). Wonderful broad flan. Traces of undertype visible on both obverse and reverse. Extremely fine. \$ 1,250

ex Shoshana Collection, part 1 (Heritage, 8-9 March 2012), lot 20296

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 136

ex El Fawar Hoard.

This specimen is the coin used to illustrate the type in (Mildenberg, zuz 24. It is clearly overstruck on a denarius of Hadrian. The zuzim of Bar Kokhba were commonly struck upon both denarii and provincial drachms of Trajan and Hadrian and less commonly on earlier coins from Mark Antony, Galba, Otho, and Vitellius, through the Flavians and up to Nerva, and a few Nabataean silver coins, were also used.



- 106** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.14 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), two trumpets upright. (Mildenberg 23 (O5/R14); TJC 243; Hendin 1392). Delicately toned. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

Purchased privately from Superior, March 1985.

The musical element of religious service in the Jerusalem Temple, which emerged with the nevel middle bronze type of the first year (132/3 CE) of the Bar Kochba War and continued on zuzim of the second year (133/4 CE) receives a new type on this and the following two zuzim of the second year.

*Superb Quality H-1393 Wide Lyre Year Two Zuz*



- 107** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.10 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), wide lyre with three strings and four dots on sound box. (Mildenberg 43 (O8/R25); TJC 240; Hendin 1393). Toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex NFA XXV (29 November 1990), lot 270.

This zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War, the coin (Mildenberg selected to illustrate his dies, features a grape bunch obverse type derived from the similar reverse type used already for zuzim in the first year (132/3 CE). The palm branch reverse, however, is an innovation for silver coins in the second year of the war. In the first year this type only appeared on the obverse of the middle bronze denomination.



- 108 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.21 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 50.10 (O11/R29; this coin); TJC 248; Hendin 1394). Trace of undertype visible. Struck on a nice, large flan. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part II (Superior, 10 December 1992), lot 463  
ex El Fawar Hoard.

This zuz shows clear traces of a Roman imperial denarius of Domitian of AD 95/6 beneath its rebel types, illustrating the urgency with which the Bar Kochba coinage was produced. There was no time to re-smelt the coins of the hated Romans, but they had to be restruck quickly and thus imperfectly to keep up with the needs of the Jewish rebels.



- 109 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.89 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 40.29 (O7/R12; this coin); TJC 248; Hendin 1394). *The Mildenberg plate coin*. Boldly struck and well centered. Delicately toned and a beautiful example! Superb extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part 1 (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 143.



- 110 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.17 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 41 (O8/R12); TJC 248; Hendin 1394). *Rare*. Traces of the original provincial drachm of Trajan visible on the obverse. Lustrous surfaces and lightly toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 900

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, July 1988.

The grape bunch of this and the following two zuzim of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War derive from the reverse type of zuzim struck in the first year (132/3 CE). The palm branch reverse type may allude to the first year zuzim which featured a jug with a palm branch on the reverse. This particular specimen is overstruck on a provincial drachm of Bostra under Trajan.



- 111** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.90 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 41 (O8/R12); TJC 248; Hendin 1394). Nearly extremely fine. \$ 800

ex Goldberg 14 (2 June 2002), lot 4438

ex Dr. Jonathan A. Herbst Collection (Superior, 8-9 December 1995), lot 1270.

Although no legends of the undertype are visible, sufficient outline of the portrait is clear that it shows that an early Roman imperial denarius of Trajan was used as the host for this zuz of the second year (133/4 CE).



- 112** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.30 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 39 (O7/R18); TJC 253; Hendin 1395). Trace of undertype visible. Underlying luster and attractive light toning. Extremely fine. \$ 900

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, July 1988.

Both the grape bunch and the jug with willow branch types of this and the following zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War take their typological queue from the zuz issue of the first year (132/3 CE), but invert obverse and reverse types. Also notable is the removal of the paleo-Hebrew legend naming Eleazar the priest and its replacement with an inscription naming Simon bar Kochba.



- 113** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.18 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch. (Mildenberg 45 (O8/R22); TJC 253; Hendin 1395). Extremely fine. \$ 800

ex Jascha Heifetz Collection, part 2 (Superior, 9-10 December 1989), lot 2856.



- 114 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.41 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), elongated lyre with three strings. (Mildenberg 47 (O8/R27); TJC 242; Hendin 1396). Toned. Choice very fine. \$ 800

ex Spink & Sons Ncirc 98/7 (September 1990), lot 4986.

This and the following zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War depict the kinnor, a lyre-like instrument played during worship in the Jerusalem Temple before its destruction. Indeed, the Mishna tells us that the minimum number of kinnorim to be played in the Temple was nine, but there was no maximum limit. This musical allusion to the religious services in the Temple is in keeping with the symbolic program of the Bar Kochba War coinage, which depicts the façade of the Temple as well as other objects associated with religious observances and the festival of Sukkot.



- 115 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.47 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon', bunch of grapes with leaf and tendril. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), elongated lyre with three strings. (Mildenberg 47 (O8/R27); TJC 242; Hendin 1396). Essentially as struck. Attractively toned. Very fine. \$ 700

Purchased privately from Superior, March 1989.

*Extremely Rare H-1400 Year Two Silver Zuz*



- 116 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (2.88 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 55 (O13/R12); TJC 246a; Hendin 1400). *Extremely rare - Mildenberg cites just one specimen.* Partial legend of the host coin visible on obverse. Nicely toned. Extremely fine. \$ 5,000

Purchased privately from Antiqua at the NYINC, January 2005.

Mildenberg suggested that the obverse die used to strike this very rare issue was likely a trial die. A provincial drachm from Bostra under Trajan serves as the host coin.



- 117** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.31 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), upright palm branch. (Mildenberg 59.15 (O14/R29'; this coin); TJC 246; Hendin 1401). Attractively toned. Extremely fine. \$ 1,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, Part I (5 December 1991), lot 152  
ex El Fawar Hoard.

The popular wreathed paleo-Hebrew legend naming Simon [bar Kochba] and palm branch types also appear on this zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War, but the treatment of the five-letter obverse legend is different here. This particular coin is notable as being the coin (Mildenberg chose to illustrate the dies.



- 118** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Zuz (3.40 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew) within wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, with a medallion at top and tendrils at bottom. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), elongated lyre with three strings. (Mildenberg 57 (O14/R27); TJC 241a; Hendin 1403). Delicately toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 1,000

Purchased privately from Superior at the NYINC, December 1989.

This zuz of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War features a wreathed paleo-Hebrew legend naming Simon [bar Kochba] on the obverse and a palm branch on the reverse. This type combination was probably meant to simultaneously advertise the hoped for victory over the Romans that was gradually slipping away while shoring up Simon bar Kochba's legitimacy. Similar wreathed inscriptions and palm branches had previously graced the coins of the Hasmonaean High Priest John Hyrcanus I (14-104 BCE) after he claimed autonomy from the Seleukid kingdom.

*Fantastic Bar Kokhba Year Two 'Abu Jara'*



- 119 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Large Bronze (16.79 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Jerusalem' (Paleos-Hebrew within wreath with medallion at top. Rev. 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo Hebrew), amphora with two handles. (Mildenberg 18 (O5/R12); TJC 255; Hendin 1404). Struck from the finest of the "Abu Jara" dies, and lacking the typical large flan crack that (Mildenberg notes is found on most specimens struck from these dies. A beautiful example. Sandy-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 20,000

Purchased privately, July 7, 2002 at the NYINC.

The large bronze denomination of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kokhba War is often known by the Arabic nickname "Abu Jara" meaning "father of the jar" because of its very large size and its prominent depiction of an amphora or jar ("jara"). Unlike the majority of the Bar Kochba coins struck in the second year, this one names Jerusalem rather than Simon bar Kochba on the obverse. This example is especially desirable as it is struck from the very finest of the Abu Jara dies.



- 120** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (9.63 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (Mildenberg 73 (O6/R37); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408). Earthen-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased privately, October 2006.

The middle bronze denomination of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kochba War maintained the same palm tree and vine leaf types of the first year, no doubt because they had become such distinctive symbols of Judaea and the Jews in the first century CE and appealed to the nationalist sentiment of the rebels.



- 121** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (11.78 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (Mildenberg 71 (O5/R35); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408). Lovely earthen-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased from E. Waddell online sale, September 2003, lot 73.



- 122** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (9.46 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (cf. Mildeberg 82-93 (O5/R-; rev. die not recorded); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408). Lovely earthen dark-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased privately, May 1991.



- 123** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (9.90 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (cf. Mildeberg 66-72 (O5/R-; rev. die not recorded); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408). Dark earthen-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased from E. Waddell online sale, June 2001, 155.



- 124** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (10.00 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (cf. Mildeberg 58-65, but esp. 63 (O4/R-; rev. die not recorded); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408). Brown patina with earthen highlights. Extremely fine. \$ 400

Purchased privately, December 1991.



- 125 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (7.70 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Sma' (abbreviating Simon; Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (Mildenberg 54 (O3/R18); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408 variety). Green patina. Very fine. \$ 300

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, May 1991.



- 126 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Medium Bronze (9.79 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), vine leaf on tendril. (Mildenberg 80 (O6/R44); TJC 260a; Hendin 1408a). Thick sandy patina. Extremely fine. \$ 400

Purchased privately, May 1991.

The five-letter obverse paleo-Hebrew legend on this coin spells out the personal name of Simon in full whereas other issues abbreviate the name with the three letters *Sma*.

*Very Rare H-1409 Bar Kokhba Year Two Small Bronze*



- 127 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Small Bronze (4.42 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Eleazar the priest' (Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), bunch of grapes with branch and small leaf. (Mildenberg 152 (O2/R4); TJC 265; Hendin 1409). *Very rare - only four specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Earthen-black patina. Choice very fine. \$ 4,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, October 1989.  
Ex Maltiel-Gerstenfeld Collection, lot 308.

This small bronze of the second year (133/4 CE) of the Bar Kokhba War features the palm tree and grape bunch types familiar from the first year (132/3 CE). The name *Eleazar* was most commonly used during the first year on both silver zuzim and small bronze coins, but was also used much less frequently on small bronzes dated to the second and third years.



- 128 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Small Bronze (6.84 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), bunch of grapes with branch and small leaf. (Mildenberg 154 (O3/R5); TJC 266; Hendin 1410). Earthen highlights over brown-green patina. Extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased privately, May 1991.

Eleazar is not named on this and the following small denomination bronze, his name replaced with that of Jerusalem, the city that served as the root cause of Simon bar Kochba's Jewish uprising.



- 129 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Æ Small Bronze (5.28 g), 132-135 CE. Year 2 (133/4 CE). 'Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. 'Year two of the redemption of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), bunch of grapes with branch and small leaf. (Mildenberg 153 (O2/R6); TJC 266; Hendin 1410). Sandy greenish-brown desert patina. About extremely fine. \$ 500

Purchased privately, January 1988.

*Magnificent Mint State Bar Kokhba Silver Sela*



- 130 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.53 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 73 (O11/R42); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Very rare - only five specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Struck on a huge flan and lustrous surfaces. Mint state. \$ 6,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, February 1996.

This and the following undated sela'im were struck in the third and final year (134/5 CE) of the Bar Kokhba war. The types of the Temple and the lulav and etrog are continued, but the coins are no longer dated "year 1" or "year 2 of the redemption of Israel," and instead the slogan "for the freedom of Jerusalem" is used on the reverse. The name of the holy city of Jerusalem no longer appears around the Temple (perhaps suggesting it was now out of reach) and is replaced by Bar Kokhba's first name *Simon*. The messianic vision was being shattered, and the coins convey this message in their own cryptic way.

*Magnificent Quality Undated Bar Kokhba Sela*



- 131** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (15.33 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 56 (O13/R42); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). The outline of the head of Vespasian visible on the reverse. Lustrous. Nearly mint state. \$ 5,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, February 1996.

A somewhat clear portrait of Vespasian, the father of Titus - the Roman conquerer of Jerusalem in 70 CE - can still be seen here peeking through the Jewish types of this sela. The undertype is, of course, a Syrian provincial tetradrachm, and the effacement caused by overstriking the host coin is symbolic of the Bar Kochba rebels' desire to erase the stain of Roman oppression in Judaea.

*Gorgeous and Very Rare Undated Bar Kokhba Silver Sela*



- 132** Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.17 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 83 (O12/R53); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Extremely Rare - only two specimens cited by (Mildenberg)*. Lustrous and lovely iridescent tone. As struck. Nearly mint state. \$ 5,000

Purchased privately, January 1999.

*Choice Quality Undated (Year 3) Silver Sela*



- 133 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.20 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 54.1 (O13/R40; this coin); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Very rare - only five specimens cited by Mildenberg, this being the plate coin.* Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part II (Superior, 10 December 1992), lot 418.

*Beautiful Quality Bar Kokhba Revolt Silver Sela*



- 134 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.49 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 53 (O13/R39); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Very rare - only six specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Delicately toned. Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin, February 1992.



- 135 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.70 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 63.16 (O14/R48; this coin); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). Mildenberg cites 25 specimens, this being the one chosen to illustrate the dies. Boldly struck and nicely toned. Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 109.



- 136 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.48 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 66 (O14/R51); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). Underlying luster still present. Delicately toned. Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

Purchased privately from D. Hendin at the NYINC, December 1992.



- 137 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.47 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 72 (O15/R56); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Rare - only eight specimens cited in Mildenberg.* Boldly struck and nicely toned. A very beautiful example! Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex Superior (12 August 1994), lot 1908.

*Beautiful Undated (Year 3) Bar Kokhba Silver Sela*



- 138 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.39 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 84.4 (O12/R65; this coin); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *The Mildenberg plate coin.* Attractively toned. A magnificent example! Superb extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (5 December 1991), lot 117  
ex El Fawar Hoard.



- 139 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.20 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 85.7 (O12/R44; this coin); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). Struck on a huge flan. Lustrous and lightly toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 4,000

Purchased privately from H. Kriendler, November 1995; Ex Frank Sternberg (Zurich).



- 140 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.36 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 55.18 (O13/R41; this coin); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *The Mildenberg plate coin*. Overstruck on a Tetradrachm of Hadrian. Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 3,500

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part I (Superior, 5 December 1991), lot 104.



- 141 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.34 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 74 (O11/R57); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Rare - ten specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Underlying luster present. Lightly toned and perfectly centered. About extremely fine. \$ 3,500

Purchased privately from D. Hendin at the NYINC, December 1996.



- 142 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (13.99 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 80 (O12/R45); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Scarce - eleven specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Lustrous and delicately toned. Superb extremely fine. \$ 3,500

Purchased privately from D. Hendin at the NYINC, December 1992.



- 143 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (13.88 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 86 (O12/R66); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Rare - only nine specimens cited in Mildenberg.* Understriking of a Syrian Tetradrachm of Trajan visible on the reverse. Toned. Nearly extremely fine. \$ 3,500

ex Abraham Bromberg Collection, part. II (10 December 1992), lot 432.

This marvelous sela is overstruck on a provincial tetradrachm of Trajan from Syria or Bostra in Arabia.



- 144 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.24 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 76 (O12/R59); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). *Extremely rare - only four specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Exceptionally large head of Trajan visible under temple. Toned. Choice very fine. \$ 3,000

Purchased privately from E. Waddell, December 2004.



- 145 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.26 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 79 (O12/R62); TJC 267; Hendin 1411). Toned. Choice very fine. \$ 3,000

Purchased privately, January 1984.

*Very Rare Irregular Issue Bar Kokhba Silver Sela*



- 146 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt. Silver Sela (14.25 g), 132-135 CE. Undated, attributed to year 3 (134/5 CE). 'Simon' (Paleo-Hebrew), tetrastyle façade of the Temple of Jerusalem; show bread table or Ark of the Covenant in chest form with semicircular lid and short legs, seen from a narrow side; above façade, star. Rev. 'For the freedom of Jerusalem' (Paleo-Hebrew), lulav with etrog at left. (Mildenberg 102 (O23/R77); TJC 268; Hendin 1411a). *Scarce - only twelve specimens cited by Mildenberg.* Traces of undertype visible on both obverse and reverse. Toned. Extremely fine. \$ 4,000

ex Dr. Jonathan A. Herbst Collection (Superior, 8-9 December 1995), lot 1293.