

Hall A of catacomb 3 was entered from a doorway directly opposite the entrance to the open courtyard. We see here a fine example, in relief, of a man in Roman military tunic with a menorah on his head. The stem of the menorah exhibits spiral fluting and has a tripod base. In the wall just above the right branch of the menorah is a recess for a lamp. The burial niche to the right of the man and the menorah is decorated with a shell in high relief. This is a common motif in ancient Jewish art. Many menoroth and other Jewish ritual objects were found at Beth Shearim.