

Ancient arc is uncovered

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such piece from high antiquity to have survived. It is a kind of missing link."

Today, all synagogues have an ark, a sacred piece of furniture, to contain the scrolls of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. "It is the most holy place in the synagogue," he said.

Dating from the third century A.D., the ark fragment comes from a millennium and a half after the fabrication of the Covenant Ark prototype. It is at least 1,000 years older than any extant

medieval example," he said.

"It bears remarkable similarity in many of its component features as well as its overall composition to the ancient artistic depictions. As a structural remnant, it is an absolutely unique and magnificent piece, a connector between the Biblical world and its Judeo-Christian successor."

In what Meyers called "a remarkable coincidence," Duke diggers at this same site during the previous 1980 season recovered several fragments of a black ceramic bowl showing a render-

ing of the Holy Ark. It was the first such depiction ever found on the medium of a ceramic vessel, Meyers said. While the bowl dates from the Byzantine era, or three centuries after the ark piece, it clearly showed a chain and lamp suspended under the gabled roof of the Torah Shrine.

MANY OF THE ANCIENT depictions of Torah Shrines feature rampant lions. Lions were a popular motif in the ancient Semitic and Aegean world and are deeply rooted in Jewish art and ar-

chitecture, where they are perhaps suggestive of the Biblical lions of Judah, Meyers said.

"The lions atop the ark's gable are distinctive," he said. "They are realistically modeled in high relief in a style more elegant and forceful than they conveyed by any of the ancient depictions of lions. They communicate power and fecundity, excitement and high energy."

The discovery of the Duke expedition "illuminated an important aspect of our Biblical heritage," Meyers said.

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Fashion panelist chosen to serve

A Farmington resident was among 26 persons selected to serve on the 1983 Fashion Panel at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Ricardo Rose, son of Jorge and Doris Rose, is a junior at Wayne State University. He is a 1980 graduate from Southfield Christian High School in Southfield.

The Fashion Panel was selected from more than 300 applicants, ages 16 to 20. An evaluation was made from personal interviews and runway presentations by a panel of fashion and retail experts. Applicants were judged on

gracefulness, projection of personality, enthusiasm, style and self-confidence.

This group of young men and women will represent the fashion statements reflective of Twelve Oaks Mall's 160 stores and services. They will serve on the panel until September attending workshops on pose, polish and grooming, fashion forecasts and career directions in retailing and modeling.

The Fashion Panel will gain experience and exposure in the fashion and retailing industry. They will have an opportunity to participate in fashion shows, in-store seminars and in restaurant and window modeling.



Ricardo Rose

Patrollers seek food donations

Safety patrollers at a Farmington school will collect food donated by their classmates for Operation: Food Basket, an Automobile Club of Michigan community program developed in response to Michigan's "human emergency" and record high unemployment levels.

"By involving safety patrollers in Operation: Food Basket we are broadening the scope of their school and community service and expanding the

number of collection points for food," explained Van Webber, Auto Club's Farmington manager.

Some 30 safety patrollers will ask for donations next week from fellow students at Larkshire School.

More than 3,200 patrollers at 108 Michigan schools are participating in the program.

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tration is necessary.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

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