

The exterior of the synagogue at Capernaum is probably the most elaborately carved and decorated of any synagogue in the Galilee. This Corinthian capital displays a menorah, skillfully rendered in relief, flanked by a ram's horn, or shofar (right), and an incense shovel (left)--both traditional decorative motifs in synagogue art. This column fragment is surely from the Byzantine synagogue, though it was found out of place.