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But when we consider what the priests wore in the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem, we have no clear pictorial representations, because most Jews through to the second century understood the biblical prohibitions on images (Exodus 20:3-6; Leviticus 26:1; Numbers 33:52; Deuteronomy 4:16; 27:15) to mean that there should be no image of humans. What we have, instead, are descriptions, and on the basis of these descriptions we have to imagine what priests (kohanim) wore, using analogies, insofar as these might be useful.

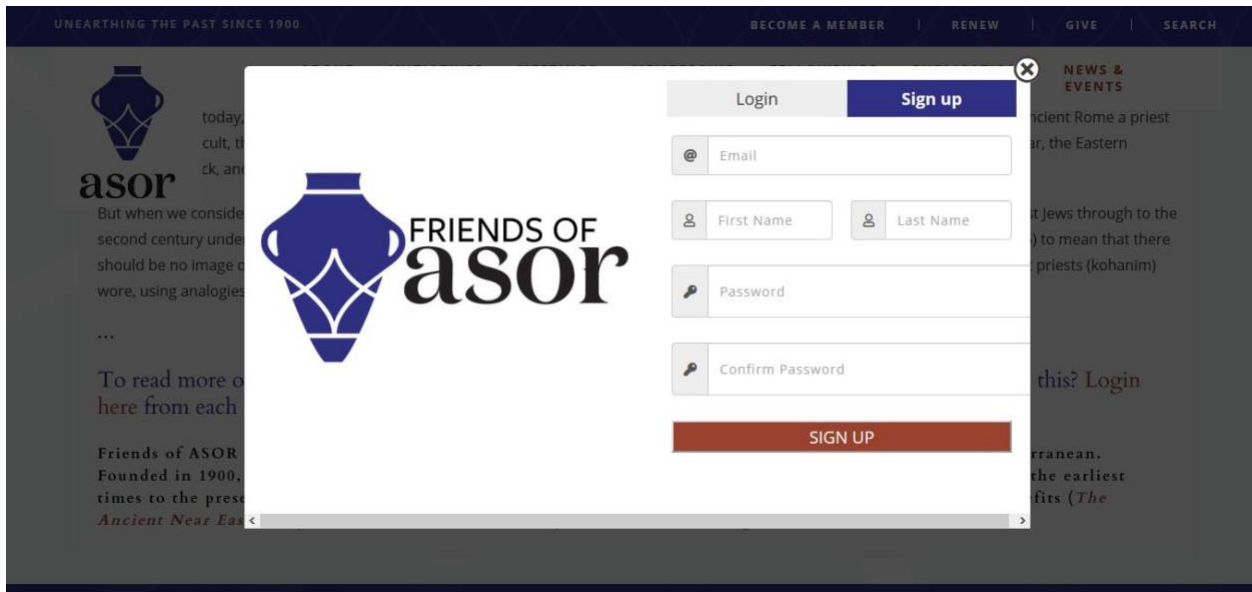
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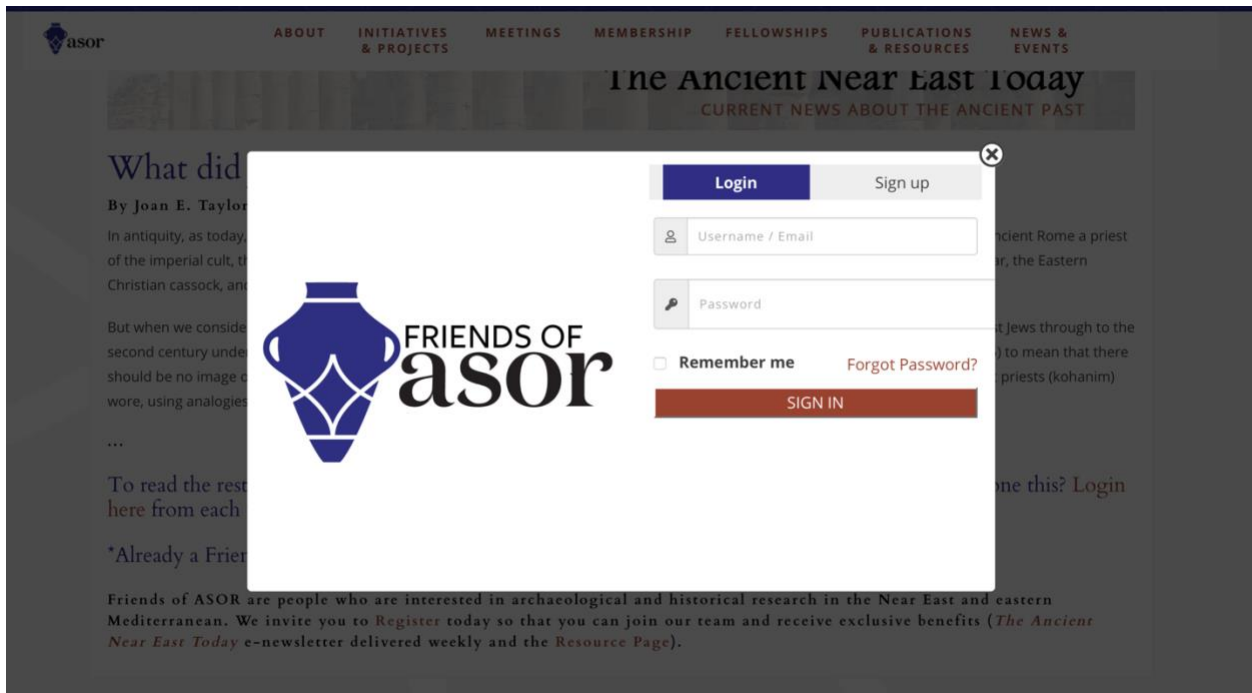
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