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Algeria


Notes: 48 graves, 1620-1815, Short biographies, Cemetery history and graves found during excavations. Chronological classification, no index.


Notes: 267 graves (54 in Algiers & Tlemcen, Algeria), 7th-18th cent, General alphabetic index including grave places and subjects.

Weil, M. Le cimetière israélite de Tlemcen. Avignon, 1881. 12p (French) [The Jewish cemetery of Tlemcen, Algeria].

Notes: 3 graves, 1442, 1492 & 1500.

Brazil


Notes: 38 cemeteries, 1589 graves, 1860-1978, Alphabetic classification of inscription names.
Vol.1: Cemeteries in Rio de Janeiro- low percentage of Sephardim; Vol.2: cemeteries in Rio de Janeiro surroundings, Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais - ca30% of Sephardim; Vol.3: Belém cemeteries- 100% Sephardim.

Croatia

Keckemet, D. & Z. Efronym. Zidovsko grobeje u Splitu. Split, 1973. 27p., 16 plates, illus., map (Croatian & English) [Split Jewish Cemetery].

Notes: Information on the cemetery which includes ca700 graves, 1717-20th cent., 21 grave photographs including names + sometimes death dates.

Egypt

Fargeon, M. Les Juifs en Egypte depuis l’origine jusqu’a ce jour. Cairo, 1938. 321p. (French) [Egypt Jews from the origin till today]

Notes: After 3 large chapters on the origins, communities of Cairo and Alexandria, the author has added details on the cemeteries in all the small described localities: Damanhour: 14 graves (1912-1930); Isamailia: 14 graves (1866-1936); Kfar El Zayet: 4 graves (no dates); Mit Ghamr: 12 graves (1866-1891); Port Said: 32 graves (1888-1927); Suez: 33 graves (1894-1936); Tantah: 20 graves (1876-1934); Zifta: 13 graves (1910-1936).

France


Notes: 267 graves, (64 in Paris & 54 in Algeria), 7th-18th cent, General alphabetic index including grave places and subjects.

Germany

Notes: 5 graves (1 women), 1705-1708. Epitaphs in Portuguese.
Gruenwald, M. Portugiesische Graeber auf deuscher Erde. Hamburg, 1902. 158p. (German) [Portuguese graves on German soil]
Notes: 1536 graves, 1611-1870, Altona cemetery history, Graves in Altona, Emden and Glueckstadt, General name index.
Notes: ca7500 graves, beginning of the 17th cent -1860. Includes all the possible biographical details and a joint bibliography for most of the graves.

Greece

Notes: 31 graves, 1555-1682, No index.
Emmanuel, I.S. Gedolei Saloniki leedorotam. Tel Aviv, 1936. 335, 8p. (Hebrew & French added title page) [Generations of Thessaloniki prominent Jews]
Notes: 493 graves (36 not complete + 25 erased), 1550-1660, Chronological classification, Alphabetic names index.
Emmanuel, I.S. Matsevot Saloniki. Jerusalem, Ben Zvi Institute, 1963. 2v., illus. [Thessaloniki graves]
Laniado, D.Ts. Sefer asher likedoshim asher beAram Tsuba; mikstat matsevot kodsham shel hakhami Sefarad. Jerusalem, Ittah Printing House, 1952. 1v. (Hebrew) [Book dedicated to Aleppo saints; some of the epitaphs written on Sephardic Rabbis graves]
Notes: Includes too 151 Saloniki Rabbis epitaphs, 1509-1675. For more details see under Syria.
Molho, M. Beveit ha'almin shel yehudei saloniki. Thessaloniki, 1932. 4parts. (Hebrew) [In the Thessaloniki Jewish cemetery]
Notes: 161 graves (some not complete), 1515-1828, Chronologically arranged, Generally Rabbis or prominent Jews, Includes general surname index.
Notes: Epitaph history & archaeological analysis, 1492-1943 when destroyed by the Nazis, Includes some names.
Molho, M. Matsevot beit ha'almin shel yehudei saloniki. Tel Aviv, 1974. 682p. (Hebrew) [Tombstones in Thessaloniki Jewish cemetery].
Notes: 1640 graves, 1502-1941, + list of 465 names 1676-1861 not included in the main part., General index of surnames.

Holland

Cassuto, H. de. Auswahl von Grabsteinen auf dem Nieder.-Portug.-Israel Begräbnisplatz. Leiden, 1883. 125p.,illus (Dutch & German) [A choice of tombstones from the Jewish Dutch-Portuguese burial place].
Notes: 28 graves (some for a couple or a whole family), 1614-1730, List of graves, Some large biographies, Death Register1619-1867 (208 names)..
Polak, G. Kol bat galim. Amsterdam, 1867. 16p. (Hebrew) [Voice of the Seas Kingdom]
Notes: 24 graves, 1673-1867, Prominent persons: men & women, Some Ashkenazim.

Iraq

Laniado, D.Ts. Sefer asher likedoshim asher beAram Tsuba; mikstat matsevot kodsham shel hakhami Sefarad. Jerusalem, Ittah Printing House, 1952. 1v. (Hebrew) [Book dedicated to Aleppo saints; some of the epitaphs written on Sephardic Rabbis graves]
Notes: Includes too: 74 epitaphs of Baghdad Rabbis + 17 of women. For more details see under Syria.

Israel
Jerusalem. Va'ad 'adat haSefarad. Kol kore leahenu hayekarim bekhol tefutsot Yisrael, benidon "me'arat hatsadikim vegeonei olam" shel har hazeitim la'adat hasefaradim biyrushalayim. Jerusalem, 1931. 3p. (Hebrew)  [Appeal to our dear brothers in the Diaspora, concerning the Sephardic "Burial Chamber of Hassidim and Famous Scholars" on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem]

Notes: 14 Rabbis names, 1756-1851, Short biographies.

Laniado, D.Ts. Sefer asher likedoshim asher beAram Tsuba; mikstat matsevet kodsham shel hakhamei Sefarad. Jerusalem, Ittah Printing House, 1952. 1v. (Hebrew) [Book dedicated to Aleppo saints; some of the epitaphs written on Sephardic Rabbis graves]

Notes: Erets-Yesrael: List of the 122 victim names of the 1929 riot from Hebron, Safed, Motsa(near Jerusalem), Jerusalem, Haifa, Beer Tuvia & Hulda (Sephardim & Ashkenazim names); Saints in Erets Yesraiel beginning with the Nation's fathers graves, the tribes, the prophets, and Rabbis (1570-1870); 164 Sage epitaphs from the "Sage Plot". For more details see under Syria.

Italy

Berliner, A. Luhot Abanim; Hebraeische Grabschriften in Italien; erte Teil. Frankfurt a.M., 1881. 190p. (Hebrew & German) [Tombstones: Hebrew Inscriptions in Italy; 1st vol.]

Notes: 300 graves, 1594-1647, based on Leo de Modena manuscript list (1571-1648). Vol. 2 - see: book by S. Bernstein.


Notes: 180 epitaphs (some not complete) in Hebrew, 1536-1813, Based on Leo de Modena manuscript list, English alphabetic index including: surname & given name, spouse name (if existing), death year and epitaph no. For part 1 see the book by A.Berliner.

Luzzatto, A. Sefer gal avanim. Trieste, 1861. 71p. (Hebrew) [Pile of stones book]

Notes: 88 graves (including 1 grave of a couple & 19 women), 1753-1861, Rabbis, Judges & prominent persons., List of names according to book order, Some short biographies.


Notes: 5 graves, 1636-1697, Cemetery history.

Pacifici, R. Le iscrizioni dell'antico cimitero ebraico a Venezia. Alexandria, Egypt, 1938. 140p. (Italian) [The inscriptions of the old Jewish cemetery in Venice]

Notes: 300 graves, 1481-1756, Chronologically classified, Venice Jews history & bibliography, Surname index including death dates.

Torre (della), L. Iscrizioni sepolcrali. Padova, 1870. N.p. (Italian & Hebrew inscriptions) [Sepulchral inscriptions]

Notes: 30 graves, 1847-1858.

Ventura (da), M. Monumento di Menahem da Ventura nella Pontificia Universita do Bologna. 1551 1p. (Italian) [Menahem da Ventura's monument in the Pontidical University of Bologna].

Notes: 1 grave Photo.

Morocco


Notes: Short family histories in Debdou community. 15 epitaphs 1724-1734 + 210 epitaphs 1930-1970, arranged by rows- many without date + 9 epitaphs of Rabbis who died out of Debdou. .Index of names.

Vilar Ramirez, J.B. El cemeterio israelita de Tetuán. Reprinted from:Boletin de la Asociacion Española de Orientalistas, Año 6, 1970, 218-227 (Spanish) [The Jewish cemetery of Tetuan(North Morocco)]

Notes: Cemetery history, Includes some graves photo., Not any epitaph.

Spain


Notes: 76 graves (some not complete), 1340-1471. Based on a manuscript. Added notes by Shmuel David Luzzatto.

Cantera y Burgos, F. Las inscripticiones hebraicas de España. Madrid, 1956. 471p. (Spanish) [Hebrew inscription in Spain]
Notes: 295+1 graves, ca1300-1437 & 1616, Chronologically arranged by provinces, Index of given names, Index of burial places, Index of graves order, Scripture and style analysis.


Notes: 172 graves (86 in Toledo), 3rd-14th cent., Men and women, Based on Almantzi and S.S.Luzzatto books, Chronologically arranged by places, Jewish population history, Genealogies of the families: Aboulafia, Alphandery, Ascheri, Israeli, Nqauouh, Sasson and Soussan., Biographies, General index.

Syria

Laniado, D.Ts. Sefer asher likedoshim asher beAram Tsuba; mikstat matsevot kodsham shel hakhami Sefarad. Jerusalem, Ittah Printing House, 1952. 1v. (Hebrew) [Book dedicated to Aleppo saints; some of the epitaphs written on Sephardic Rabbis graves]

Notes: Includes a detailed introduction on the Jewish life in Aleppo; 1. List of 250 epitaphs including short biographies of Aleppo Rabbis, 2. supplement of 55 epitaphs for Aleppo Rabbis, 3. Erets-Yisrael: List of the 122 victim names of the 1929 riot, 4.titles of books by Aleppo Rabbis, 5. 74 epitaphs of Baghdad Rabbis + 17 of women. 6. Saints in Erets Yisraeil beginning with the Nation's fathers graves, the tribes, the prophets, and Rabbis (1570-1870), 7. 164 Sage epitaphs from the "Sage Plot"; 8. 151 Izmir Rabbis epitaphs (mid 16th - end 18th cent), 9. 197 Damascus Rabbis epitaphs, 10. 98 Jerusalem Rabbis epitaphs, 11. Supplement on Aleppo Rabbis epitaphs.

Tunisia


Notes: 8 Rabbi graves & their photographs: Abraham haCohen (1775), Abraham Aben Mussa (1741), Moshe Darmon (1741), Abraham Taieb (1741), Isaac Lumbrozo (1752), Messod Rafael Alfassi (1774), Joseph Bismuth (1775), Eliahu Gabizon (1795).

Turkey

Laniado, D.Ts. Sefer asher likedoshim asher beAram Tsuba; mikstat matsevot kodsham shel hakhami Sefarad. Jerusalem, Ittah Printing House, 1952. 1v. (Hebrew) [Book dedicated to Aleppo saints; some of the epitaphs written on Sephardic Rabbis graves]

Notes: Includes too: 187 Izmir Rabbis epitaphs from mid 16th till end 18th cent. For more details see under Syria.

United Kingdom


Notes: Incl. plates of 60 graves mostly readable, from "Velho", "Nuevo" and "Golders Green" cemeteries in London.


Notes: No graves, 1657-?, Many first Sephardic families of London, Community founders, Ancient Sephardic cemetery at 253 Mile End Road.


Notes: 1 inscription, 1848, Abigail daughter of David Abrabanel Lindo.

West Indies


Notes: 1456 graves from all the 12 cemeteries of the isle have been reported. Arranged by location and rows. The inscriptions are transcribed in their original language (Hebrew, Portuguese or Spanish). Includes a general name index (given names and surnames together) and a chronological index of death dates.


Notes: 225 graves of 2536 persons, 1668-1859, Men & women & some Rabbis, Cemetery plan & history, Chronological list of all the 2536 names, Some biographies.

Margolinsky, J. 299 epitaphs from the Jewish cemetery in St. Thomas, West Indies, 1837-1916, with and index; compiled from records in the archives of the Jewish community in Copenhagen. Copenhagen, 1957. 34p.

Notes: 299 epitaphs, 1837-1916, Alphabetic surname index including names mentioned in epitaphs.

Notes: 374 graves, 1675-1925, Arranged by rows, Name index, Chronological tables.