EPIDAT

Database of Jewish Epigraphy

Scope

The epigraphical database epidat contains about **180** digital editions of historic Jewish cemeteries, more than **33,000** epitaphs and **64,000** image files.

Space and Time

The geographical focus is on Germany, The Netherlands, Lithuania, and Czechia. The time span ranges from the mid 11th to the 20th century.

Access

The sources are made available in many ways:

- location-based
- time-based
- index-based
- by full-text search
- image-based in chronological order or by provenance
- map-based via online maps, the Geo-Browser or the Topography-Visualizer
- by visualization
- by machine-readable interfaces

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epidat - epigraphische Datenbank

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epidat - epigraphical database | digital textarchives

Epidat - The Database of Jewish epigraphy - provides the inventory, documentation, editions and presentation of epigraphical collections. Currently online are available **180** digital editions with **33062** epitaphs (64215 image files).

Access options   *top of the page*

There are several options for the screening of the files:

time-based | chronological

- **1050–1519** Middle Ages
- **1520–1789** early Modern Age
- **1789–1945** Modern Age
- **1945–1947** post war
- also you can define and extract from **all files** your own period of study based on the dated inscriptions

location-based - places, regions

- **local - single file** (in alphabetical order)
- **regional - several files** (4 countries [180 files])
  - **Deutschland [165]**
  - **Lettland [3]**
  - **Niederlande [7]**
  - **Tschechische Republik [5]**
- **nationwide - all files**

index-based

- **indices** show all files organised by subject

full-text-search

- **full-text-search** in edition and translation

imagebased

- **indices of images** in chronological order
- In the medium term, the large number of digitized images will be transferred into the public **TextGrid repository** in the best resolution possible. **Some image files** (BETA) have already been ingested into and issued out of the repository in epidat by using the digital Image Library **digiLib** as a tool to help users view and edit (see **TGRep as a media server**) the data.

map-based

note: We are happy to receive any indications of missing or poorly listed content

- All corpora can be selected via a scalable **map**
- In several files it is possible to trace the position of the headstones via a **static sitemap**
- In several files it is possible to navigate from headstone to headstone via an **interactive sitemap**, e.g. **Willich-Anrath**
- Files are accessible via an **index of stone masons and artists involved**, showing a *List of Works* and their *Places of Activity*
- Three files — **Bonn-Schwarzrheindorf**, **Hamburg-Altona** and **Dormagen** — are accessible in the prototype of the **Topographie-Visualizer** (Hyperimage)

Visualization   *top of the page*

- *Dated headstones* are visualized in the spatio-temporal interface of the **DARIAH-DE Geobrowser**
- *Symbols* on dated headstones are visualized in the spatio-temporal interface of the **DARIAH-DE Geobrowser**
- Visualization of **family relations** using the **XTriples** webservice
- In the scope of a workshop during DHd2016 in Leipzig on **Methods and Tools for visualising Digital Humanities data sets** several **visualizations** are developed based on **examples** taken from epidat.

Interfaces   *top of the page*

- Persons with a GND-ID are also provided via a **BEACON**-file.
- In the scope of the DARIAH-DE UseCase 6.1 Steinheim-Institut & Akademie der Wissenschaften und Literatur, Mainz are developing a **CIDOC-CRM model for epigraphic research data**
- A **RSS-feed** contains information on a historical cemetery: name, number of headstones, geo-coordinates, details on the project as well as a link to the datafiles.
- epidat records can be harvested, see: **How to harvest epidat records**
  - as **EpiDoc**: Epigraphic Documents in **TEI XML**
  - as plain text

External Access options

- epidat-files are embedded in the Web-App **Orte jüdischer Geschichte** which is based on **DARIAH-DE services**.
- In close cooperation with **Judaica Europeana and Athena Plus** work has been done to transfer the epidat collection to **europeana**.
- Steinheim Institute is a cultural institution and participant at **Coding Da Vinci**, the first German cultural hackathon and provides the participants in the Hackathon with **epidat records**. A team developed the project **poetic relief — תבליט פיוטי**.

Links to further digital editions of Hebrew epitaphs   *top of the page*

- **Landesarchiv Baden-Württemberg, Staatsarchiv Ludwigsburg, Bestand EL 228 b I - Landesdenkmalamt Baden-Württemberg: Dokumentation der jüdischen Grabsteine in Baden-Württemberg 2. Erschließungsdatenbank des Projekts** - 70.000 Datensätze/entries (1990-2004)
- **Jüdische Friedhöfe in Hessen** - 10.181 inscriptions (Stand: 13.2.2013; Stand 3.5.2010 | 28.2.2011: 5077)
- **Jüdische Friedhöfe in den Niederlanden**: het stenen archief - 3232 inscriptions (Stand: 13.2.2013; Stand 28.2.2011: 1947; Stand 3.5.2010: 1492)
- **Jüdische Friedhöfe in Brandenburg** - 309 inscriptions (Groß Neuendorf, Schwedt und Wriezen; Stand: 13.2.2013 und unverändert 3.5.2010 |

Format

As a program-independent archive and exchange format Epi-Doc is used. EpiDoc is a mark-up language for epigraphical documents based on the guidelines of the Text Encoding Initiative, which collectively develops and maintains a standard for the representation of texts in digital form.

Licence

Research data are released online under an open Creative Commons Licence.

Web-App

Epidat metadata are also provided by a RSS-feed. By this means data can be harvested, e.g. via the mobile Web App "Places of Jewish History". This web service developed by Steinheim-Institute displays historical information on places near the user's location based on a wide range of relevant historical databases.

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epidat – epigraphical database

The epigraphical database epidat provides the inventory, documentation, editions and presentation of epigraphical collections. The database has been constantly developed at Steinheim Institute since 2002 (based on individual projects contributing to its growth over the years).

Data are entered via web forms, online and structured. Data output is available in different formats depending on requirements: XHTML (for the online digital edition), TEI XML (for data exchange and as an archive format), EDM XML (for the export to the Europeana), KML (for spatio-temporal visualization), RDF and CSV for visualization, RTF and PDF (for printed publications).

Digital Infrastructure

epidat uses the digital infrastructure currently being setup (DARIAH | TextGrid) in many ways. For example, more than 20,000 inscriptions as well as about 3,000 headstones displaying symbols can be visualized in their spatio-temporal relations by the DARIAH Geo-Browser.