

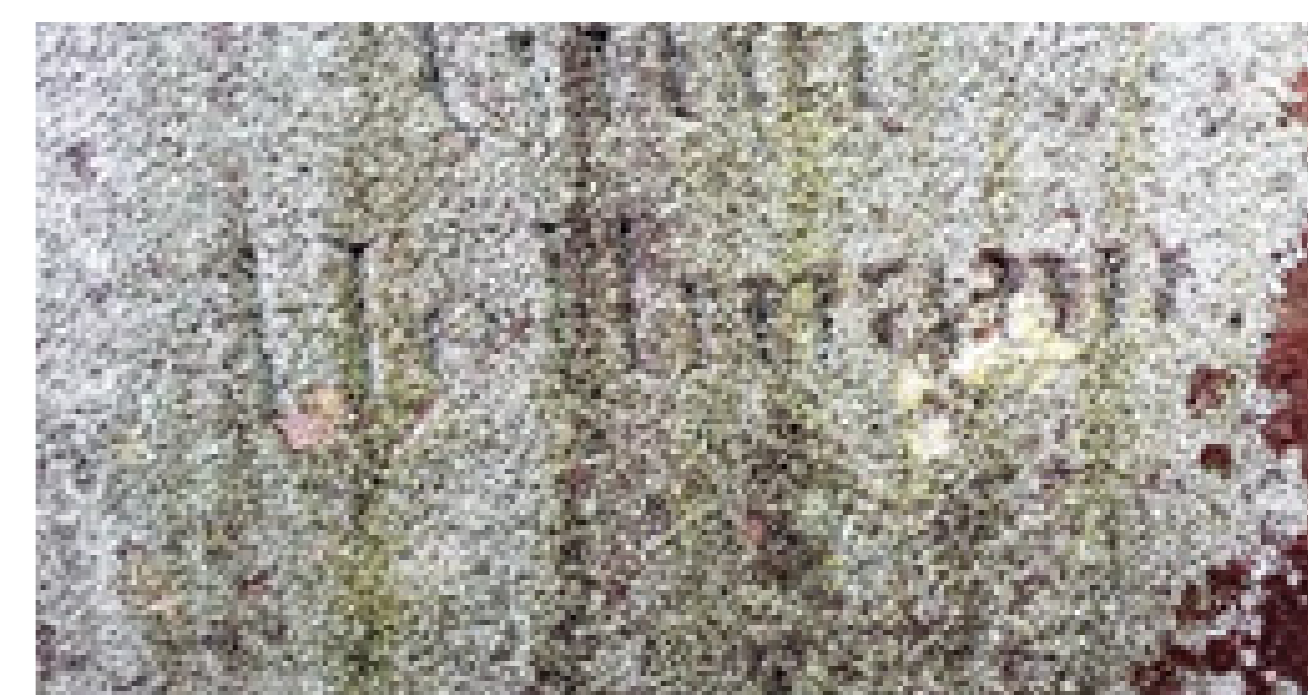
# Local traces of Jewish life in Europe

## Jewish cemeteries in the region Haßberge: Limbach - Memmelsdorf



The cemetery plays an important role in the Jewish faith. The Jews believe in resurrection, therefore the graves have to be forever. This importance is also found on the gravestone itself, because you can see different symbols and inscriptions with different meanings. They are sometimes in Hebrew, sometimes in the language of the country and sometimes it is a mixture of Hebrew and the national language. Usually the inscription consists of three parts: The introduction, the name of the deceased person, some dates and the final blessing.

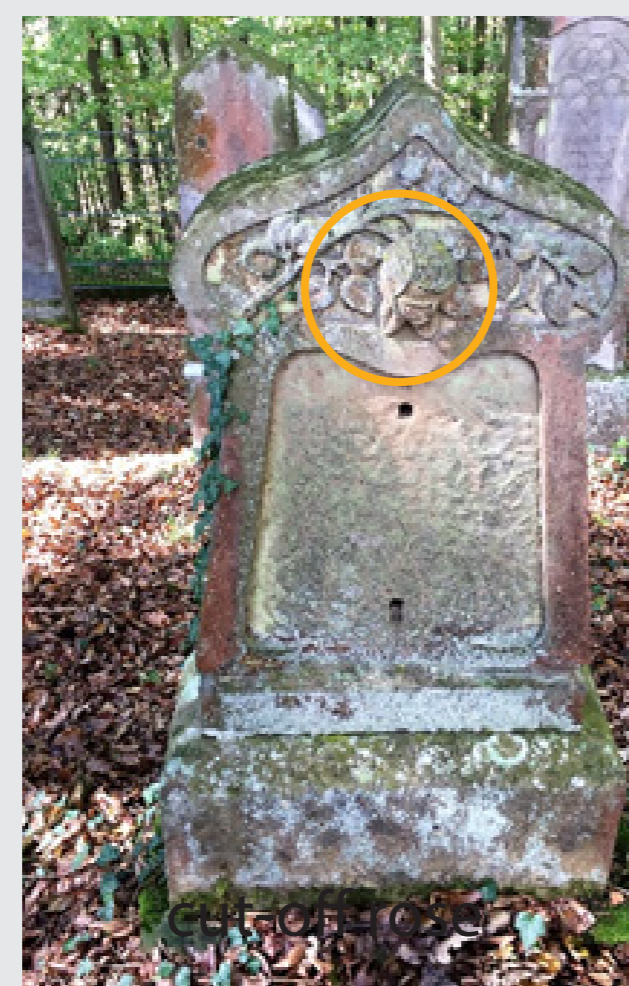
The symbols on the gravestones can be typical for some cemeteries. They can also characterize various epochs. Although there are many different symbols, one of the most recognised one is the 'Star of David'. However, there are also other ones which show the occupation of the deceased person – 'hands held in benediction' for instance shows the belonging to a priest family. Others symbolise the decedent's name, e.g. a rose for the name 'Rosa' – or the broken tree for mortality.



### Jewish gravestones engraved with different symbols



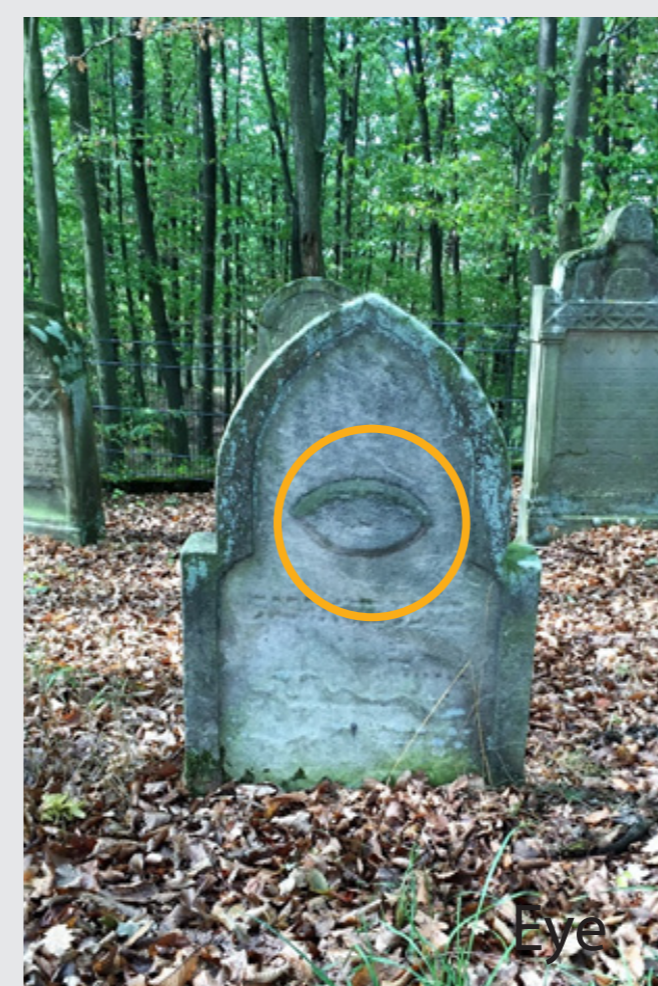
Praying hands



Rose



Star of David



Eye



Praying hands



Broken tree



Star of David



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