

KARBACH: 97842 Bavaria, Lower Franconia (Gerz, Peters).

DISTRICT: Main-Spessart.

LOCATION OF CEMETERY:

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Start from [zum Ebenbild \(A \)](#) to the *Judenfriedhof* ([Detail](#)), adjoining the *Alter Sportplatz*. The cemetery is on a hill in a small wood.

IN USE: From 1819 until 1938.

NUMBER OF GRAVESTONES: 234 gravestones in 16 rows. There are approximately 340 graves.

DOCUMENTATION:

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Numerous individual gravestone photographs and general cemetery views in [Alemannia Judaica](#)

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[Jüdische Friedhöfe in Bayern](#) publ. Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kunst, Haus der Bayerischen Geschichte (see

[Karbach](#)

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PUBLICATIONS:

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Israel Schwierz: *Steinerne Zeugnisse jüdischen Lebens in Bayern* - refer to Sources below.

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Michael Trüger: *Der jüdische Friedhof in Karbach*, publ. [Der Landesverband der Israelitischen. Kultusgemeinden in Bayern](#)

. 13. Jahrgang Nr. 77 September 1998 page 29f.

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Leonard Scherg: *Juden im Landkreis Marktheidenfeld Martin Harth [Marktheidenfeld]: Historischer Verein Marktheidenfeld und Umgebung*, 1993, 176 pages, illus. ([LBI](#)).

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Baruch Z. Ophir and Falk Wiesemann: *Die juedischen Gemeinden in Bayern 1918-1945 : Geschichte und Zerstoerung* with 9 maps, publ. by R.

Oldenbourg, Munich 1979, 511 pages (

[LBI](#)).

NOTES:

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Prior to having their own burial ground in 1819, this Jewish community used the cemetery in [Laudenbach](#) for burials. After 1819, from 1852 onwards, the Karbach cemetery was used by the Jewish communities of Erlenbach and [Marktheidenfeld](#)

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The cemetery was desecrated in 1981, when 2 graves were dug up.

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The cemetery is very well maintained and is enclosed by a relatively high substantial stone wall with a locked iron gate. Keys available from Josef Laudenbacher telephone +(49)-9391-6935.

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A large memorial stone in the cemetery reads *"In honour of the Dead and a lasting reminder of the persecution, torment and death suffered by our Jewish fellow citizens. It is to serve us, the Living, as a poignant lesson and as a warning for generations yet to come. Erected in the year 1983 by the communities of Karbach, Homburg and Marktheidenfeld"* (The inscription is in German).

SOURCE: [Alemannia Judaica](#) and Schwierz, page 79-80 ([Schwierz LBI](#)).

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