LICHTENFELS, Bayr.: 96215 Bavaria, Upper Franconia (Gerz, Peters).


IN USE: From November 1840 until January 1940.

NUMBER OF GRAVESTONES: Only 3 remaining gravestones.

DOCUMENTATION:
- Israel Schwierz: <em>Steinerne Zeugnisse jüdischen Lebens in Bayern</em> - refer to Sources below.

PUBLICATIONS:

NOTES:
- From the mid 17th century onwards and up to the acquisition their own burial ground in 1840, this community buried their Dead in the <a href="http://www.alemannia-judaica.de/burgkunstadt_friedhof.htm">Burgkunstadt</a> cemetery. The Lichtenfels cemetery was originally surrounded by a stone wall.
- The cemetery was desecrated in March 1930 and completely destroyed during the Nazi era. By 1940 the newest section of the cemetery had been confiscated by the local authority, upon whose insistence all earthly remains of those Jews, who had previously been buried there, had to be exhumed and reburied in the cemetery of the <a href="http://www.alemannia-judaica.de/burgkunstadt_friedhof.htm">Burgkunstadt</a>.

Practically all gravestones and the old stone wall were stolen and used in local road construction purposes.

This cemetery is well maintained and is surrounded by a beech wood and wire mesh fencing, with a small wrought iron gate. In September 1952 a memorial stone was dedicated in honour of the 25 named Lichtenfels Jews, who were murdered by the Nazis.


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