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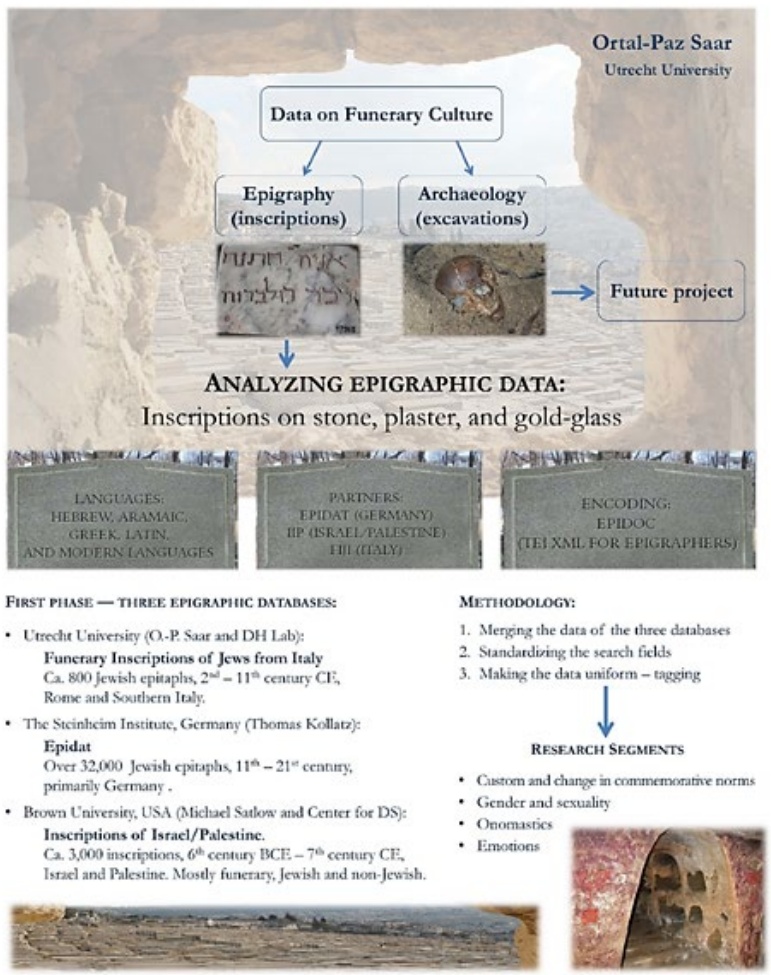

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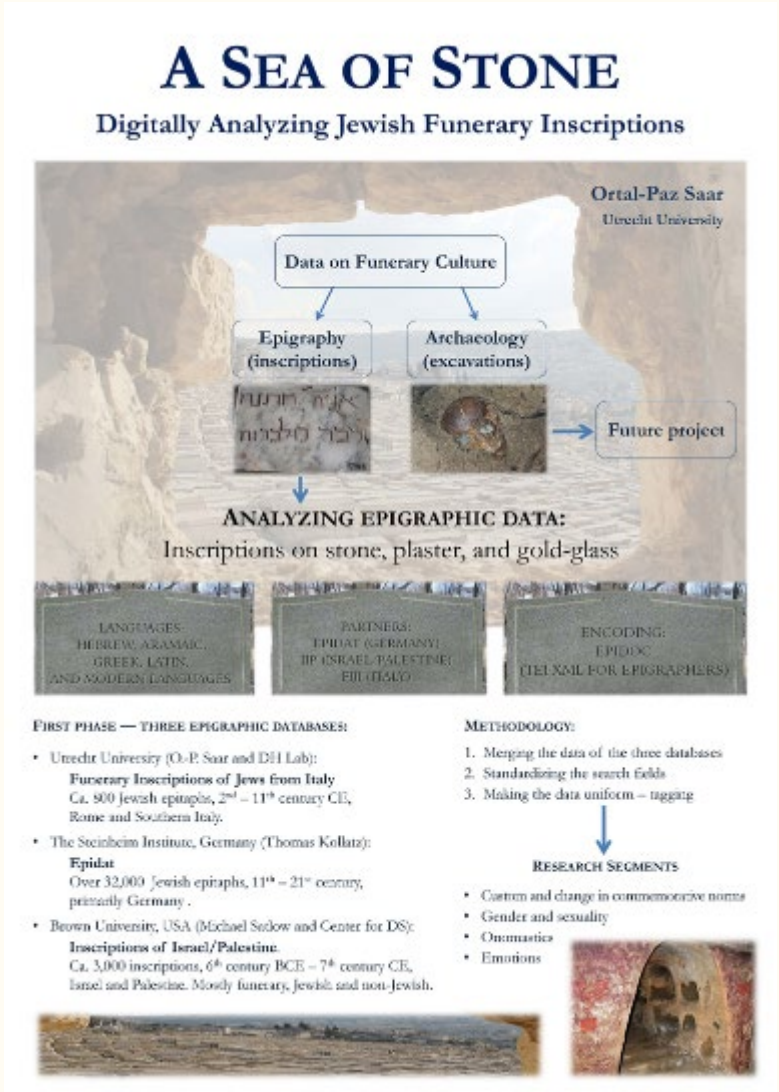

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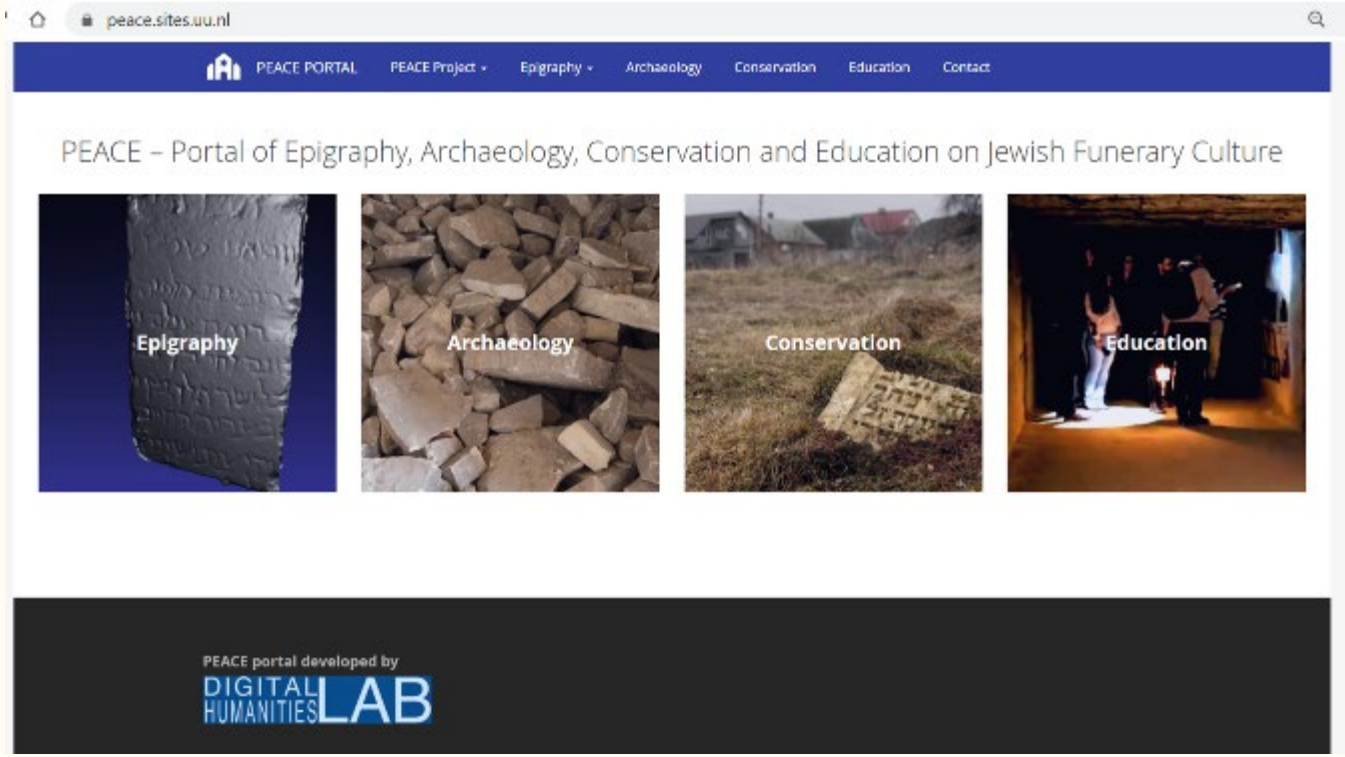

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on

Jewish Funerary Culture

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Funerary culture

- burial methods
- inscriptions
- rituals
- iconography

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Funerary culture is a part of life, informative on:

- life expectancy
- causes of mortality
- personal names
- occupations and official functions
- inter-religious contacts
- conceptions of the afterlife
- ideals and values of the living

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Funerary culture

- religion
- cultural tradition
- geography
- chronology

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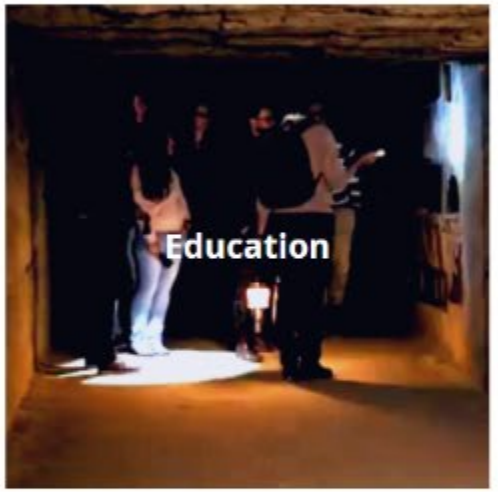

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PEACE Partners

1. Utrecht University: ***Funerary Inscriptions of Jews from Italy***. Over 800 Jewish epitaphs, dating to the 2nd – 11th century CE, from Rome and Southern Italy.

2. The Steinheim Institute, Germany: ***Epidat***. Over 39,000 Jewish epitaphs, dating to the 11th – 20th century, primarily from Germany.

3. Brown University, USA: ***Inscriptions of Israel/Palestine***. About 3,000 inscriptions, dating to the 6th century BCE – 7th century CE, from the area of present-day Israel and Palestine. Most inscriptions are funerary, but they are not restricted to the Jewish community.

4. Jewish medieval inscriptions from Toledo. Salamanca University, Spain. 38 epitaphs.

NEW: Jewish medieval inscriptions from France. CNRS/Sorbonne. Ca. 300 epitaphs

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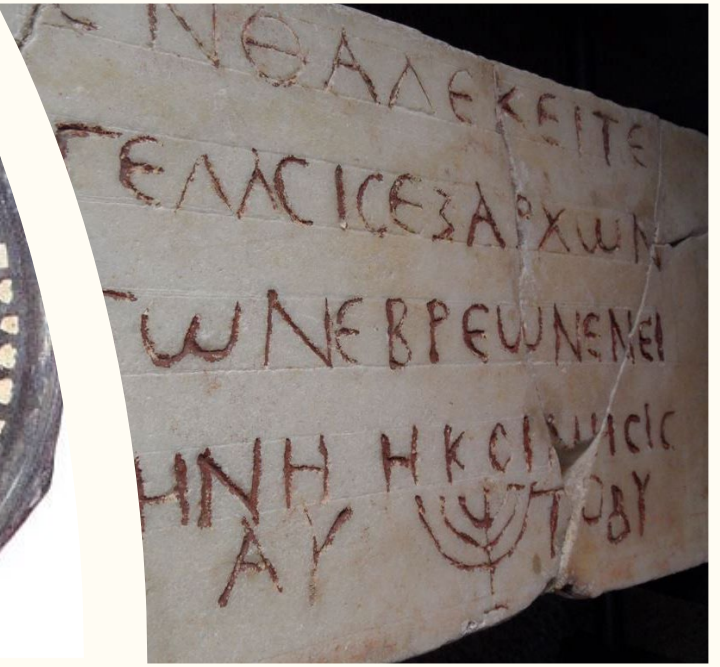
PEACE Portal: Epigraphy

- engraved or painted inscriptions
- different support types
  (e.g. stone plaque, slab, stele, catacomb wall)
- languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Latin, other European languages
- iconography
  (e.g. menorah, shofar, plants, animals)



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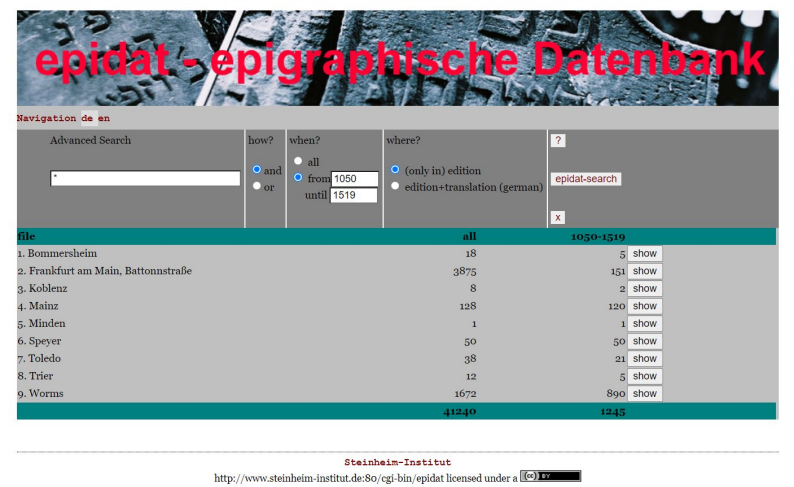

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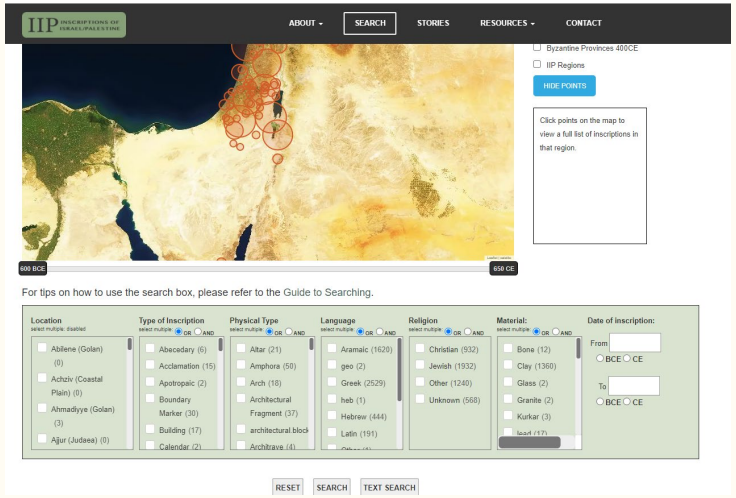

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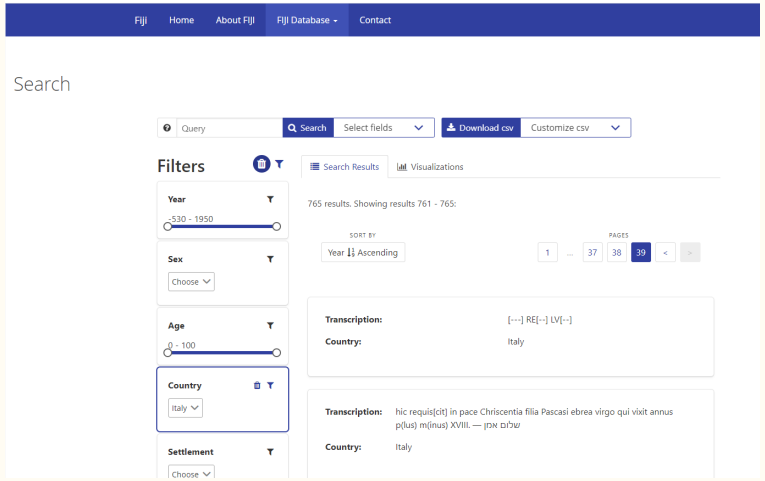

Medieval Toledo (University of Salamanca, hosted by Steinheim Institute)

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Worms 1672 Inschriften (1040~1080)

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Name Seitenanfang

Jaakow [1077]

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Vorderseite	
זו מצבת יעקב	*Dies ist die Stele von Jaakow,*
הבחור הנפטר	*dem jungen Mann, der verschied*
לעולמו בתתל״ז	*in seine Ewigkeit im (Jahr) 837*
לפרט תנוח נפשו	*der Zählung. Es ruhe seine Seele*
בצרור החיים ה	*im Bündel des Lebens.*

Kommentar Seitenanfang

Die Inschrift enthält keinen Namen des Vaters. Möglicherweise handelt es sich, wie bisher zumeist angenommen wird, um einen auswärtigen, noch unverheirateten Jeschiwa-Studenten, da ein Titel wie "Mar" oder "Rabbi" vor dem Namen fehlt. Es ist aber die Frage,ob der Name seines Vaters unbekannt war, was unwahrscheinlich ist, oder ob hier nicht eher das "haBachur" den "Junior" bezeichnet und sich auf einen (uns unbekannten) Jaakow "Senior" bezieht.
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Inscriptions of Israel/Palestine - IIP (Brown University)

IIP INSCRIPTIONS OF ISRAEL/PALESTINE

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CAES0180 - Caesarea, 100 CE - 650 CE. Plaque. Funerary (Epitaph).

Images:

Diplomatic:
[no diplomatic]

Transcription:

Ἀντωνίνου
καὶ Κύρου
τέκνα Σα-
μουήλου.
5 שלום

Translation:
(The tomb of) Antoninos and Kyros , children of Samuelos . Peace!

Languages: Greek , Hebrew

Dimensions: H: 26 cm.; W: 26 cm.; D: 2.5 cm.

Date: 100 CE to 650 CE

Place Found: Caesarea, Coastal Plain.
Maioumas (Shuni).

Current Location: In 1937 it was in the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem. Present location unknown.

Note: Plaque of gray marble with a Greek inscription and Hebrew acclamation. Only the front is smooth.

Figures: palm branches (flanking the Hebrew in line 5)

Source of Diplomatic:
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Funerary Inscriptions of Jews from Italy - FIJI (Utrecht University)

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Names	Erpidia bat X (ארפידיא בת X)
Sex	F
Age	6
Country	Italy
Settlement	Taranto
Location details	Taranto, Museo Archeologico Nazionale
Language	Hebrew,Latin
Iconography	Menorah
Material	Limestone,Stone
Bibliography	Noy 1993, pp. 166-167 (127),Colafemmina 2005, pp. 36-37 (13)
Commentary	The Latin is inscribed on the top of the slab, the Hebrew on the front, and the nine branch menorah on the reverse. One of the letters in the Latin inscription is rendered in a Greek form (Δ for D). Could this point to a Greek connection? The name is also Greek (see Noy). ICONOGRAPHY: Nine branch menorah on reverse.

פה ינוח ארפידיא
בת [...] מבת
שש שנים. יהי
שלום על מנוחתה
[Hic re]quiescit Erpidia [quae vixit
a]nni VI sit
[pax in requie eius]

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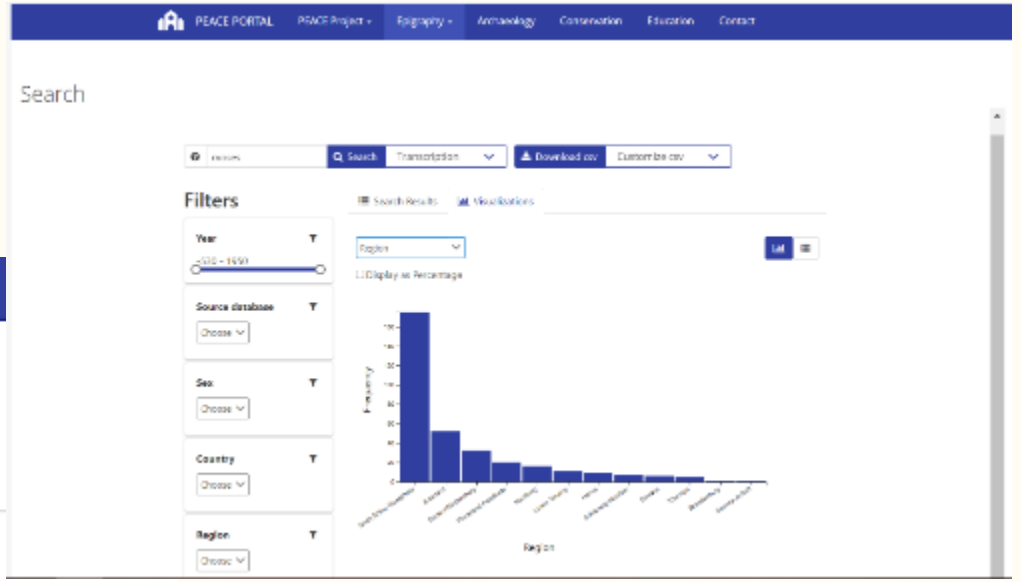

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Year: 1176
Transcription: — אשר יריתי וגם נצבה. — הביטו לצור שרה חוצבה.
השלימה נפשה ליוצרה — כת יוסף הלוי החשוכה.
בתתקלי — כי בכסליו לכוראה שכח. — באהבה...
Country: Germany

Year: 1187
Transcription: מנחם ביום ה׳ יי[ד?] — טרף טרף יוסף הבחור ביר
— שנת תתקמ״ז[?] לפרט [תתא?] — לחדש אלול
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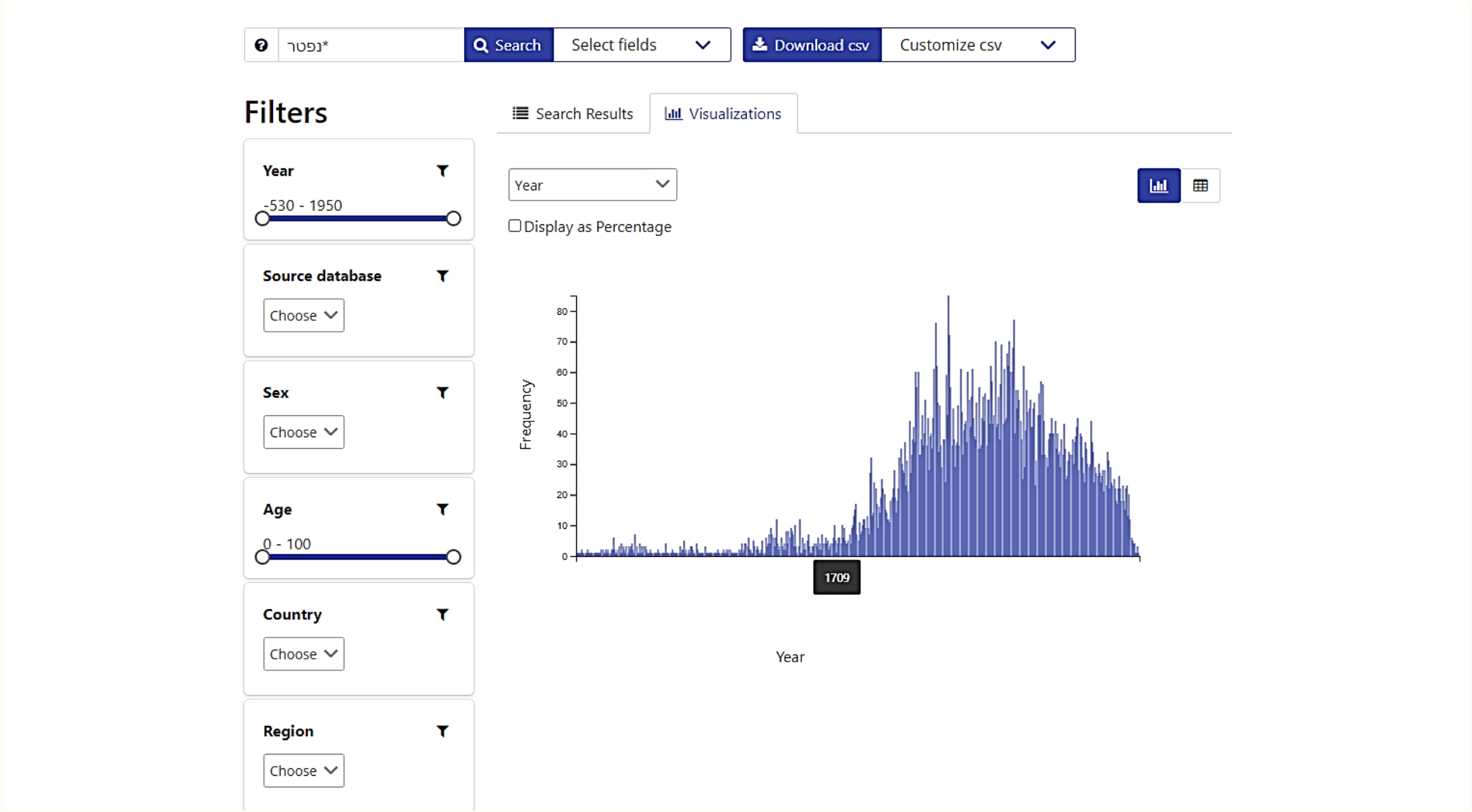

PEACE Portal: Challenges

- pattern accuracy
- search efficiency
- multiple languages
- RTL languages: Hebrew, Aramaic

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- vocalization (absence of)

B = Ba, Be, Bu…

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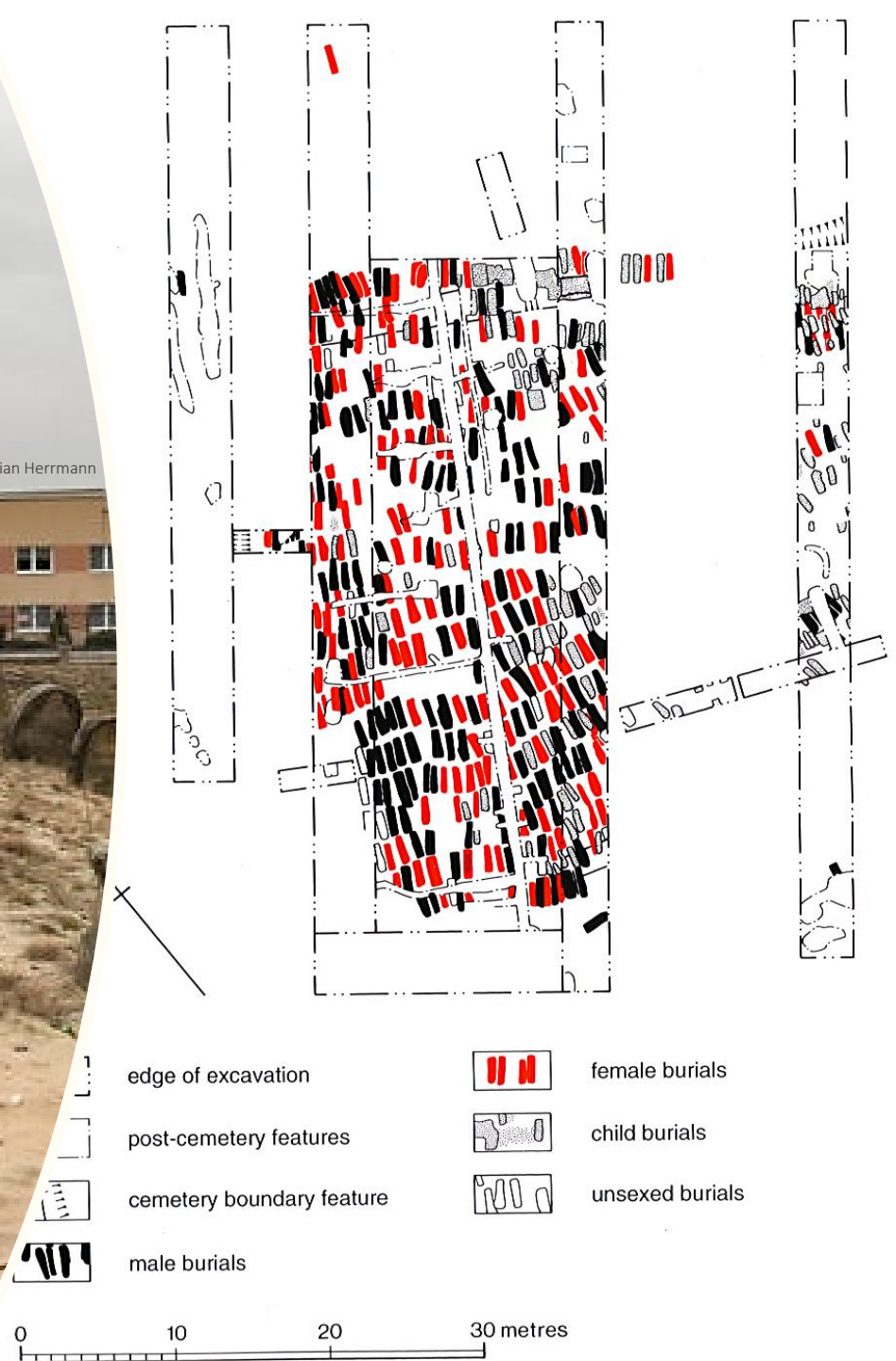
- privacy (for modern data)

PEACE Portal: Future goals

- Epigraphy:
  - add new partners
  - improve search efficiency
- Archaeology:
  - develop archaeology section
  - make searchable data from ancient burial excavations
  - discover patterns



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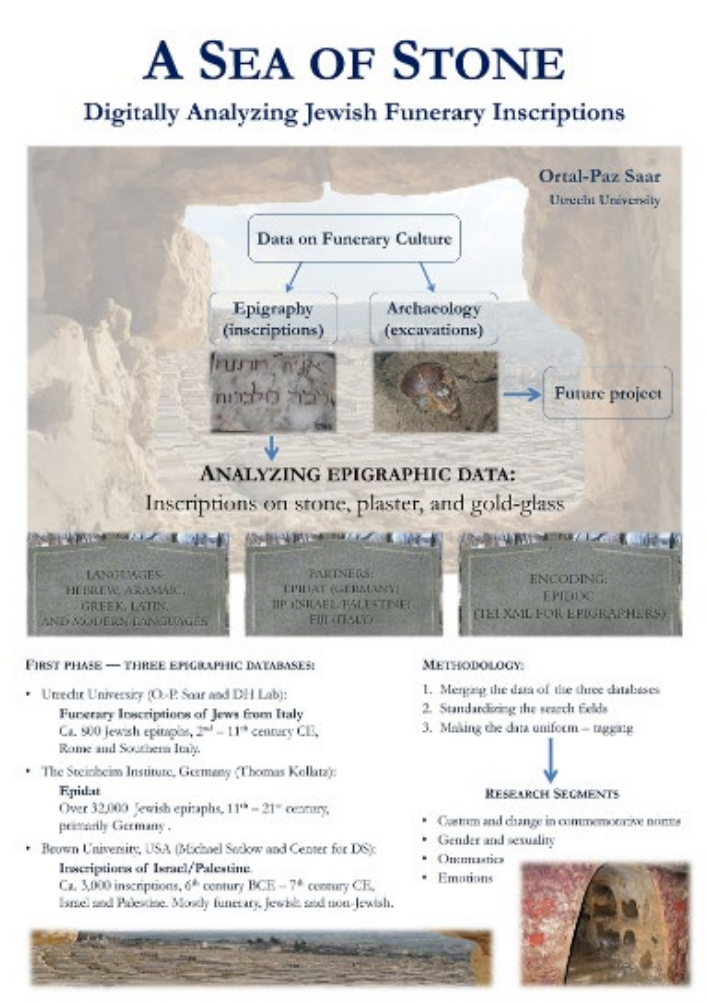

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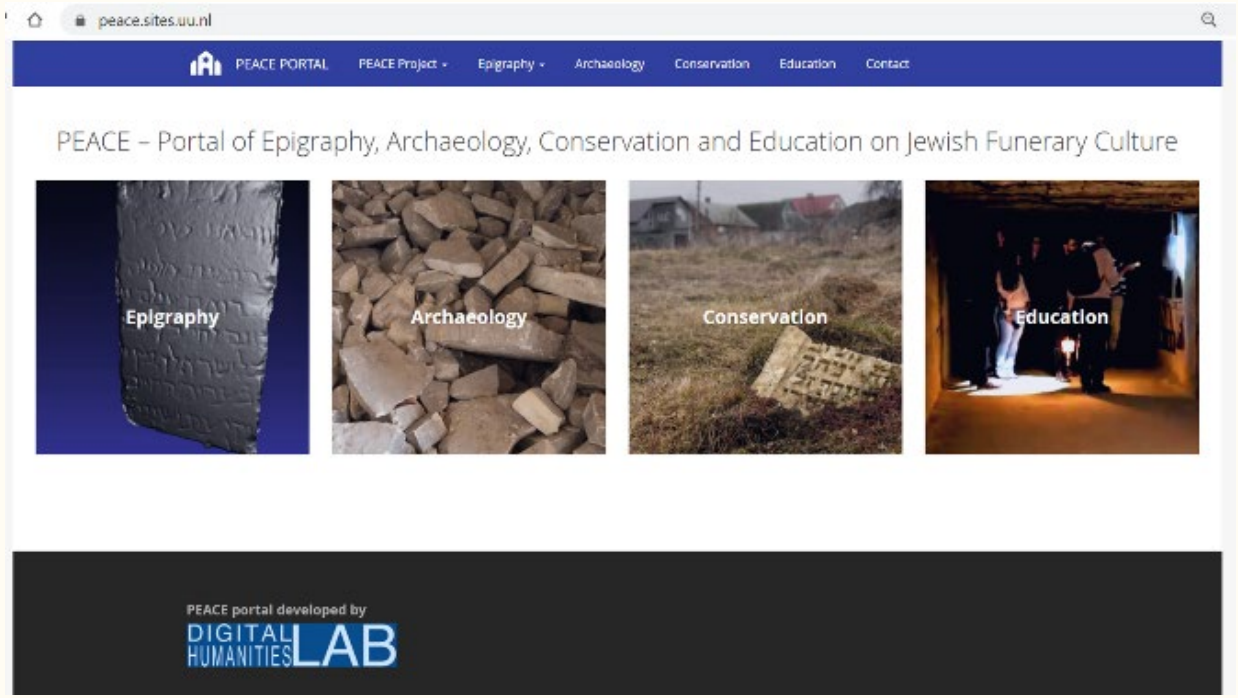

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