

## **Spelling the divine name observation on Jewish alphabetical inscriptions**

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In a recent study, Alice Bij de Vaate presents an investigation in the unusual phenomenon of alphabet inscription from Jewish graves. These puzzling inscriptions, discovered in funerary contexts, possess none of the usual features expected of an epitaph: no name of the deceased, no commemoration of their life. Instead the inscription consists solely of alphabetical sequences of letters either Greek or Hebrew, depending on the inscription.