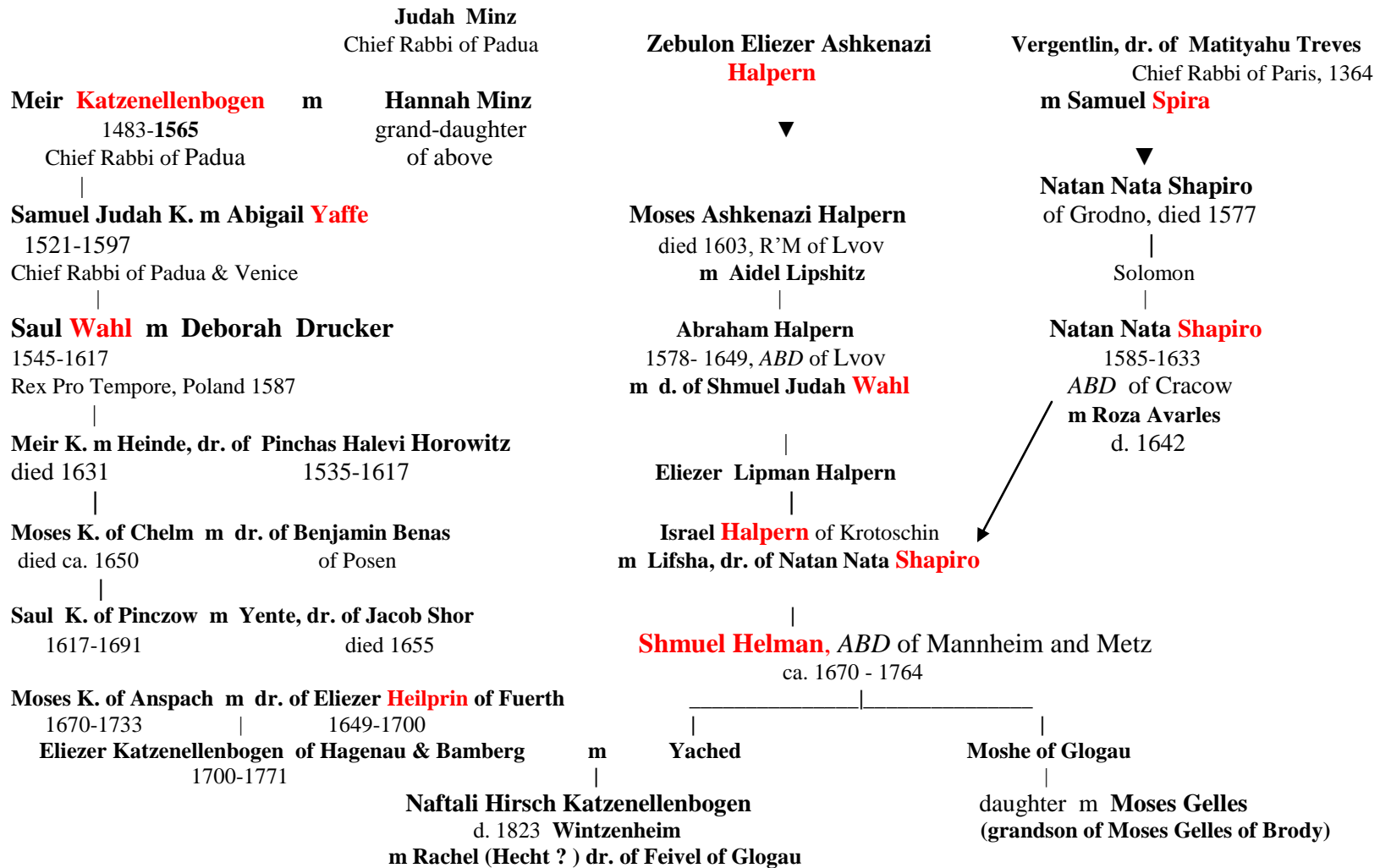


Katzenellenbogen, Halpern, and Shapiro connections with Chief Rabbi Shmuel Helman of Metz



Footnotes

Naftali Hirsch Katzenellenbogen was born in 1750. He was Rabbi in Frankfurt-on-Oder in 1794 and eventually became Grand Rabbi of the Upper Rhine.

In France he was known by the name of Hirsch Lazare.

He was summoned by Napoleon to attend the Grand Sanhedrin of 1806.

He was the father-in-law of Michel M. Isidor and grandfather of Lazare Isidore, born 1813, who was Chief Rabbi of France from 1867 until his death in 1888.

(cf. Edward Gelles, *An Ancient Lineage*, Table 28, p. 242).

After the death of his first wife Rabbi Shmuel Helman married her sister Sarah in Glogau.

An Uri Feivush, claimed by some as Rabbi Helman's father, may indeed have been his father-in-law. This question is discussed in my books, *An Ancient Lineage* (2006), chapter 33 and *The Jewish Journey* (2016), chapter 12.

Rabbi Shmuel Helman was the father of Rabbis Uri Feivush and Moshe of Glogau, and one of the latter's daughters married Moses Gelles, who was the grandson of the scholar Moses Gelles of the Brody Klaus.

This Gelles line goes back to Uri Feivush ben David, Chief Rabbi of Vilna, later Head of the Ashkenazi community in Jerusalem, and descends to my grandfather Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles.

The name of Uri or Uri Feivush thus recurs in both Helman and Gelles lines.