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

Judah Minz  
Chief Rabbi of Padua

Meir Katzenellenbogen m Hannah Minz  
1483-1565  
Chief Rabbi of Padua  

| Samuel Judah K. m Abigail Yaffe  
1521-1597  
Chief Rabbi of Padua & Venice |

| Saul Wahl m Deborah Drucker  
1545-1617  
Rex Pro Tempore, Poland 1587 |

| Meir K. m Heinde, dr. of Pinchas Halevi Horowitz  
died 1631  
1535-1617 |

| Moses K. of Chelm m dr. of Benjamin Benas  
died ca. 1650  
of Posen |

| Saul K. of Pinczow m Yente, dr. of Jacob Shor  
1617-1691  
died 1655 |

| Moses K. of Anspach m dr. of Eliezer Heilprin of Fuerth  
1670-1733  
1649-1700 |

Zebulon Eliezer Ashkenazi  
Halpern

| Vergentlin, dr. of Matityahu Treves  
Chief Rabbi of Paris, 1364 |

| m Samuel Spira |

| Moses Ashkenazi Halpern  
died 1603, R’M of Lvov  
m Aidel Lipshitz |

| Natan Nata Shapiro  
of Grodno, died 1577  
Solomon |

| Abraham Halpern  
1578-1649, ABD of Lvov  
m d. of Shmuel Judah Wahl |

| Natan Nata Shapiro  
1585-1633  
ABD of Cracow  
m Roza Avarles  
d. 1642 |

| Eliezer Lipman Halpern |

| Israel Halpern of Krotoschin  
m Lifsha, dr. of Natan Nata Shapiro |

| Shmuel Helman, ABD of Mannheim and Metz  
ca. 1670 - 1764 |

| Moshe of Glogau  
d. 1687  
daughter m Moses Gelles  
(grandson of Moses Gelles of Brody) |

| Naftali Hirsch Katzenellenbogen  
d. 1823  
Wintzenheim  
m Rachel (Hecht?) dr. of Feivel of Glogau |

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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.