

Some Oppenheim Connections

In chapter 15 of my book “The Jewish Journey : A Passage through European History “ I present the family trees of some descendants of Saul Wahl, scion of the Katzenellenbogen rabbis of 16th century Padua and Venice. They include Moses Mendelssohn, whose progeny have Samuel Oppenheimer among their forebears. The ancestry of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, a grandson of Moses Mendelssohn, is of particular interest to me.

The appended chart shows some family connections of Leffman Behrens, the influential Court Jew of Hannover, with Samuel Oppenheimer and Samson Wertheimer who were the two leading Court Jews of Habsburg Vienna from the late 17th to the early 18th century. It might be read in conjunction with my two preceding charts “**Ancestry of Felix Mendelssohn**” and “**Mendelssohn and some Ashkenazi Court Jews**” which place these and other connections in a wider central European setting

Support for family links with some of the above-mentioned is shown on my web page in the chart “**DNA matches of Edward Gelles and two close cousins with Oppenheim and Wertheimer**”.

Samuel Oppenheimer
Heidelberg 1630 – Vienna 1703
Imperial Court Jew
m Sandela Sentille Carcassone

- (1) Frumet m Josef Guggenheim
- (2) Mendel **Emanuel Oppenheimer** d 1721
m daughter of Josef E Cleve Gompertz
- (3) Simon Wolf Oppenheimer, d. 1726
Banker in Hannover
m Fradel, grand daughter of

Leffman Behrens (Liepman Cohen)
ca.1630 – 1714, Court Jew of Hannover
m. Jente Goldschmidt – Hameln
d Hannover 1695

daughter, **Genendel Behrens** 1658 – 1712

son, Herz Leffman Cohen Behrens
d. Hannover, 1709

his brother

Abraham Oppenheimer
Worms 1633 – Heidelberg 1692
m Blume Wohl d. Frankfurt 1683

Rabbi David Oppenheim

Worms 1664 – Prague 1736
Rabbi of Prague & Chief Rabbi of Bohemia
m **Genendel Behrens**

daughter
of Samson Wertheimer m Josef Oppenheim

Samson Wertheimer

Worms 1658 – Vienna 1724
Imperial Court Jew in Vienna
Chief Rabbi of Hungary & Moravia
m. Veronica Frumet Brilin,
widow of Nathan Oppenheimer

m Serchen Wertheimer
d. 1739

Simon Wolf Wertheimer
m Lea Eleonora
dr of **Emanuel Oppenheimer**