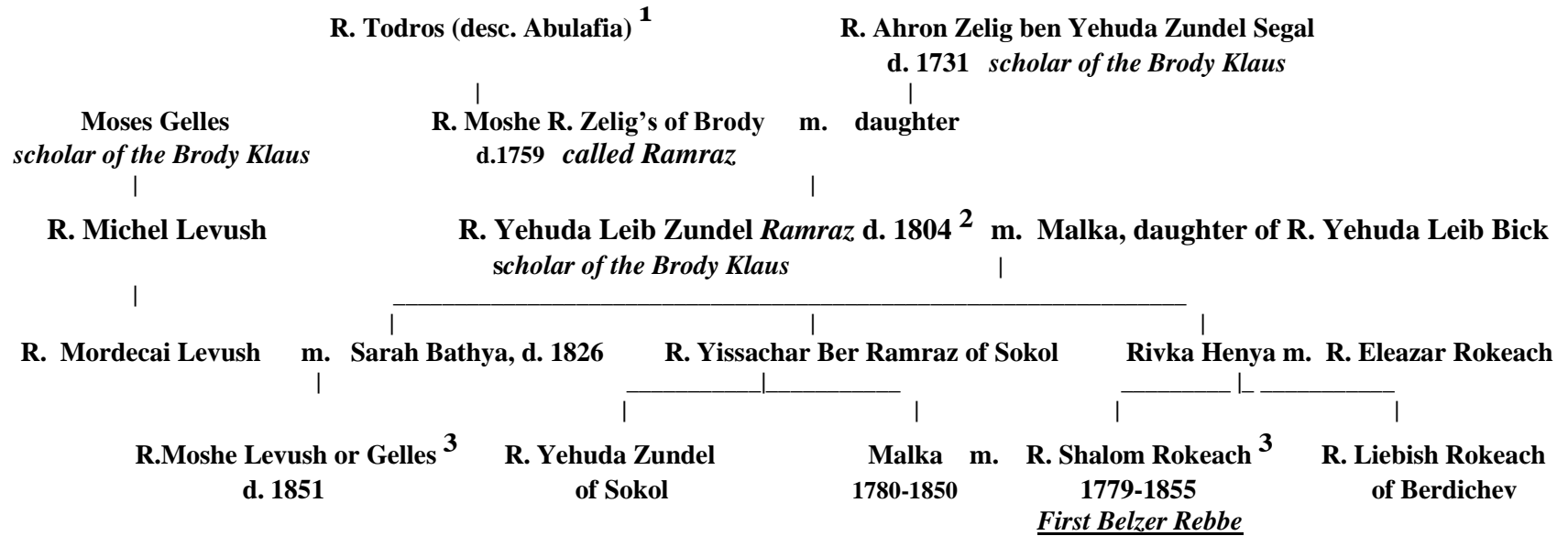


## Zundel Ramraz and Gelles - Rokeach cousins

[Ramraz, an acronym for Rabbi Moshe Reb Zelig's that became a family name]



## Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> R. Todros was a descendant of R. Todros Abulafia, of the family distinguished as scholars and courtiers in 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> century Spain. The mystical tradition of Abulafia runs for half a millennium to the Rokeach rabbis of the famous Chasidic dynasty of Belz in Galicia.
- <sup>2</sup> R. Yehuda Zundel of Brody may have been married (secondly) to Frieda, daughter of R. Yitzchak of Sokol, who was a descendant of many famous rabbis. Rabbi Yehuda Zundel, like his grandfather was a scholar of the Brody Klaus, and so were Moses Gelles and Jacob Horowitz. The latter married Sarah, a daughter of R. Todros Zundel Ramraz (nephew of the above Yehuda Leib Zundel). Jacob's son Rabbi Todros Zundel Horowitz (d. 1866) of Brody and Busk, author of *Shoresh Miyakov*, was thus a cousin of one of our Gelles lines.
- <sup>3</sup> Some descendants of Moses Gelles of Brody and of the Rokeach Grand Rabbis of Belz share a Zundel Ramraz ancestor. Chaya, a grand-daughter of R. Liebish Rokeach of Berdichev, married Israel Brodsky (1823-89).

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