

Descent from Kalonymos of Narbonne and Delmedigo Chalfan

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A short history of the ancient Chalfans is presented in Chapter 4 of my book :
“The Jewish Journey : A Passage through European History” (I.B. Tauris / Bloomsbury Publishing, 2016).

We find some Chalfan (Halfon) in Spain and in Crete and Rhodes when in the Ottoman Empire. Some Chalfan came from Spain to Provence and then on to Venice and Vienna and to eastern Europe.

The appended chart shows lines of descent from Rabbi Eliyahu Menachem Chalfan of Venice and Fioret Kalonymos.

Various links to branches of my wider family background are indicated on a following chart
See my web page (< Edward Gelles Papers at Balliol College Archives & Manuscripts >).
That chart is entitled “ Some Links in the ancestral background of Edward Gelles

Kalonymos ben David
born in Naples, *scholar & physician* in Venice
(desc. of **Kalonymos of Narbonne**)

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Fioret

Yissachar Ber of Cracow
(Pres. of the Four Lands Council)
was the son of Chief Rabbi
Abraham Joshua Heschel,
direct descendant of **Saul Wahl**
and the **Katzenellenbogen**
Rabbis of Padua and Venice

1523
m

Yechiel Chalfan Kadosh
|
Yitzchak of Vienna
|
Yechiel Chalfan
|
Mordecai Yollis of Cracow

Abba Mari Delmedigo Chalfan, *Astronomer*
m. daughter of Josef Colon, *Maharik* of Mantua
(desc of the French **Trabot** family)

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Eliyahu Menachem Chalfan of Venice (d. 1560)
Rabbi & Magister Artium et Medicinae

Mordecai Yollis was a son-in-law of
Moses Halevi Yollis of Cracow and a
brother-in-law of Shabatai Sheftel,
son of Chief Rabbi **Isaiah Halevi Ish**
Horowitz
of Prague, Frankfurt, and Safed

Yissachar Ber (d.1690) m Roza
of Cracow

|
Isaac Krakower m Beile Katvan
ABD of Brody (d.1704)

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Zeev Wolf of Skalat m Sarah

Issachar Ber of Frankfurt

Issachar Ber's son
Aryeh Leib **Berenstein** 1708-88, Chief
Rabbi of Galicia, married a daughter of
Zvi Hirsch Zamosc, ABD of Hamburg,
their grand-daughter married **Menachem**
Manish Chayes of Brody and Florence

|
Israel Swincher of Dubno & Lutsk

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Simcha Hakohen Rapaport m daughter
ABD of Lublin (d.1717)

|
Miriam m **Chaim Rapaport**
(desc.of **Mordecai Yaffe**) | ABD of Lvov (d.1770)

Nachman Hakohen Rapaport

Nachman Rapaport married a daughter of
Chief Rabbi Nathan Nata of Brody desc
of Chief Rabbi **Aryeh Leib Fischls**
of Cracow. Nathan Nata's wife was a first
cousin of **Shmuel Gelles**, ABD of
Siemiatycze, desc. of Uri Feivush,
Chief Rabbi of Vilna