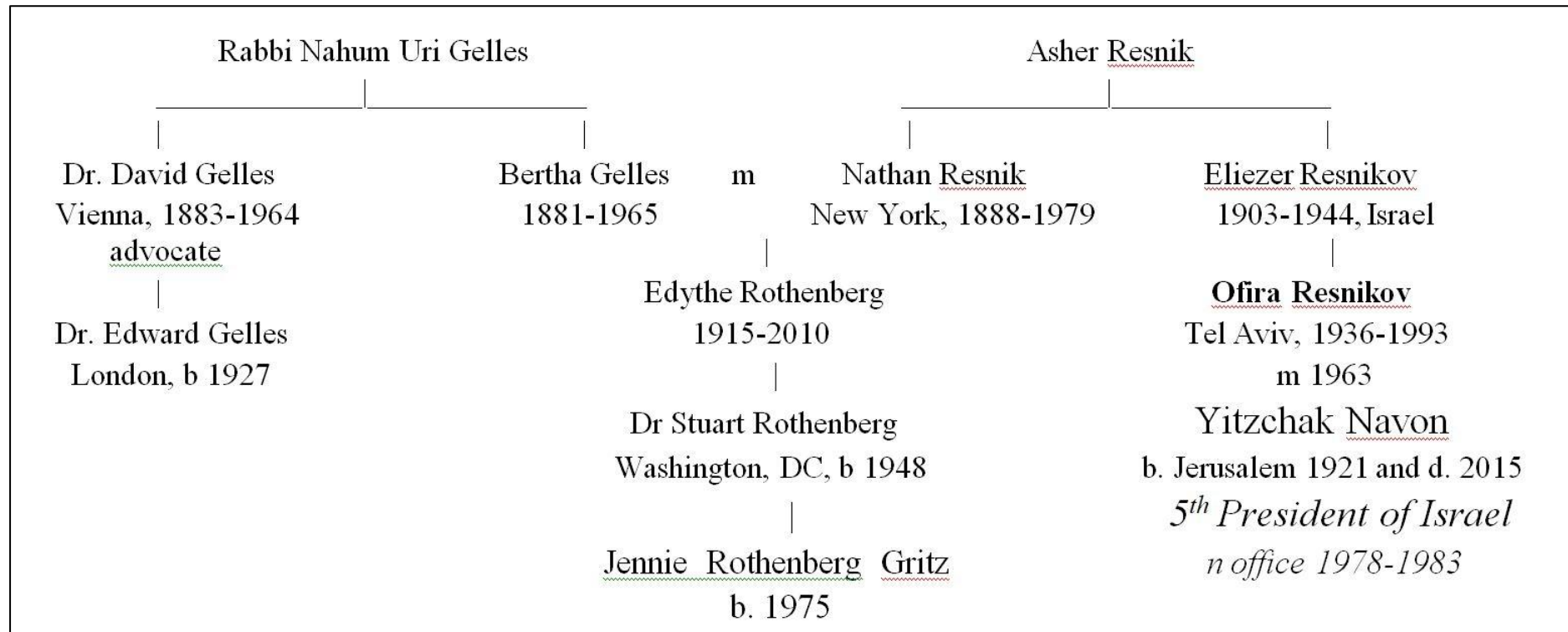


Family Connection to Ofira Resnikov
First Lady of Israel to the State's 5th President, Yitzchak Navon

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My father's eldest sister Bertha emigrated from Galicia to America in 1910 and married Nathan Resnik, whose half brother Eliezer settled in Israel and had a daughter Ofira, a Miss Israel beauty Queen and an academically qualified psychologist. She became Yitzcha Navon's wife and they had two children.

Some of Navon's Sephardic forebears settled in Jerusalem in the 17th century. The Baruch Mizrachi family came from Spain via the Ottoman Empire. On his mother's side Navon is descended from a famous kabbalist, Rabbi Haim ben Attar, whose family came from Morocco.





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5th President of Israel, Yitzhak Navon (1921-2015) with his wife Ofira Resnikov (1936-1993)