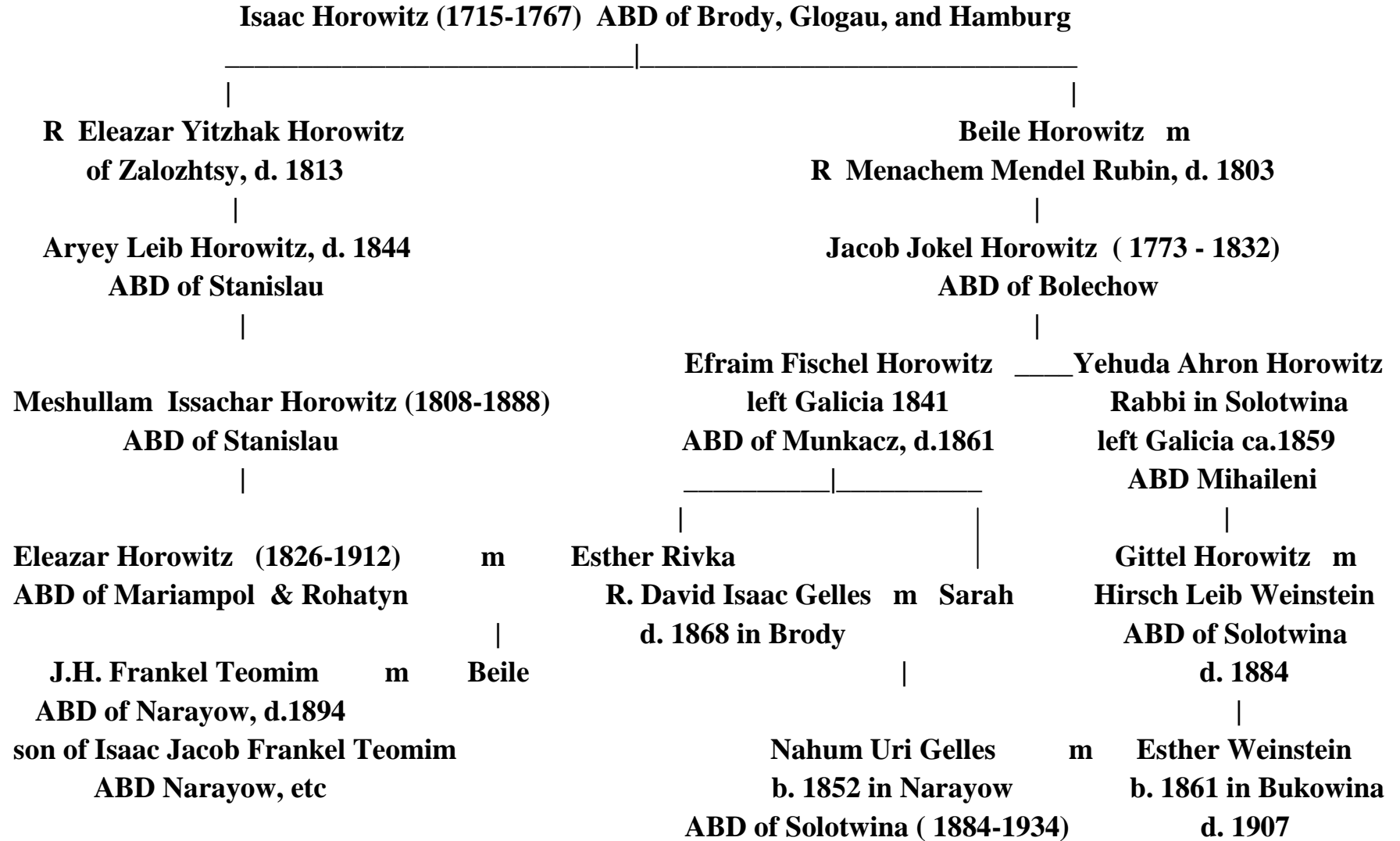


GELLES – HOROWITZ CONNECTIONS



Footnotes

I discussed the Horowitz connections of my paternal grandparents in my first book, *An Ancient Lineage* (Valentine Mitchell, London, 2006) and in the following paperback *Family Connections : Gelles-Horowitz-Chajes* (Shaker Publishing, Maastricht, 2008). I have now studied the genealogical connections of a number of Horowitz probands and gathered results of new DNA tests in support of some of my earlier conclusions. These further studies are described in chapter 21 of my latest book *The Jewish Journey : A Passage through European History* (I.B. Tauris, London, 2016).

The records of Narayow show my grandfather's birth to Rabbi David Isaac Gelles and Sara in 1852. My great-grand father is buried in Brody where his tombstone reveals the year of his death in 1868. Other records show that he studied in Glina and indicate a date of birth around 1790. In view of his age in 1852 it is likely that Sarah was his second wife. Meir Wunder in his five volume encyclopedia *Meorei Galicia* (1978 et seq) has family details of relevant Horowitz rabbis The line of descent of the Horowitz rabbinical line in Stanislau is detailed by Neil Rosenstein in his two volume book *The Unbroken Chain* (1990), pp 982, 983, 1006-1007 and 1013-1014 as well as p 307 for the Teomim connection in Narayow. The marriage link between the Horowitz Stanislau branch and the Bolechow line was of importance, not least because Meshullam Issachar Horowitz, the Chief Rabbi of Stanislau, had a decisive influence on rabbinical appointments in all the surrounding smaller towns and openly favoured candidates with Horowitz connections. The location of Narayow was clearly significant for the family relations of Rabbis David Isaac Gelles and Eleazar Horowitz. It is noteworthy, that my eldest uncle was called Efraim Fischel Gelles and my father David Gelles was sent to study at the Yeshiva in Munkacz, Hungary, where our forebear Efraim Fischel Horowitz had been Chief Rabbi.

My grandmother Esther's Horowitz connection was probably as granddaughter of Rabbi Yehuda Ahron Horowitz, the half brother of Rabbi Efraim Fischel Horowitz. Her birth in the Bukowina in 1861 ties in with the known move of her grandparents from Solotwina where her elder sibling's birth was recorded prior to 1859.