

Connections of Edward Gelles and Steven Gelles

Y-DNA tests

Y-DNA 67 marker tests of Edward Gelles and Steven Gelles reveal different haplogroups

indicating that they do not have a common patrilineal Gelles forebear

The haplogroup of Edward Gelles is R2a (R-M124) and he has matches of 65/67 and 66/67 with cousins of the Polonsky line, confirmed by traditional genealogical methods as descended from a common ancestor Moses Menachem Mendel Levush (Jaffe), a scholar of the Brody Klaus, who married a daughter of a Rabbi Shmuel Gelles (probably the ABD of Siematycze)

The haplogroup of Steven Gelles is R1b1a2 (R-M269 and R-A5376) and there is a 64/67 marker match with Andrew S. Chernick and a 65/67 match with Barry Chernick

Clearly the family name of Gelles is a matronymic acquired through marriage into a Gelles line by forebears from these two different male lines











Autosomal and X - DNA tests

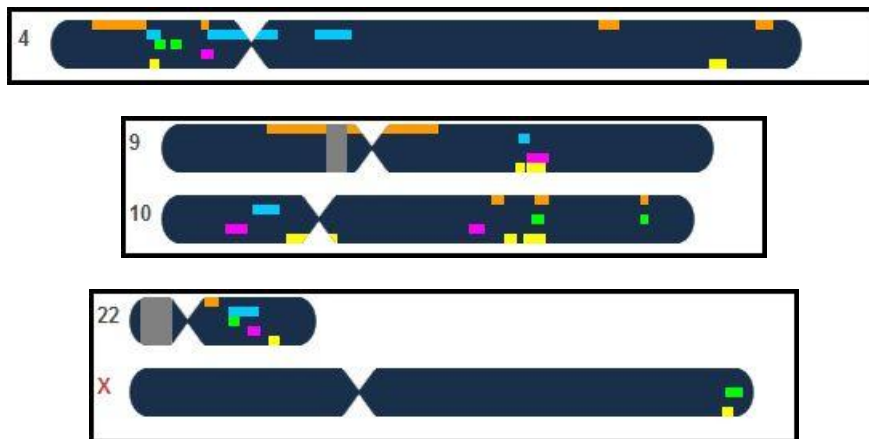
A great-grandfather of Steven Gelles was a Rabbi Isaac Gelles in New York whose family had connections to Dobromil in Galicia. and who was connected with the Boyaner branch of the Friedman Chasidic dynasty founded by Israel Friedman of Ruzhin, whose eponymous grandson was leader of the cousinly Czortkow branch with whom my grandfather Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles was closely associated. The Czortkower Rebbe's great-grandson Rabbi Israel Friedman of Manchester shares autosomal DNA with Edward and Steven Gelles as shown in the appended chart. Indeed, autosomal DNA matches show connections with Friedman, Horowitz, Weinstein, Schorr, and other families, including more distantly Oppenheim and Wertheimer

The first chart shows that **Rabbi Israel Friedman** of Manchester has DNA matches above 3 cM on chromosomes 4, 9, and 12 with **Edward Gelles** and **Steven Gelles** suggesting that they have common Friedman and Horowitz ancestors



Susan L. Weinstein and Edward Gelles are second cousins once removed
 They are descended from **Rabbi Hirsch Leib Weinstein** and **Gittel Horowitz**
 The second chart shows that **Susan Weinstein** has DNA matches above 3 cM
 with **Edward Gelles**
 and with **Steven Gelles, Barry Chernick, Naftali Horowitz, and Bruce R Schorr**

	Edward Gelles Shared Segments: 34	
	Steven Gelles Shared Segments: 23	
	Barry Chernick Shared Segments: 22	
	Naftali Horowitz Shared Segments: 25	
	Bruce Richard Schorr Shared Segments: 23	



Notes

Gelles – Horowitz connections are discussed in Chapter 21 of my latest book
 “The Jewish Journey – A Passage through European History” (2016).
 DNA matches of Edward Gelles with Friedman, Horowitz, Weinstein and others
 are shown on the Edward Gelles web page of the Balliol College Archive
 (see particularly the 3rd chart under the sub-heading “DNA Tests”)

Horowitz, Gelles, and Chernick (Czernik) lines go back to 16th / 17th century Prague.
 In later centuries (and with changing frontiers) some of these families were found
 near each other in eastern Galicia and western Ukraine (see several Krasilow web sites)

Steven Gelles contacted me in May 2016. It emerged that Richard J Gelles, Dean
 of the School of Social Policy and Professor at the University of Pennsylvania,
 who is mentioned in my first book “An Ancient Lineage” (2006) on p. 319
 is a close cousin of Steven Gelles