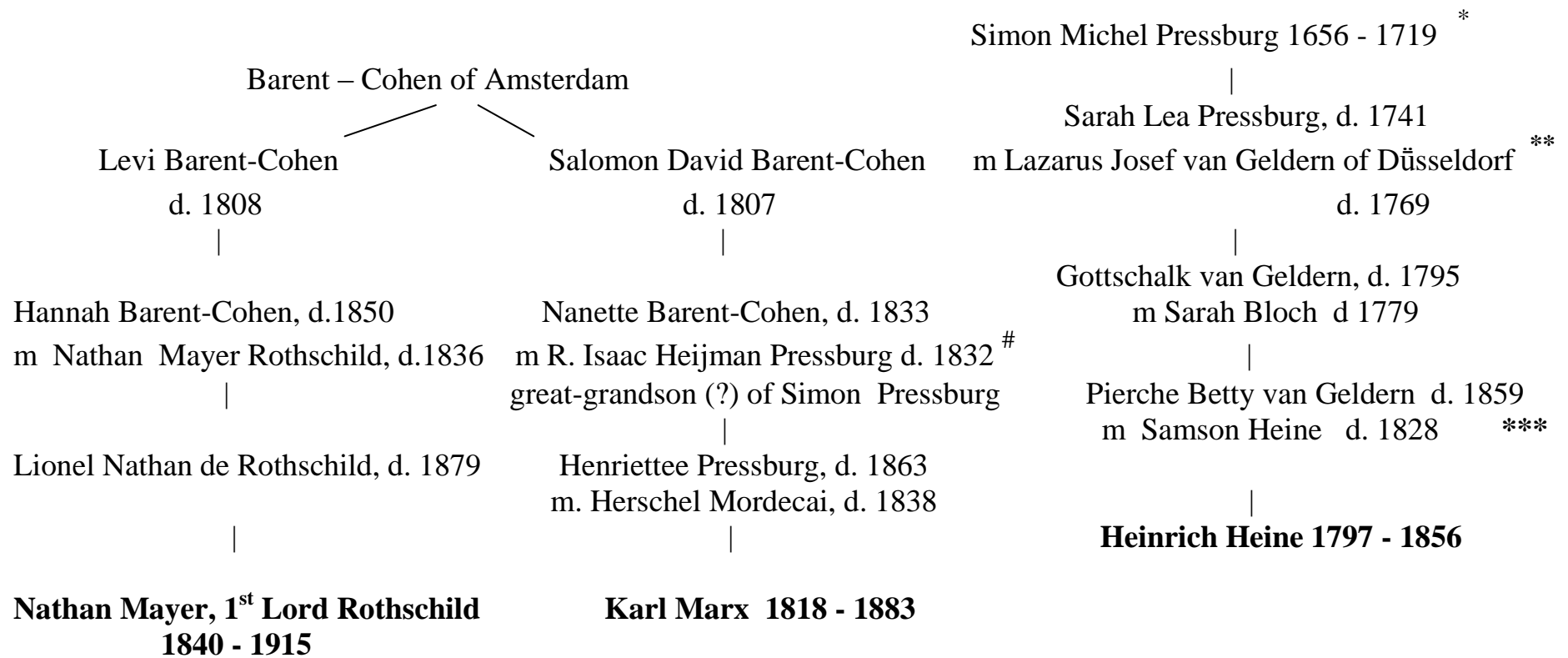


## Rothschild - Karl Marx - Heinrich Heine

The family tree of Karl Marx is presented in my book “The Jewish Journey : A Passage through European History” (2016), pp 180-182. He is also shown with Moses Mendelssohn and others in a chart on my web page “**Some lines of descent from Saul Wahl**”. While the latter eminent scion of the Katzenellenbogen is our most prominent common ancestor, I also share with Karl Marx some DNA from notable Kohanic forebears.

The connection of Karl Marx with the Rothschild dynasty through their common Barent- Cohen ancestor of Amsterdam is well known. The ancestral Pressburg connection of Marx and Heinrich Heine is of additional historical interest as these two distant cousins were on friendly terms for some time.

My earlier chart “**Moses Mendelssohn and some Ashkenazi Court Jews**” presents an outline of links between some of the leading Court Jews of the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The links of Leffman Behrens of Hannover extend to the Heine family, harking back to Chaim Bückeberg, the mooted progenitor of that family who originally took their name from the town of Bückeberg, not far from Hannover, and later married with the van Geldern of Düsseldorf. Some van Geldern and Heine were Court Jews in these lesser principalities but the latter also had some such connection with Hannover at one time. The poet’s Jewish name was Chaim before his baptism when he became Heinrich Heine of Düsseldorf. (see Thomas and Nancy High, Center for Jewish History, “Heine Genealogical Data and Notes”



## FOOTNOTES

- # Rabbi Isaac Heijmans Pressburg, born ca 1750 in the then Hungarian town of Pressburg – nowadays Bratislava – and died in 1832 in Nijmegen, Holland where he had married Nanette Barent–Cohen in 1785.
- \* Simon Michael Pressburg (b. Raab 1656, in Pressburg 1693, d. Vienna 1719). Jewish community leader, agent for the Imperial mint (Münzfaktor), and later Court Jew (Oberhoffaktor) in Vienna. His daughter Sarah Lea married Lazarus van Geldern
- \*\* a son of Juspa van Geldern (1653-1727) and Esther Gottschalk of Düsseldorf, who was a daughter of Salomon Eljakim Gottschalk of Düsseldorf (d. 1710) and Gelle Gans (Gelle married secondly Leffman Behrens of Hannover ( 1634-1714)
- \*\*\* Samson Heine (1764–1828) son of Heyman Heine of Hannover (d. 1780) and Eva Poppert (d, 1799).