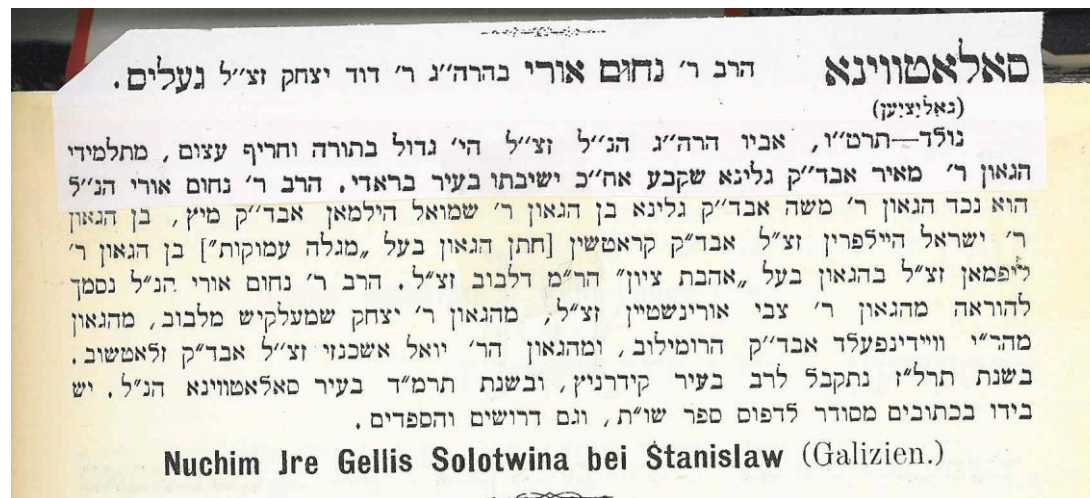


Ancestral Links of Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles and his grandson Edward Gelles

Pedigree of Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles (1852-1934) Chief Rabbi of Solotwina near Stanislau (1884 -1934)



Ohalei Shem by Shmuel Noach Gottlieb, published in Pinsk, 1912 (pp 261-2)
“ ...a descendant of Chief Rabbi Shmuel Helman of Metz, son of Israel Halpern of Krotoschin, who was a son-in-law of Chief Rabbi Nathan Nata Shapiro of Cracow.....”

(see chart below)

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Moses Gelles, scholar of the Brody Klaus, was the progenitor of a Gelles – Levush
(Jaffe) line : Edward Gelles, *An Ancient Lineage*, Chapter 29
“Finding Rabbi Moses Gelles” including Records of the Beth Din of Brody
1808 – 1817 (Jewish Theological Seminary, New York).

Katzenellenbogen

Mainz

Heilbronn

Speyer

Trier (Treves)

Isaac K. m d. of Jehiel Luria
moved to Prague then to Padua

Judah Halevi Minz
1411-1508
Chief Rabbi of Padua

Zebulon Eliezer Ashkenazi
Halpern

Samuel Spira m
Shlomo

Vergentlin, d. of
Mattityahu Treves
Ch. R. of Paris 1364

Perez of Constance

Nathan Nata of Posen

Simson of Posen

Meir Judah **Katzenellenbogen** m
1483-1565
Chief Rabbi of Padua

Hannah Minz
gd-daughter of above

Natan Nata Spira

of Grodno, died 1577

Solomon

Samuel Judah K. m Abigail **Yaffe**
1521-1597
Chief Rabbi of Padua & Venice

Moses Ashkenazi Halpern
died 1603, R'M of Lvov
m Aidel Lipshitz

Natan Nata **Shapiro**
1585-1633
ABD of Cracow
m Roza Avarles
d. 1642

Mordecai **Jaffe**
Chief Rabbi of Prague,
Grodno & Posen
1530 – 1612
Known as The Levush

Saul **Wahl** m Deborah Drucker
1545-1617
Rex Pro Tempore, Poland 1587

Abraham Halpern
1578- 1649, ABD of Lvov
m d. of Shmuel Judah **Wahl**

Eliezer Lipman Halpern

Meir K. m Heinde, d. of Pinchas Halevi **Horowitz**
died 1631 1535-1617

Israel **Halpern** of Krotoschin
m Lifsha, d. of Natan Nata **Shapiro**

Moses K. of Chelm m d. of Benjamin Benas
died ca. 1650 of Posen

Shmuel Helman, ABD of Metz
ca 1670 - 1764

Moses Gelles
Scholar of the Brody Klaus

Saul K. of Pinczow m Yente, d. of Jacob Shor
1617-1691 died 1655

Yached Rabbi Moshe of Glogau

Mordecai Gelles of Brody

Moses K. of Anspach m d. of Eliezer Heilprin of Fuerth
1670-1733 1649-1700
Eliezer Katzenellenbogen of Hagenau & Bamberg
1700-1771

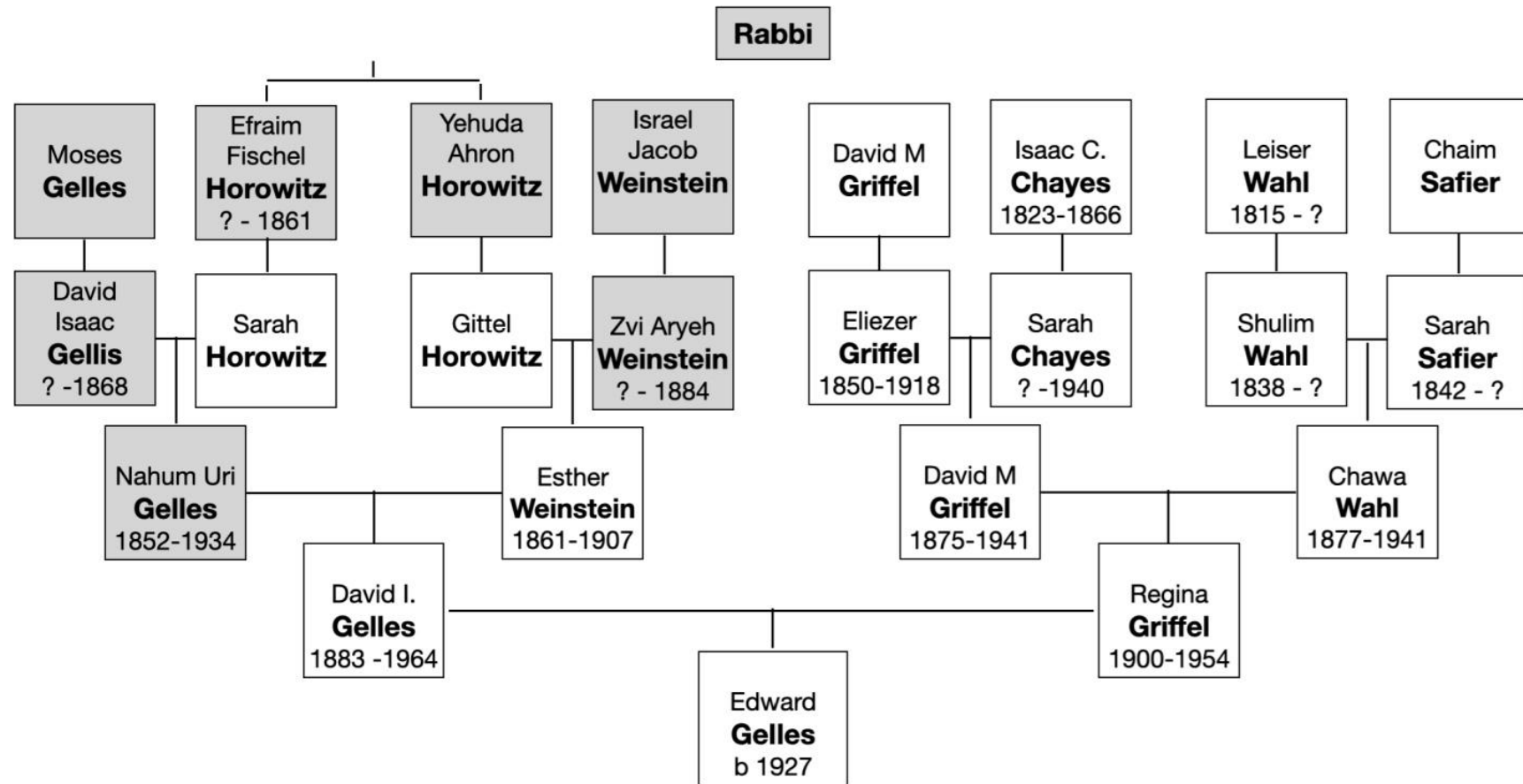
Naftali Hirsch Katzenellenbogen d. 1823

Daughter m Rabbi Moses Gelles of Brody line





Ancestry of Edward Gelles



The beginnings of my Ancestral Table show some forebears who lived in Galicia while that province was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. My parents came to Vienna before the outbreak of the First World War. I was born there in 1927 and came to England in 1938. My paternal Gelles were of ancient rabbinic lineage. My maternal Griffel included substantial entrepreneurs who married descendants of earlier rabbis.

Migration over some centuries resulted in intercourse between Glogau in Silisia and Brody in Galicia, cities which were of importance for commerce and Jewish learning. An influential 18th century Chief Rabbi of Metz in Lorraine was Shmuel Helman, who was born in Krotoschin had married into a family in Glogau. A daughter of Shmuel Helman's son, Rabbi Moshe of Glogau, married Rabbi Moses Gelles, shown on the above Table, who was a grandson of Moses Gelles, a scholar of the Brody Klaus (who can be considered as the progenitor of my paternal "Gelles – Jaffe" ancestral line).

Rabbinical appointments to or from distant locations are exemplified by Horowitz forebears. Such was Isaac Horowitz, the Chief Rabbi of Glogau, Brody, and Hamburg (1715 - 1767).

There was some degree of intermarriage between the two sides of my family.

My maternal grandmother Chawa Wahl was a descendant of Saul Wahl, scion of the 16th century Katzenellenbogen Chief Rabbis of Padua and Venice. This Wahl line was linked by marriage with my paternal Horowitz line.

My maternal great grandmother Sarah Matel Chayes was of the ancient family of Portuguese origin which produced many rabbis across a large expanse of Europe with connections to both sides of my family.