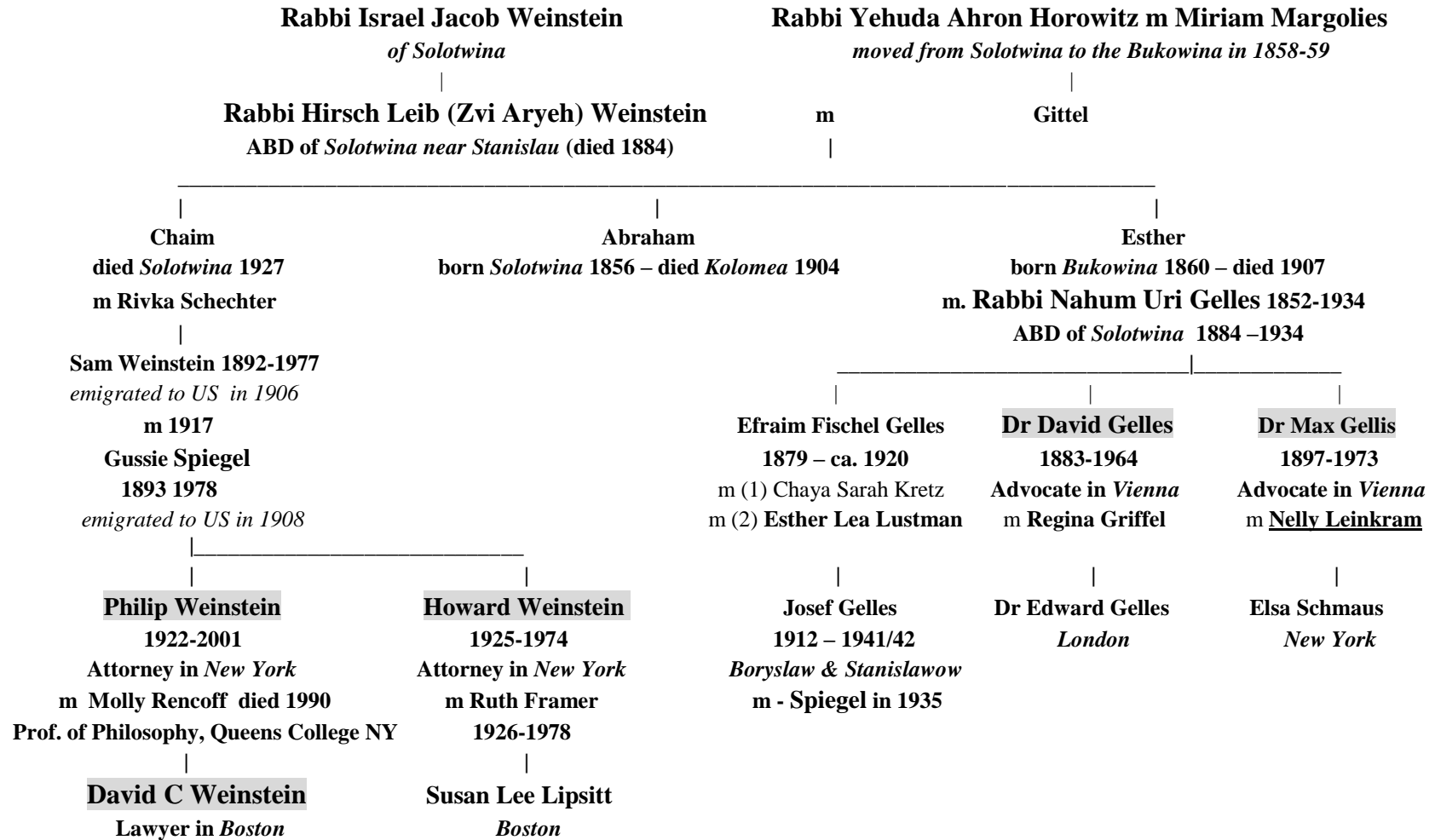


Gelles and Weinstein





from my paternal great-grandfather Rabbi Zvi Aryeh Weinstein of Solotwina - my second cousins, Howard, Nancy, and Philip Weinstein. Howard and Philip were attorneys in New York.

Weinstein Descendants

(see my book "The Jewish Journey" - chart 18.1 on page 222)



Their respective daughters Susan Lee and Elaine Beth Weinstein (my second cousins once removed) are shown with their aunt Nancy in 2012

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Notes to Weinstein Connections

My immediate Gelles – Weinstein connection is the marriage of my grandfather Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles and Esther Weinstein, the daughter of Chief Rabbi Hirsch Leib (Zvi Aryeh) Weinstein of Solotwina and his wife Gittel Horowitz. The above chart shows three of the six Gelles–Weinstein children with some of their descendants.

The chart also shows two of Esther’s brothers, namely Chaim Weinstein of Solotwina with some of his American progeny and Abraham Weinstein of Kolomea.

For the latter and several of his siblings I refer to my book

“Meeting my Ancestors. Genealogy, Genes, and Heritage” (2011).

This book, as well as some of my other digitised books, can be read on the web site of Balliol College Archives & Manuscripts in “Papers of Edward Gelles “

From chapter 7 “Rabbis of Solotwina near Stanislau” of my afore- mentioned book an excerpt is appended.

A list of Solotwina tombstones includes some other children of Chief Rabbi Hirsch Leib Weinstein and of his father Rabbi Israel Jacob Weinstein of Solotwina.

Among the children of the latter a noteworthy reference is to Ahron Weinstein who is identified as a brother of my great-grandfather Rabbi Hirsch Leib Weinstein. A number of Ahron Weinstein’s descendants are thus related along cousinly lines,

The Kolomea records give Abraham Weinstein as born in 1856 to Rabbi Hirsch Leib and Gittel Weinstein of Solotwina. Rabbi Horowitz left Solotwina in about 1858 / 9 and became ABD of Mihaileni. The birth records of my father David Isaac and of his elder sister Bertha Gelles state that their mother Esther Weinstein was born in 1861 in “the Bukowina”. This sequence of events and dates tallies with Gittel Weinstein giving birth to Abraham while her parents were still in Solotwina and to Esther after they had moved to the neighbouring province. Furthermore, Gittel’s first name is that of her putative grandmother Gittel Hakohen Adlersberg, Miriam Horowitz’ sister Perel was the mother of Chief Rabbi Abraham Menachem Steinberg of Brody, so Esther Weinstein would appear to be Steinberg’s first cousin. Esther’s husband, my grandfather Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles and Rabbi Steinberg were both followers of Rabbi Israel Friedman of Czortkow and corresponded with each other.

Solotwina Tombstones

A project devoted to the “History of the Jews in Galicia and Bukowina” in which the Hebrew University and the Central Archives of the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem are participating, has catalogued many of the over 2,000 Jewish tombstones in Solotwina and are in the process of publishing them with their epitaphs on the project website. Among these are some of the Weinstein rabbinic family including :

E 012 Rabbi Zvi Aryeh (Hirsch Leib) Weinstein, son of Rabbi Israel Jacob died 1884

and some of his children:

L 130 Hodis, daughter of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh, died 1874, praised for her charity and modesty

D 033 Hana, daughter of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh, died 1899

C 031 Sara, daughter of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh, died 1901

D 013 Haim, son of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh, died 1927

“our teacher R. Haim, son of our teacher Rabbi Zvi Aryeh ...”

children of **Rabbi Israel Jacob**, i.e siblings of Chief Rabbi Zvi Aryeh included:

C 012 Aharon, son of Israel Jacob, Sage of the Torah, -

D 029 Rosa, daughter of Rabbi Israel Jacob, died 1906, childless

The tombstones and epitaphs of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh Weinstein and of his daughter Sara are appended. The latter’s epitaph refers to her descent from “the great” which may be a reference to her putative Horowitz and Margolioth (Margolies) forebears.

Tombstone of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh (Hirsch Leib) Weinstein

Epitaph Translation:

The Crown of the Torah

Every passer-by will weep bitterly
At the time that the glory [of Zvi] has fallen
And our hearts [...] as the loss is great
After the day of his passing was taken to his grave
The Rabbi and Head of the Rabbinical Court of our Community for 32 years
G-d knew [the righteousness of] his ways, perfect forever
The respected rabbi, the great luminary,
The Hasid Rabbi Zvi Aryeh
Son of the late Hasid,
Rabbi Yisrael Yaakov of blessed memory
His soul ascended to heaven on Monday, 16 of Tevet (5)644 [=14 Jan. 1884]
May his soul be bound in the bond of [eternal] life

Tombstone Year: 1884

Cemetery: Solotvin

Cemetery Placement: E012

Material/Technique: tombstone: Sandstone

Material/Technique: epitaph: Protruding letters

Material/Technique: relief: Protruding relief

Directions: Facing west

Measurements: tombstone: Height 170 cm, Width 68 cm, Thickness 27 cm

Measurements: letters: -

Decoration Program: Torah ark, two lions, and a crown

Tombstone Inscription

כתר תורה

ציון כל עובר יקונן מרה
בעת נפל צבי תפארה
י..[ד לבנו כי גדל השבר
אחר יום גועו הובל לקבר
רב אב"ד קהלתנו לב שנה
ידע דרכו ד לעד תמימה
הוא כבוד הרב המאה"ג [המאור הגדול]
החסיד מ' צבי אריה
בהחסיד המנוח מו"ה
ישראל יעקב זל"ה
עלתה נשמתו השמימה
יום ב טז טבת תרמ"ד
תנצב"ה

