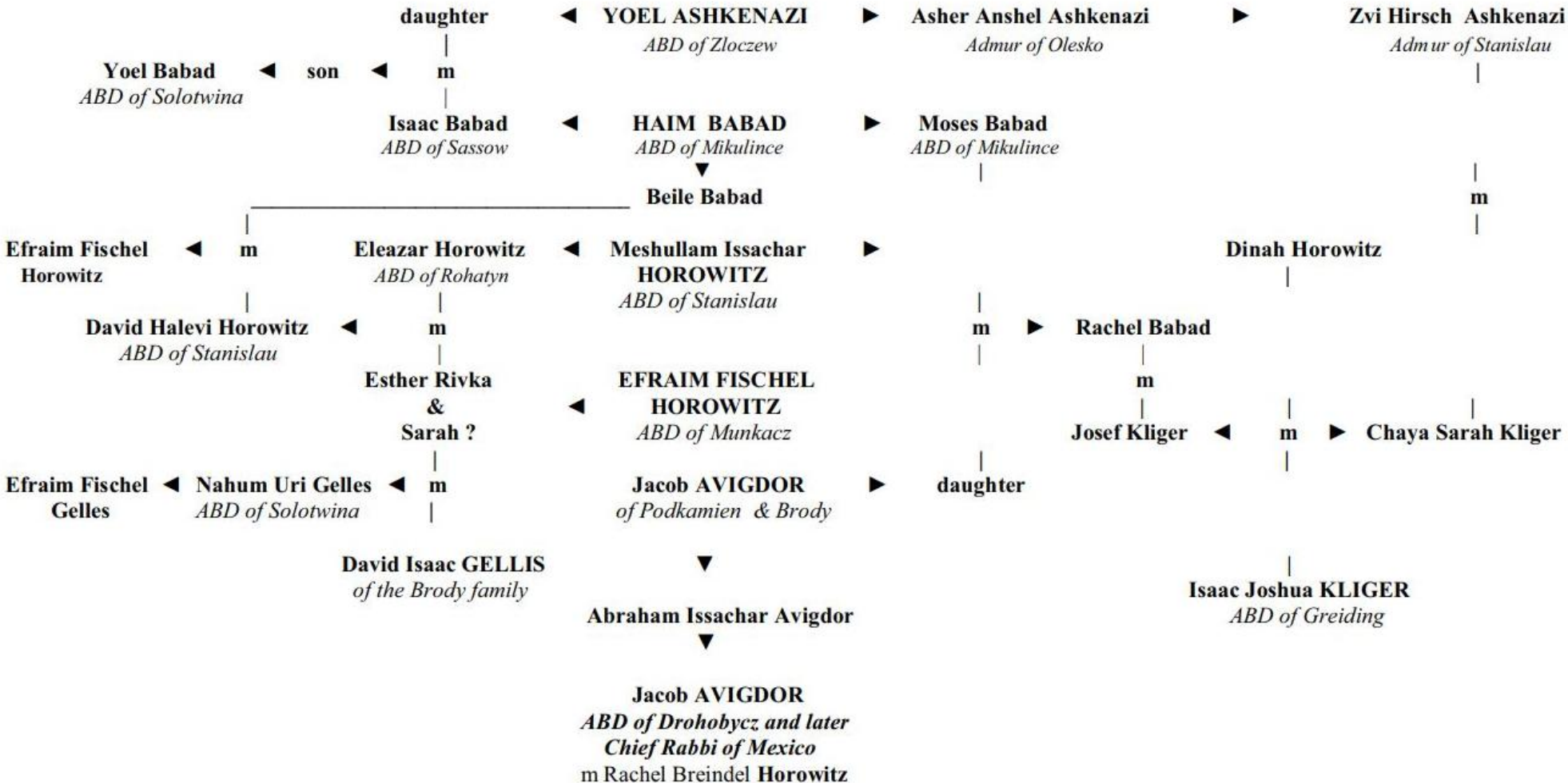


Marriages between some Galician rabbinical families



Yoel Ashkenazi (1810-1882) was one of four rabbis who ordained my grandfather, Nahum Uri Gelles (1852-1934) [see the entry in Shmuel Noach Gottlieb's *Ohalei Shem* pp 261-2, as shown in Table 4]. Yoel Ashkenazi's descendant Yoel Babad succeeded to the post of ABD Solotwina after my grandfather's death. The Ashkenazi – Babad – Horowitz connections are indicated on the chart. Zwi Hirsch Ashkenazi (1870-1942) was Admur (Chasidic leader) of Stanislaw while David Halevi Horowitz (1862-1934) was its orthodox Chief Rabbi (ABD). David Horowitz was a grandson of Efraim Fischel Horowitz (ca 1790-1860), who became ABD of Munkacz in Hungary, and of Meshullam Issachar Horowitz (1808-1888), the ABD of Stanislaw. The latter determined that none outside his family should ever occupy his rabbinical seat, and so it was until the dynasty ended in the second world war. Indeed, the majority of rabbis in the surrounding *shtetls* were either Horowitz or related to them in one way or another. A case in point was the rabbinical succession at Solotwina, as shown in Tables 14 and 15, where connections to the half brothers Yehuda Ahron Horowitz and Efraim Fischel Horowitz (ca 1790 – 1860) are discussed.

Haim Babad (1811-1889), ABD of Mikulince, was the father of Beile Babad (1857-1894), who married David Halevi Horowitz. She was a sister of Isaac Babad of Sassow and of Moses Babad (1839-1906) of Mikulince. The latter married a daughter of Jacob Avigdor (died 1885) of Podkamien and Brody. Their daughter Rachel Babad was the wife of Josef Kliger whose sister Chaya Sara Kliger married Zwi Hirsch Ashkenazi of Stanislaw. Josef and Chaya Sarah Kliger were children of Isaac Joshua Kliger (died 1845), the ABD of Greiding, who was a son-in-law of Meshullam Issachar Horowitz. The Kligers were related to the famous *Maggid* (Preacher) of Brody, Rabbi Solomon Kluger (1783-1869) [n.b. Kluger / Kliger are German / Yiddish versions of the epithet meaning “the clever one”]. Jacob Avigdor was close to Solomon Kluger and briefly succeeded him in his post. The Avigdors, who claimed Sephardic origins and came to Brody from Constantinople, had links to Isaac “Hamburger” Horowitz (1715-1767) and his wife Reitze Babad from whose daughter Beile Rubin emanated numerous rabbinical lines. Jacob Avigdor's son Abraham Issachar Avigdor (1833-1921), ABD of Tyrawa-Woloska, married firstly Chaya Horowitz and secondly a daughter of Rabbi David Geller. His son Jacob Avigdor (1896-1967) came from the second marriage. A scholar of some note, he was appointed ABD of Drohobycz at a young age, survived the concentration camps, and ultimately became Chief Rabbi of Mexico. He married Rachel Breindel Horowitz, who was a direct descendant of Naftali Zwi Horowitz of Ropschitz. Their son Rabbi Isaac Chaim Avigdor (1920-), the author of his family chronicle *Faith after the flames*, married Esther Horowitz.

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