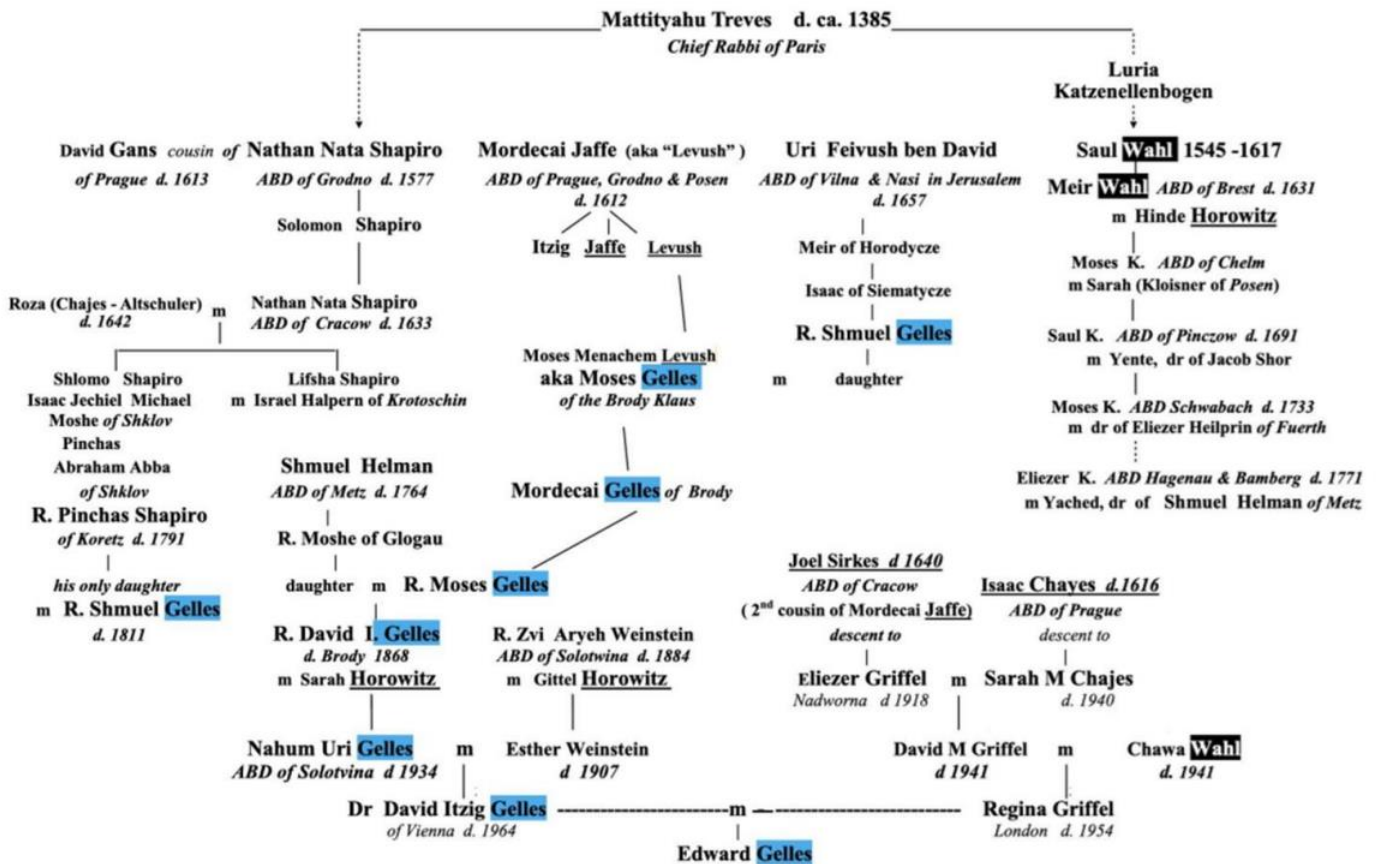


Ancestral connections between Gelles – Resnick – Rothenberg - Resnikov

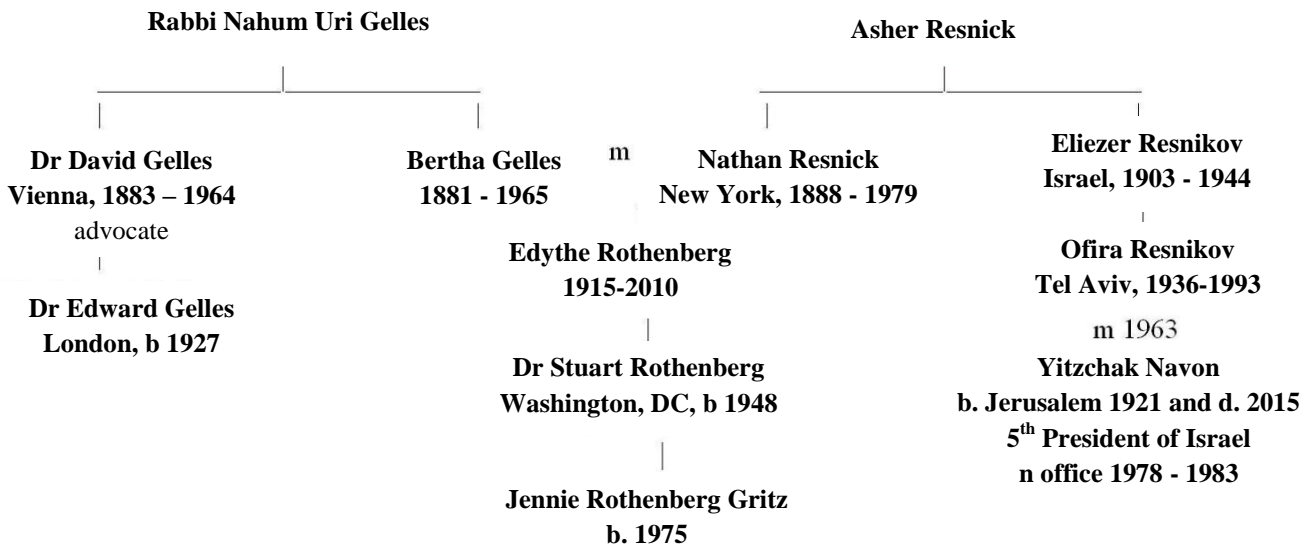
**by
Edward Gelles**





**Edward Gelles (Gelles and Griffel) descent from
Chief Rabbi of medieval France**

Edythe Gelles Resnick Rothenberg – cousin of Ofira Resnikov



Edward Gelles and Edythe Rothenberg are Gelles first cousins.

Edythe, one of the children of Bertha Gelles and Nathan Resnick, was the wife of Murray Rothenberg, and mother of Drs Stuart and Robert Rothenberg. Edythe was related to Ofira Resnikov who was a ‘Miss Israel’ beauty queen and became First Lady of the State of Israel on her marriage to the 5th President, Yitzchak Navon.



My grandfather Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles with four of his six children - his sons Dr Max Gellis and my father Dr David Itzig Gelles and in the forefront my aunts Lotte Gelles Kallman and Bertha Gelles Resnick.



Right to Left: Edythe Resnick Rothenberg with her husband Murray Rothenberg and Nathan Resnick (husband of Bertha Gelles).



Dr Stuart Rothenberg Bar Mitzvah (1961) seated with his grandmother Bertha Gelles' hands on his shoulders. The photo shows 3 standing figures to the right of the grandmother namely; Murray Rothenberg and Edythe Resnick Rothenberg (being the parents of Stuart Rothenberg), and Edith's father Nathan Resnick. Elsa Gellis (daughter of Dr Max Gellis) and her husband Walter Schmaus are seated together at the table.



Ofira Resnikov married the 5th President of the State of Israel, Yitzchak Navon. This photo was taken during their historic visit to President and Mrs Anwar Sadat of Egypt.



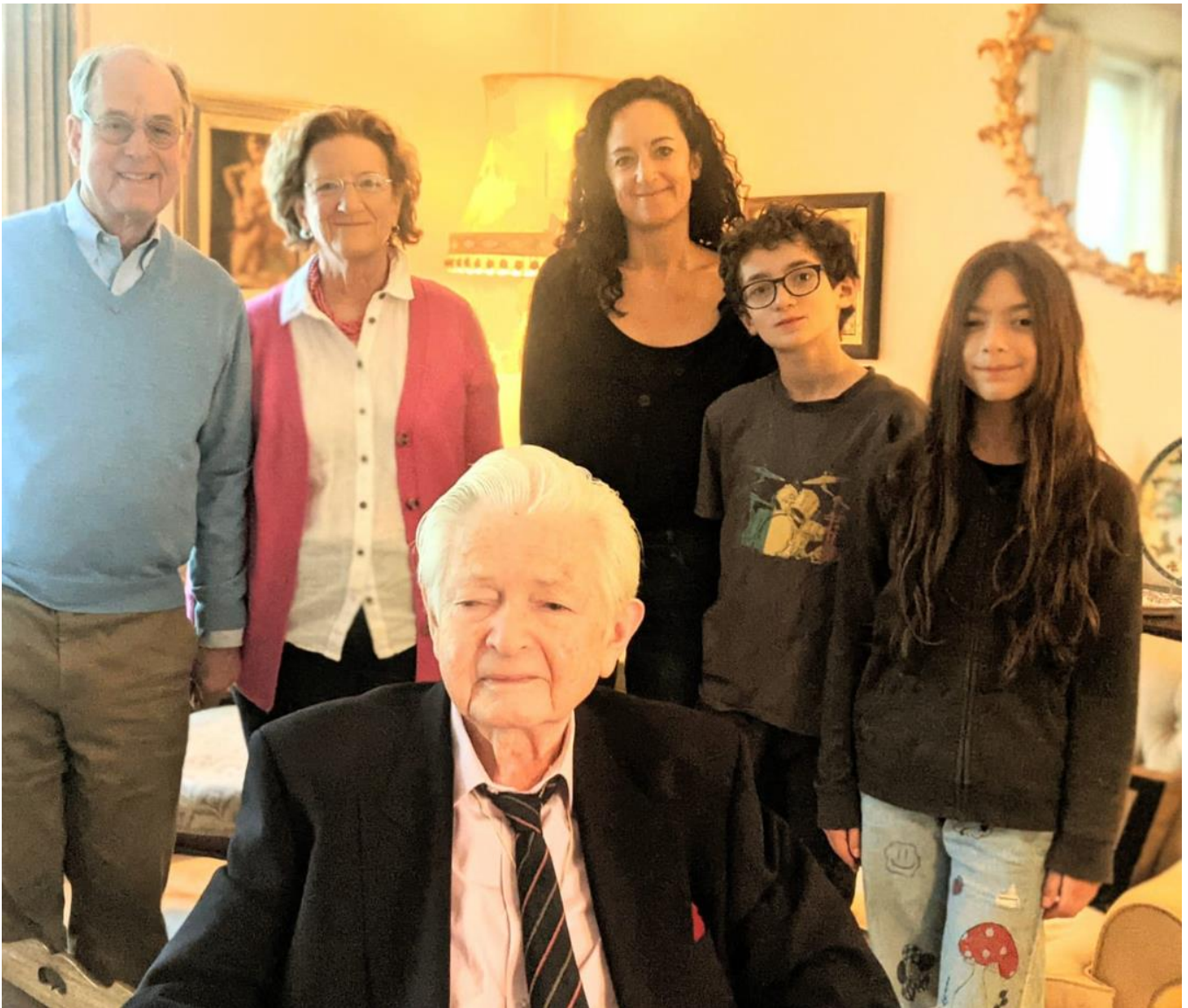
Ofira Resnikov flanked by Dr Stuart Rothenberg with his wife Joan and their daughter Jennie Rothenberg Gritz. This photo appears to have been taken during the official visit of Israel's First Lady to the United States.



Yitzhak Navon, the 5th President of the State of Israel, with his wife Ofira Resnikov and their son Erez together with Dr Stuart Rothenberg and his wife Joan.



Dr Stuart Rothenberg, his wife Joan, their daughter Jennie Rothenberg Gritz and their grandchildren Zander and Sophie Gritz (2024).



Edward Gelles in front of his first cousin once removed Dr Stuart Rothenberg. With the latter's wife Joan, their daughter Jennie Rothenberg Gritz and her children Zander and Sophie (2024).

Thanking Jennie Rothenberg Gritz for kindly sharing photos of her immediate family with me and welcoming the opportunity afforded to me by her father Dr Stuart Rothenberg for strengthening our cousinly connections.