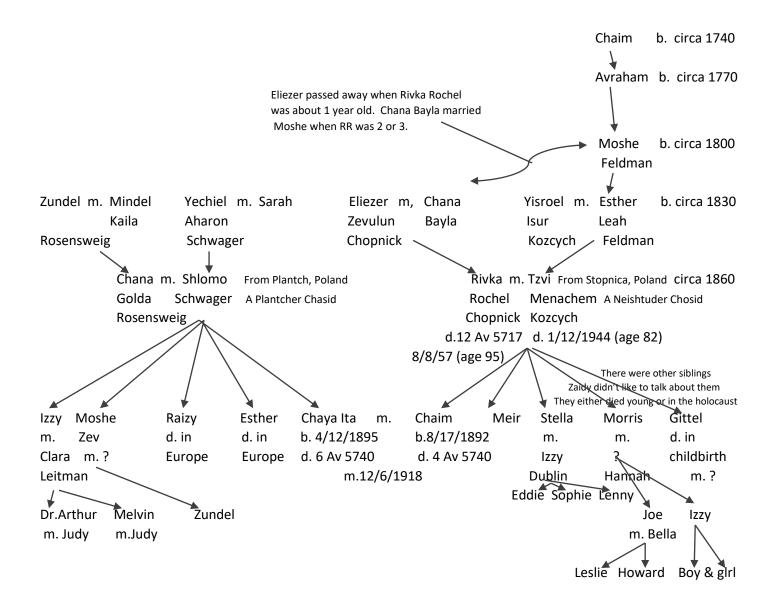
# **The Cohen Family Tree**

I originally started the Family Tree at Josh's Bar Mitzva in 1973. So much has occurred since then, I decided to update it in 2015. Heaps of thanks to everyone for their help. If you note any errors or have other info, by all means please pass it back to me for inclusion. As of this writing Grandma and Zaydi Cohen have 145 lineal descendants. Here it is. Enjoy

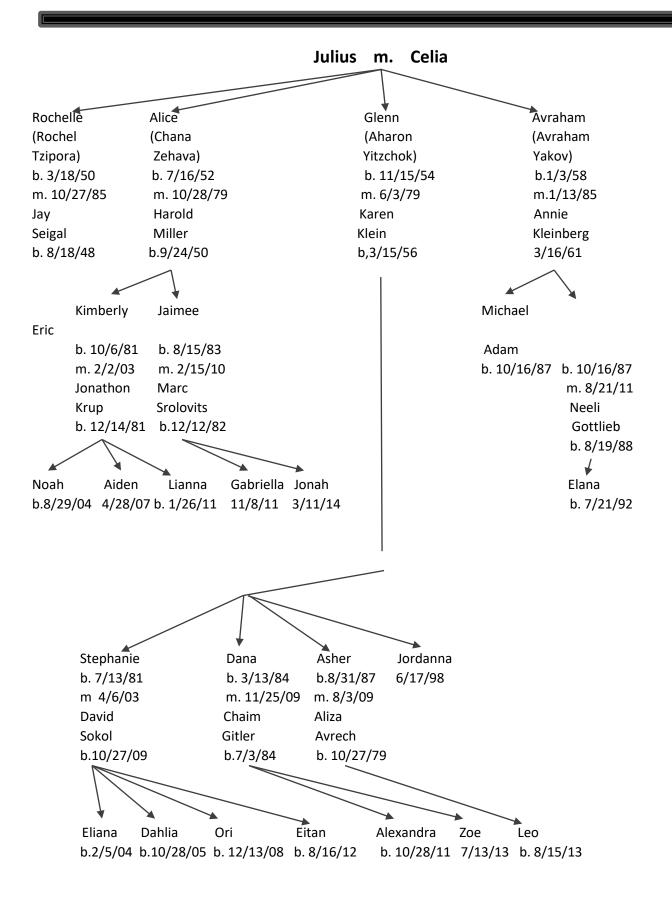
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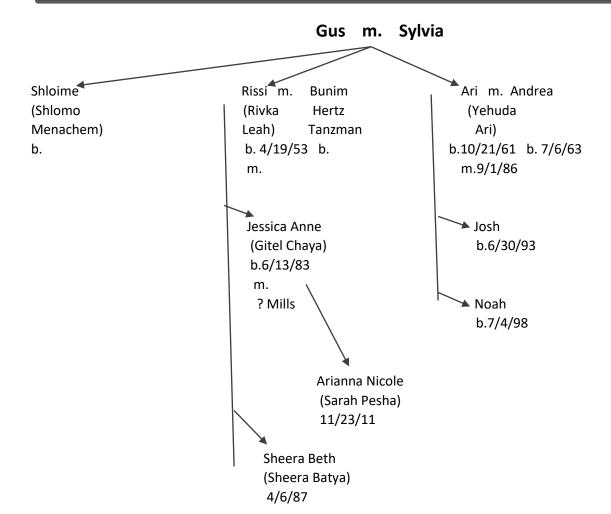


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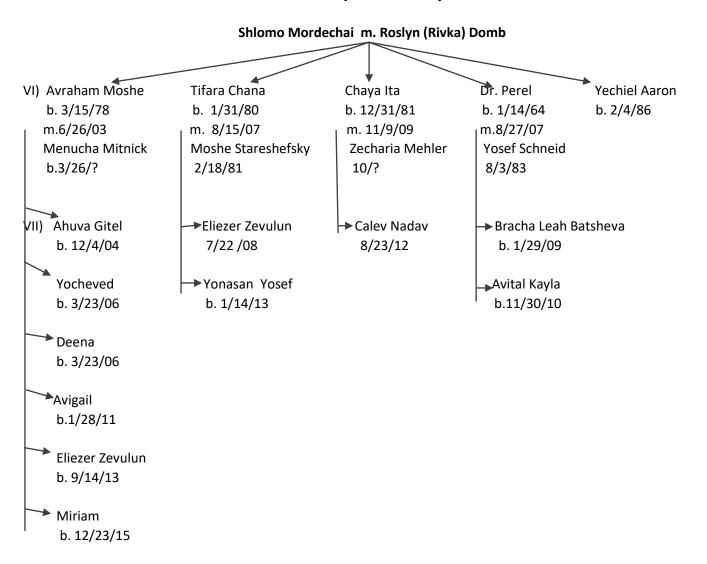
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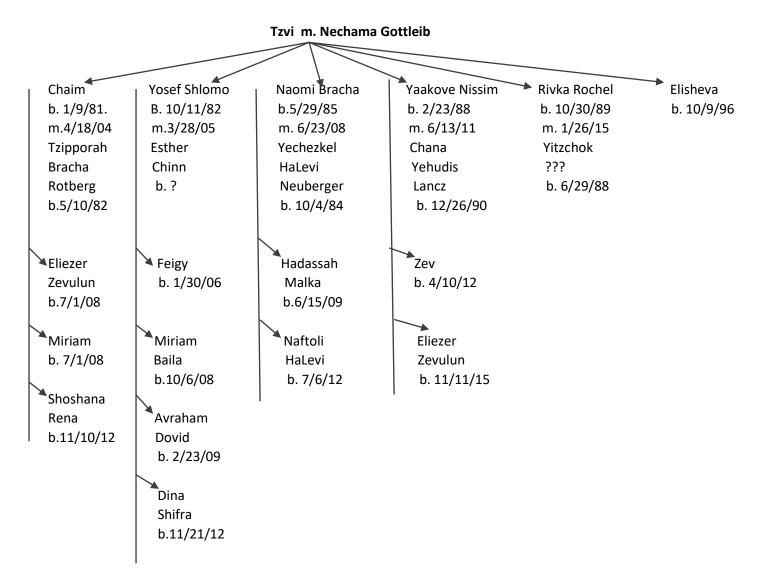
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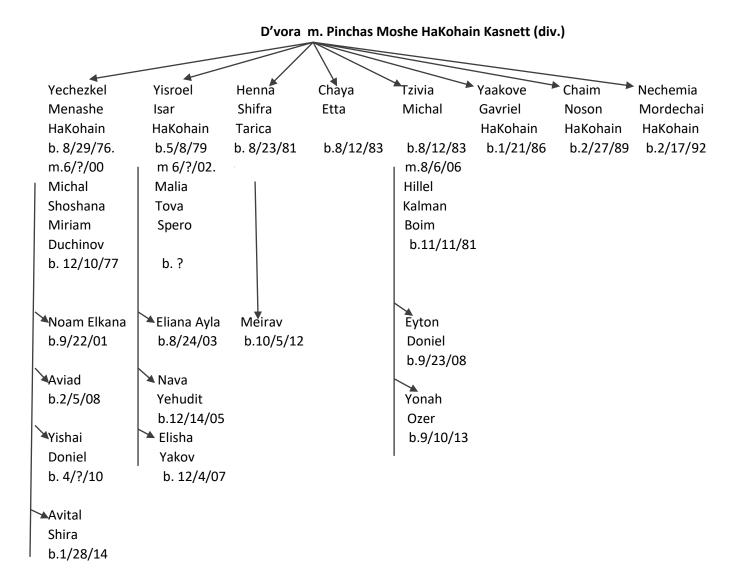


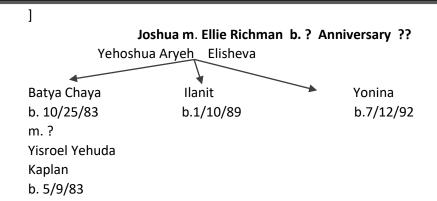


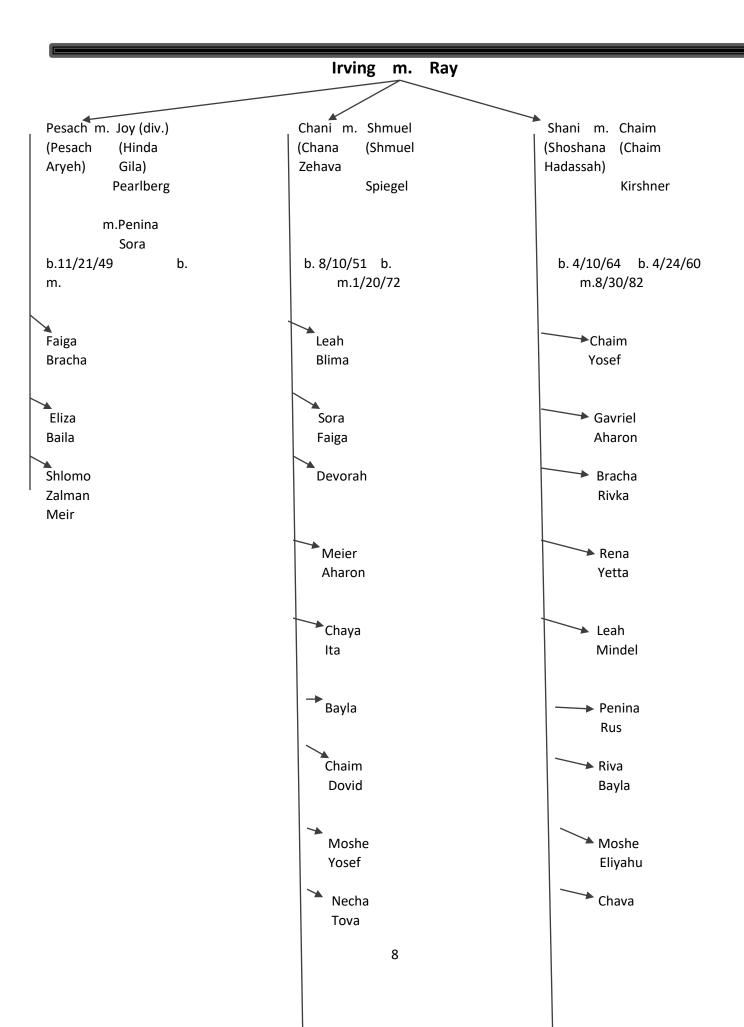
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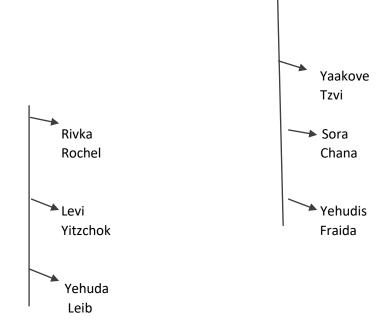


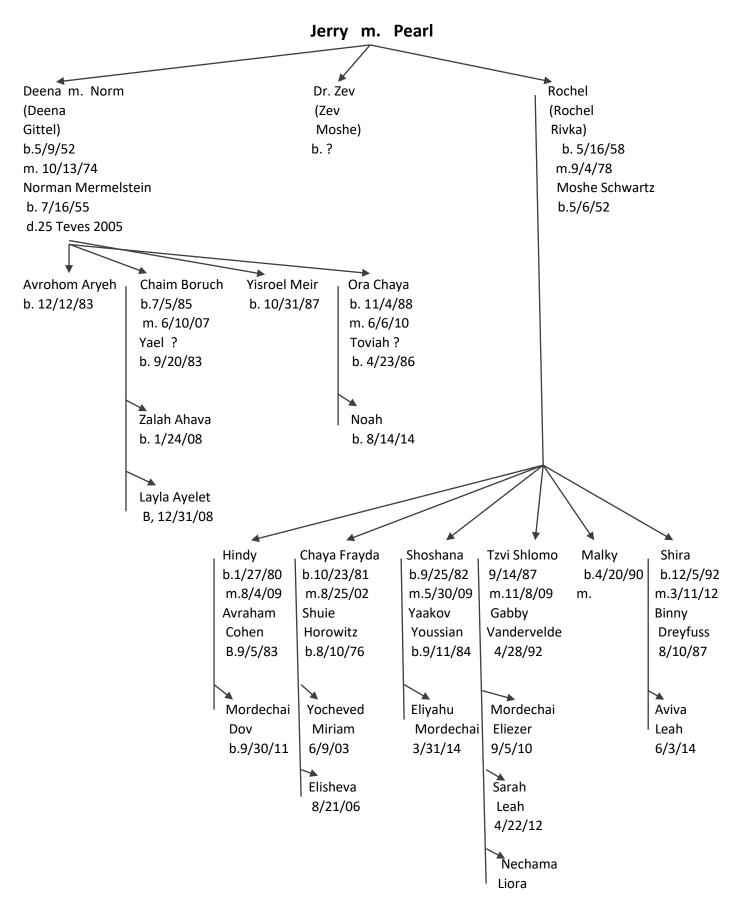












### A little family history

Tzvi Menachem's parents were Yisroel Issar and Esther Leah (the original family name was Kozcych, pronounced Kujik). His wife worked, he sat and learned. He was Niftar in January, 1944. At that time, all the 'boys' were off at war. Only Big Ab was married at that time. As the story goes, Tzvi Menachem was 76 years old. One morning, after Shacharis, he went in Rivka Rachel, she was sick that day, and said goodbye. He also said goodbye to his daughter in law, Chaya Ita, washed his hands, said Shema and closed his eyes in death.

His wife, Rivka Rochel, born in 1862 nee Chopnick, lived until 1957 (12 Av 5717), to the age of 95. Her parents were Eliezer and Chana Baila. Eliezer passed away when she was only two or three years old. Her mother remarried a man named Moshe who, as it turned out was Tzvi Menachem's grandfather so her husband was her stepfather's grandson. Toward the end she was put in the King's County Home for the Aged. She remained totally sharp right up to the end. Although blind by that time, she was able to recognize visitors from their footsteps or by touch. At one point she actually died and the doctor revived her. She told off the doctor for doing so, however, when she was fading the second time she clearly did not want to die.

Another interesting story concerning her is in regard to some of the names in the family. When she was a young woman, Tzvi Menachem was taken into the Russian army. She had a dream in which Tzvi Menachem's great-grandfather appeared to her in a dream. In this dream he informed her that Tzvi Menachem would come home safely from the army and that she was pregnant with a boy. He asked that this boy be named Chaim after him. This was in fact done. In doing so, two other names were skipped over; Avrohom and Moshe. To make up those two names Chaim named one of his sons after one of the skipped generations, Julius was names Yechiel Moshe, and he in turn named one of his sons after the last one, Avrohom.

One of their children was a son, Chaim. He was born in the year1892 (?) in Stopnica, Poland. Stopnica, Jewish population 3,134 in 1897, 71% of the shtetl, was 82km northeast of Cracow. His father was a Neishtutter Chasid. The Rebbe was a Talmid of the Lubliner Rav.

As a young child, his parents were unable to care for him due to unrelenting poverty. So he was sent to live with his grandparents, Yisroel Issar and Esther Leah, across the river in Neistadt where they ran a grocery store. One of the stories he told regarded his attendance in Cheder. Breakfast consisted of a cup of unsweetened tea. Lunch, in Cheder was a cup of unsweetened tea for a kopek. For two kopeks the Rebbitzen would add some milk, but, as he said, "Who had two kopeks?" This had to suffice from 7AM until 7Pm. When he got home, supper was bread and soup. Essentially, the soup was hot water with perhaps a few bits of parsnip or turnip floating in it. The soup was there to soak the hard, black, Russian bread to make it soft enough to chew. One also needed to watch out for bits of gravel on which you could break a tooth. There were no dentists. This was the normal daily diet of his youth. Shabbos was only a little better.

Chaim came to the US in 19\_\_ as a young teenager. His older sister, Stella and brother Morris were already here. (There was also a younger sister, Gittel, who died young.) He learned a trade as a tailor and went to night school to learn English. When he began dating he was quite serious about a young lady named Rosie. Once, when going to the place she lived, he found out she was not Shomeres Shabbos and immediately broke off the relationship. Soon after he met Chaya Ita whom he married in 19\_\_. He was one of those few Yidden that you hear the stories concerning his finding employment on Monday and informing the boss on Friday that he wouldn't be in on Shabbos thus getting fired weekly and looking for a new job the following Monday. This went on through the Depression even after the children were born and the financial pressures mounted. This was also one of the few families in which all the children remained Frum.

Shabbos remained paramount throughout his life. At one point he went north to see about job opportunities. He got as far as Buffalo and turned back when he saw the poor state of Yiddishkeit. After the war he was deeply involved in Hatzolo efforts, eventually, through his Society, able to help literally hundreds of people get out of Europe into the US and Israel. (Somewhere, there are several loose-leaf notebooks filled with correspondence and photos from many of those people.) Later on they made a number of trips to Israel, staying in the homes of some of those people. One of them had settled in Toronto and had started a construction business. He offered Chaim a partnership. Chaim went to Toronto

only to find that the company worked on Shabbos although the man assured Chaim he wouldn't have to, Chaim turned down the offer. The other man became a multi-millionaire. Chaim always made time to learn and attend Shiurim. He was, in fact, a very knowledgeable man. His Yahrzeit is on 4 Av. He passed away in 5740.

His wife, Chaya Ita nee Schwager, was born in Polaniez (pronounced Planch), Poland to Shlomo and Chana Golda (nee Rosensweig). Shlomo was a Chasid of the Polianiezer Rebbe. Polaniez was 101 km northeast of Krakow. She emigrated to the US as a young girl in 19\_\_\_. Evidently she boarded with some relatives. Somehow she also managed to remain Shomeres Shabbos in difficult circumstances. She had a younger brother, Izzy, as well as several younger sisters. Only Izzy came to the US. After she married, for the Bris of her first born Julius, her father came to the US. Apparently, while here he checked out the feasibility of remaining and sending for the rest of his family. He decided that America was not Frum enough and returned to Europe

After Julius, Sylvia A"H was born followed by Sidney A"H, then Irving and the youngest, Jerry.

Yetta, as Zaydi always called her, was a lifelong member of Mizrachi. On the day Mesivta Chaim Berlin opened its doors she was there to serve hot lunch to the boys. She remained active in both these organizations all her life. She was constantly collecting Tzedaka for various things. When she had a doctor or dentist appointment she usually walked out having collected more for Tzedaka than she had paid for her visit.

The story of their deaths in 1981 is in itself a moving love story. They had gone to a hotel in Far Rockaway for a vacation. The moment they arrived, before checking in, Zaydi went to find a Chevrusa with whom he could learn while there. He found out there was a Sofer also in the hotel and made arrangements to have his Tefillin checked. Shortly after arriving at the hotel he had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital where he was Niftar on Thursday. Grandma made all the arrangements for the Friday Levayo but she had a heart attack on Thursday night. During their lifetimes, it was noted that whatever was ailing Zaydi, Grandma would also complain of, almost as though there was sympathetic pain. She was in the hospital for Zaydi's funeral on Friday morning. Amongst those who wished to be Maspid Zaydi were Shlomo and Tzvi. Tzvi, although younger, asked if he could speak before Shlomo. During his Hespid, he become emotionally overwrought and dizzy. He called Shlomo up to brace him so he could continue. After he spoke Shlomo lost his opportunity to speak while caring for Tzvi. After the funeral, Shlomo expressed a desire to make arrangements to spend Shabbos in the hospital with Grandma. Instead he was asked by Big Ab to stay with Tzvi and was assured that someone else would spend Shabbos with Grandma so she would not be alone. In the event, nobody stayed with her Friday night or Shabbos morning. Several people walked over Shabbos afternoon. As it happened, Josh was actually in the room with her when she passed away. She had told the doctor that he need not treat her. Her children were all well and no longer needed her whereas her Chaim did. In effect, she had willed herself to die. Life no longer had meaning for her without her life partner. Shlomo felt bad that she had been in the hospital with no one there with her. He decided not to leave her

alone in death and stayed up all Motzei Shabbos in the funeral home as Shomer, saying the entire Sefer Tehillim. The following morning, at the Levayo, rather than risk losing this second opportunity, Shlomo asked to speak first.

When we got to the cemetery, the earth over Zaydi's grave having just been filled not 48 hours before, collapsed into Grandma's Kever. It was almost as if Zaydi was saying to her, "What's your rush? There was no need to hurry." Pesach and Shlomo immediately stripped off their jackets and, in the August heat, redug the grave to bury our beloved grandmother.



Tzvi Menachem Kudzyck



Rivka Rochel Kudzyck







Rivka Rochel at Shlomo's first birthday . (Note the horsehair shaitl)







Shlomo Schwager Chana Golda Schwager

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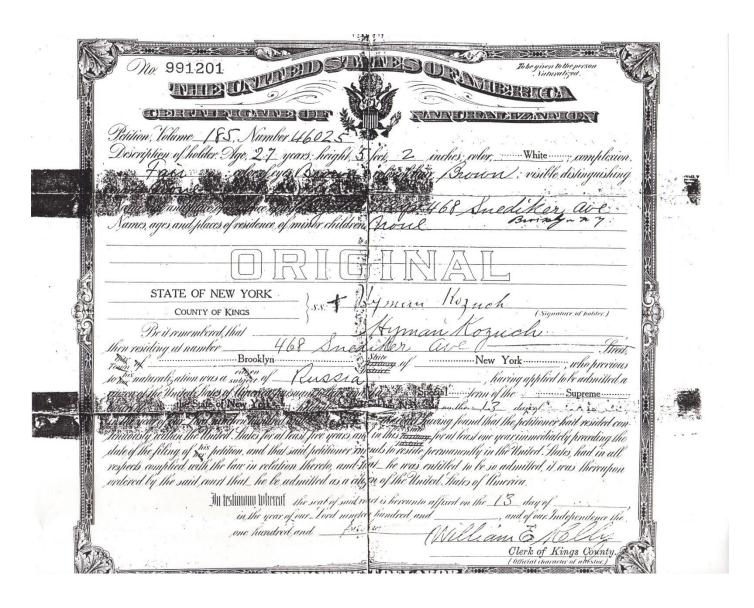
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Steven P. Schwartz, Ph.D., City Registrar



## 5679/1918

Harav Avraham Chaim Horowitz, zt"l, the Plantcher Ray

Harav Avraham Chaim Horowitz was born in 5610/1850 to Harav Moshe of Rozvadov, who was the son of Harav Eliezer of Dzhikov, son of Harav Naftali Tzvi of Ropshitz. His mother was the daughter of Harav Yekusiel Yehudah Teitelbaum, the Yetev Lev of Sighet.

Reb Avraham Chaim learned with his brother-in-law, Harav Shalom David Ungar. He was once tested by the Divrei Chaim of Sanz, who advised him to learn a lot of *Shach* as "it sharpens out the mind."

He married the daughter of Rav Betzalel Weinberger of Gorlitz.

He became Rav in Plantch; following his father's *petirah*, he was named Rebbe there. Many thousands flocked to his court.



When Congress Poland expelled all foreigners, Reb Avraham Chaim had to move away, and he resettled in Radomishla. In 5671/1911, he moved to Reisha. During World War I he fled to Budapest, return-

ing after the war to Reisha.

Reb Avraham Chaim was renowned for his *hasmadah*. He *davened* with a fiery *bren*, which gave everyone around him a spiritual lift.

He had a sweet voice, and at his *tischen* would sing *niggunim* that he composed.

Reb Avraham Chaim was *niftar* on 29 Tishrei 5679/1918 in Reisha at the age of sixty-eight.

His sons were Harav Shlomo, Rav in Pakshivnitz (he was *niftar* young); Harav Elazar, *Hy"d*, of Grodzhisk, martyred in 5703/1943; and Harav Dovid, *Hy"d*, Rav in Pshetzlav and later Rav in Reisha, martyred in 5702/1942.

His sons-in-law were Harav Elimelech Rubin, *Hy"d*, Rav in Zaslow; Harav Yoel Teitelbaum, the Divrei Yoel, *zt"l*, and Harav Efraim Horowitz, *zt"l*, the son of Harav Hershel of Rozvadov.

Zechuso yagen aleinu.

## 5654/1894

Harav Moshe of Rozvadov, zt"l, son of Harav Eliezer of Dzikov

Born about 5585/1825, Harav Moshe Horowitz was the son of Rav Eliezer of Dzikov (the son of Harav Naftali Tzvi of Ropshitz). Reb Moshe married the daughter of Harav Yekusiel Yehudah Teitelbaum of Sighet.

A fervent chassid of Rav Chaim of Sanz, the Divrei Chaim, Reb Moshe often traveled to his court.

After the *petirah* of his father on 3 Cheshvan 5621/1860, Reb Moshe was appointed Rebbe in Rozvadov. His court attracted many chassidim who appreciated his greatness in Torah and his *davening*.

After a fire burned down most of the city, Reb Moshe moved to Barnow for a short while. He was *niftar* on 10 Sivan 5654/1894 and succeeded by his son Rav Tzvi Hirsh, who was

appointed Rebbe in Rozvadov. His other sons were Rav Avraham Chaim of Plantsch and Rav Yitzchak of Stutchin, while his sons-in-law were Rav Tzvi Elimelech of Bluzhev; Harav Shalom Unger of Zhavneh; Harav Aryeh Leibish Halberstam of Gribov; Harav Elimelech Aharon Shneur Zalman Twersky of Krasne; and Harav Yitzchak Horowitz of Barnow.

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Chaya Ita Schwager



Zaydi & Grandma Cohen with Julius & Sylvia



Chaim Cohen with his nephew Eddie

















