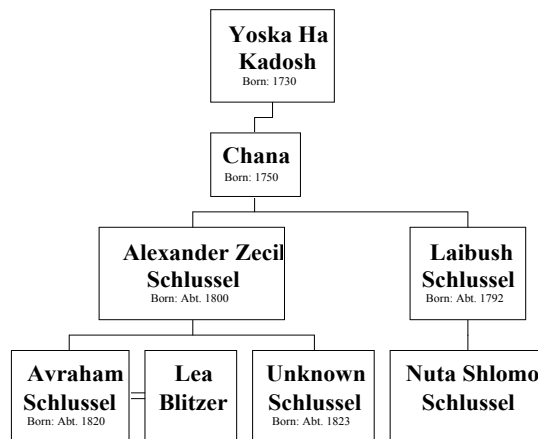


Executive Summary

With more than 1400 names, Ten Generations is the largest tree, and therefore has the longest commentary. (Only two other branches have more than one paragraph.)

Descendants of Yoska Ha Kadosh



Most of those listed on Ten Generations branch are descendants of Abraham, who had 4 sons, and 2 (or possibly 3) daughters.

David, the Dayan of Munkacz, descended from Nuta Shlomo.

"Unknown" Schlusel had at least one son, Yehuda, and Yehuda had 8 children (four each by two wives). We only know about the line of his son David with certainty. It is likely that at least some of the branches which are not yet linked to larger configurations are from his line.

For "All Schlusels to be Linked" either Chana had additional children, or Alexander Zecil and/or Laibush did, because at least two of the other "mega-branches" (Israel Benzion and Israel Mendel) are of the same generation as Avraham, Unknown, and Nuta Shlomo.

Ten Generations - The Personal Side

When I was a young boy in Brooklyn there were periodic meetings of a "club" called the Schlusel Family Circle. The prime movers were wonderful women, only one of whom was named Schlusel. At one point, I wanted to understand why they were the leaders of the Schlusel club, and how they were related to me. I interviewed the "elders of the clan" and prepared a family tree. I learned that the women – Lily Raab, Helen Todd, Minnie Fladell, and Sadie Schlusel were sisters, daughters of Shomo Schlusel who was the brother of my great-

grandmother Toba. My mission accomplished, I put the tree away and hardly looked at it for 30 years.

In March 2002 an email written by Marsha Levine and her sister Esther Sanz, stimulated the "All Schlissels are Linked" project.

During the course of the project I received the results of one family tree research down by Ms. Tracy Makow, and another by Hensha Hazan, whereby I learned:

- a. that the information provided by the "elders of my clan" was very accurate
- b. that almost all the "Schlüssel Family Circle" members were descendants of Abraham's son Laibush.

To my good fortune, Tracy's research concentrated on Laibush's brother Shimon, (whose son Menachem Mendel was the head of Dzikov's Jewish community at the time of the Holocaust) and Henscha's on another brother Yisroel Matus.

Ten Generations – The "Hungarian" Branch

David Schlüssel (1864 – 1940) was the Dayan (Chief Judge) of the Bet Din (religious court) in Munkacz (Hungary). In the introduction of some of the religious tractates he wrote he traced his lineage back to Yoska the Holy One, his daughter Chana, and her son Laibush.

Ten Generations- The Tarnobrzeg/Dzikov Memorial Book

Tarnobrzeg/Dzikov is where the Schlüssel family originated. There is very little doubt about that. The Germans captured Tarnobrzeg in September 1939 and deported its Jewish community. In 1942 the Jews of Tarnobrzeg were murdered by the Nazis. Some, who were in forced labor in the forests of Siberia, survived.

In 1973 a Tarnobrzeg Memorial (Yizkor) Book was published in Israel, the combined efforts of survivors and landsmen who had come to Palestine before the war..

One of the chapters of the Yizkor book describes how the Hassidic Horowitz dynasty, which was to shape much of the life of Dzikov for 5 generations, was recruited in +/- 1835. Among the central figures in the episode was the first head of its Jewish community, Alexander Zecil Schlüssel. The Yizkor book noted that the last head of the Jewish community of Dzikov, Menachem Mendel Schlüssel, was the great-grandson of Alexander Zecil. Only recently did I learn (from Wunder's Encyclopedia of Galician Sages) that Yoska the Holy One's grandson Alexander Zecil, and the Alexander Zecil who was the first head of the community, were one in the same (and were not 2 different individuals separated by one or two generations, which I thought might be the case.)