

## 112•21 Amélie Lévy & Ancestors

The first chart goes back to the grandparents of Amélie Lévy. This is followed by four charts which show the ancestors of the grandparents.

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<b>Gelchen Joseph</b> * – b. 1795 112•211•1	<b>Seligmann Simon</b> ca. 1727 – 1804 112•211•2	<b>Esther Jacob</b> ca. 1730 – 1807 112•212•1	<b>Nathan Lévy</b> * – b. 1795 112•212•2
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**Rifka Seligmann**  
ca. 1777\* – 1804  
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**Gottschau Lévy**  
ca. 1764 – 1849  
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**Amélie Lévy — 1834 — Jacques Weil**  
1802 – 1887                      1806 – 1888  
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**Nathan Weil**  
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**Lazare Weill**  
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**Coralie Weill★**  
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### Amélie Lévy

Amélie Lévy was a great-grandmother of Coralie Weill (11).

**Amélie Lévy**, *Malka Lévy* (112 • 21) 1802.03.06 [15 ventôse X], Diemeringen -- 1887.03.29 Marmoutier [AN, 1808, AM, AD, S].

The AN provides us with information about her parents and maternal grandfather:

Malcke [Malka] Lévy, born on the 15th of *ventôse* in the tenth year of the French Republic.

Parents: Goetsch Lévy and Rivke [Rivkah] Lévy born Seligmann.

Witness: Seligmann Simon, aged 74, the grandfather of the child.

On the 1808 change of name ([Katz-1808-Diemeringen, no. 52]) her personal name is given as “Amalia”, but on the 1837 birth certificate of her daughter Rosalie, her name is gallicized to “Amélie”.

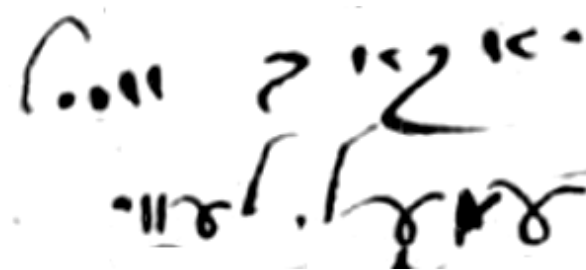
**Jacques Weil** *Jacob Süsskind* (112 • 22) 1806.04.03, Marmoutier -- 1888.11.12, Marmoutier [AN, 1808, AM, AD, S].

On the 1808 change of name ([Katz-1808-Marmoutier, no. 336]) his former name is listed simply as “Jacques”, but since the former name of his father, Alexandre Weil [no. 333], was Süsskind Hirtzel, he would have been called Jacob Süsskind. Note that “Weil” was written with only one letter l.

For his ancestors see the sections on Madeleine Bloch and Alexandre Weil

marriage: 1834.05.26, Diemeringen.

Note that both the groom **וייל יאקאב** and bride **לעווי עמעל** [?] signed in Hebrew. Amélie's father Gottschau Lévy (see below) was able to sign in French.



1834.05.26, AM: Signatures of Amélie Lévy and Jacques Weil

Children:

1. **Alexandre Weil** 1835.04.10, Marmoutier -- \* [Katz-W+W].
2. **Rosalie Weil** 1837.05.28, Marmoutier -- 1921.07.29 [Katz-W+W].  
married Aron Heimann of Marmoutier, 1862.12.17.
3. **Caroline Weil** 1839.05.27, Marmoutier -- \* [Katz-W+W].

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4. **Nathan Weil** (112 • 2): 16.02.1843 Marmoutier -- 06.02.1917 Marmoutier [AN, AM].

married: **Pauline Mandel** (112 • 1), 1872.06.21.

For further information on this couple see the section on Coralie Weill

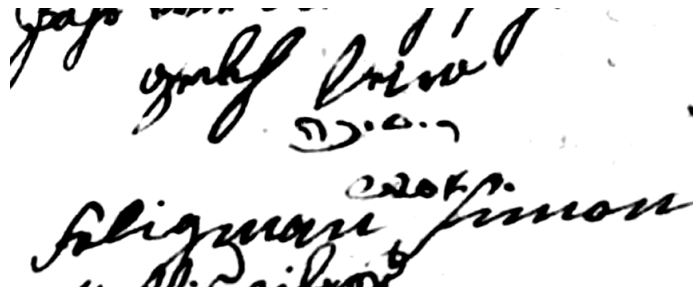
5. **Lazare Weil**, 26.01.1847, Marmoutier -- 10.12.1947(!), \* [Katz-W+W].

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### The Parents of Amélie Lévy

These people were two times great-grandparents of Coralie Weill (11).

We saw above on the AN of Amélie Lévy that her parents were Goetsch Lévy and Rifka Seligmann. We are fortunate to have these very early signatures. The first signature is that of Goetsch Lévy, followed by that of Rifka Seligmann, [רִיפָּקָה סֵלִיגְמָן]. The signature on the bottom is that of Seligmann Simon, Rifka Seligmann's father. Right above this might be the signature of Esther Jacob, Goetsch Lévy's mother who was present at the ceremony; I believe that the Hebrew letters to the left of the "S" in Simon are, אֵסְתֵּר יַעֲקֹב.

The image shows three handwritten signatures in black ink on a light background. The top signature is 'Goetsch Lévy' in a cursive script. Below it is a signature that appears to be 'Rifka Seligmann' with Hebrew characters 'רִיפָּקָה סֵלִיגְמָן' written to its left. The bottom signature is 'Seligmann Simon' in a cursive script, with Hebrew characters 'אֵסְתֵּר יַעֲקֹב' written to its left.

1795.08.10, AM: Signatures:

**Goetsch Lévy, Rifka Seligmann, [Esther Jacob??], Seligmann Simon**

**Rifka Seligmann** (tt 112 • 211) ca. 1777, Diemeringen -- 1804.10.17 [25 vendémiaire XIII], Diemeringen [AM, AD, S].

**Gottschau Lévy, Götsch Lévy** (112 • 212) ca. 1764, Saverne -- 1849.04.25, Diemeringen [AM, 1808, AD, S].

marriage; first marriage of Gottschau Lévy 1795.08.10 [23 fructidor III], Diemeringen [AM].

Since Rifka Seligmann died in 1804 she does not appear in [1808-Diemeringen] and it is rather his second wife (below) who appears. Gottschau Lévy is no. 49. The first three children in the list are the children of Rifka Seligmann.

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Note that Rifka Seligmann was only eighteen years old when she married. This was very young, compared to the ages on the other AM that I have seen.

children; first marriage of Gottschau Lévy:

1. **Guiguite Lévy** 1796.06.29, Diemeringen -- \* [AN, 1808-person 51].  
On her AN she is called Gelge Lévy. She was probably named after her maternal grandmother, Gelchen Joseph (below).
2. [**Claire?**] **Lévy** 1797.11.14 [24 brumaire VI], Diemeringen -- b. 1808 [AN]  
She is not listed in [1808].
3. **Daniel Lévy** 1800.11.05 [14 brumaire IX], Diemeringen -- b. 1808.  
He is not listed in [1808].
4. **Amélie Lévy** (112 • 21); [1808-Diemeringen, person 52]. See above.
5. **Nathan Lévy** 1804.01.04, Diemeringen -- \*.  
According to [1808-Diemeringen, person 53] his previous name was also **Nathan Lévy**.

Rifka Seligmann died on 1804.10.17, at the age of twenty-seven and only eight months after her father Seligmann Simon. Six months later Gottschau Lévy, with at least three young children to raise, married again, to someone eighteen years his junior.

second marriage of Gottschau Lévy: 1805.04.16 [25 pluviôse XIII], Diemeringen. [Katz-W+W].

**Marianne Lévy** 1783.04.16 Dieuze -- \* [Katz-W+W].

I did not find the AM on the date indicated by Katz, nor did I find an indication of this AM in the TD for XIII.

children; second marriage of Gottschau Lévy:

1. **Solomon Lévy** 1806.07.11, Diemeringen -- \*.  
According to [1808-Diemeringen, person 54] his previous name was also Solomon Lévy.
2. **Nephtali Lévy** 1807.07.27, Diemeringen -- \*.  
According to [1808-Diemeringen, person 55] his previous name was Herz Lévy.

I did not search for children born to this couple after 1808.

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### The Grandparents of Amélie Lévy

These people were three times great-grandparents of Coralie Weill (11).

### The Parents of Rifka Seligmann, mother of Amélie Lévy

That Seligman Simon was the father of Rifka Seligmann is stated on the latter's 1795 AM and 1804 AD. Seligman Simon died in 1804, eight months before his daughter

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Rifka Seligmann, and his age is given as seventy-seven. On the AM of Rifka Seligmann, it is sixty-eight. Both of these place his AN at ca. 1727.

The real question then is: what was the name of her mother?

Rifka Seligmann was born ca. 1777 when her father was approximately fifty years old, but her sister Brendel Seligmann (see below) was born approximately nineteen years earlier ca. 1758 when her father was approximately thirty-one years old. This makes it plausible that they had two different mothers, but unfortunately [1784-Diemeringen] is missing.

In order to clarify the situation, I start with the 1804 AD of Seligman Simon which contains information, not only about his second wife, but also about his parents:

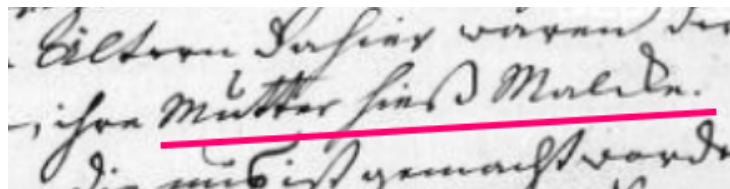
AD for Seligman Simon, citizen and merchant who passed away on the sixteenth of this month of pluviôse [of the year XIII; 1804.02.06], aged seventy-seven.

He was a widower and his wife's name was Malka Moses from Herpersdorf [in Bavaria, Germany; south of Nuremburg, quite a distance from Diemeringen!].

His father's name was Simon Moses and his mother's name was Vogel Mär. [Signed by Simon Moses and Götsch Lévy].

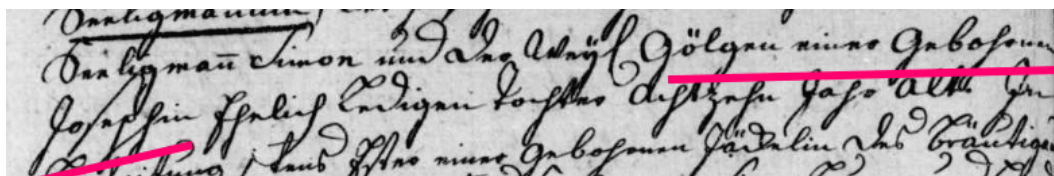
N.B. Neither the town of Herpersdorf, nor the name Mär appears in [Fraen-index].

This same person, but without the family name Moses, appears as the mother of Rifka Seligmann on her AD dated 1804.10.17:



**1804, AD: Mother's name is Malcke [?]**

However if we look at the 1795 AM of Rifka Seligmann the mother's name is given as Gölgen Joseph:



**1795, AM: Mother's name is Gölgen Joseph**

On the 1826 AD<sup>DVD</sup> of Rifka's sister, Brendel Seligmann, the name of the mother is

Gelchen Joseph. Gelchen is probably the correct version since in [Fraen-index, part 2, p. 43] we find Gelchen twice; Gelche and Gelché four times, as well as Gela and Gele. Child 1 of her daughter Rifka Seligmann (above) was called Gelge, probably after her. The family name is Joseph in both documents.

Gelchen Joseph is not mentioned as being present at the wedding, although the mother of the groom (presumably a widow) was mentioned and may -- see above -- have signed the AM. This suggests that Gelchen Joseph was deceased in 1795.

How can it be that even though the AM and AD are only separated by nine years and with Rifka Seligmann's husband Goetsch Lévy being still alive at the time of the AD, that we have two different names for her mother? My opinion is that the name on the AM has greater credibility, because Seligmann Simon was alive at that time and signed the AM. The AD is very short and was not signed by Goetsch Lévy. It was signed by two cousins of Rifka Seligmann; Simon Joshua ([1808-Diemeringen, no. 3]) the son of Seligmann Simon's brother Joshua Simon ([no. 1]) and Samuel David ([no. 28]) the son of Rifka Seligmann's sister Brendel Seligmann. Both of these cousins were aged twenty-three when they signed the AD and might have only known Malka Moses. The one thing that could argue against Gölgen Joseph being the mother of Rifka Seligmann is the nineteen year age difference between her and her sister Brendel Seligmann, but this is not an impossible difference in age.

**Gelchen Joseph** (112 • 211 • 1) \* -- b. 1795 [AM-Rifka Seligmann].

**Seligmann Simon** (112 • 211 • 2) ca. 1727, \* -- 1804.02.06 [16 pluviôse XIII], Diemeringen [AD].

children:

1. **Rifka Seligmann**(112 • 211); see above.
2. **Brendel Seligmann** ca. 1758, \* -- 1826.11.26, Diemeringen [AD].  
She is person 24 in [Katz-1808]. Her husband was David Falk and at that point in time she had four children, two of whom were adults. There is no sign of her AM in [Fraen-index].

second marriage of Seligmann Simon: Malka Moses [AD Seligmann Simon].

Malka Moses was not alive in 1804 as we learned from Seligmann Simon's AD.

An AM from 1791 ([Fraen-marm, 118g]) speaks of a Seligmann Simon from Diemeringen as being the *tuteur* of the bride, who was also from Diemeringen. I note in passing, because Simon's granddaughter Amélie Lévy married Jacques Weil of Marmoutier, that the groom was from Marmoutier. This suggests a link between the families.

### The Parents of Gottschau Lévy, Father of Amélie Lévy

From the 1795 AM of their son Gottschau Lévy, we learn that his parents were Nathan Lévy and Esther Jacob and this in turn allows us to find their AM:

[Fraen-mar, 218f]

1760.03.20, Saverne

**Nathan Lévy**, fils de **Naftaly «Hertzel»**, fils de **Elyakoum-Moché**, et **Clara Joseph**, Saverne.

**Esther**, fille de feu **Jacob**, veuve de Barach Lévy de Schalbach.

**Esther Jacob** (112 • 212 • 1) ca. 1730, Schalbach -- 1807.02.15, Saverne [AM, AD].

On her 1807 AD, her age is given as seventy-seven and her place of birth is given as Schalbach. On the AM of her son Gottschau Lévy her age is given as fifty which would put her AN as ca. 1745, an impossible date in view of the AM.

Schalbach is about 20 km northwest of Saverne in Lorraine.

**Nathan Lévy** (112 • 212 • 2) \* -- b. 1795.

Nathan Lévy is not mentioned as being present at the 1795 AM, whereas Esther Jacob was present. This suggests that he was not alive. He is not listed in the 1792-X TD-AD for Saverne.

marriage: 1760.03.20, Saverne [AM].

From the 1784 census in Saverne, we learn the names of the siblings of Gottschau Lévy:

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1784, Saverne: family 5

children:

1. **Gottschau Lévy** (112 • 212); see above.
2. **Hirtz Lévy** [1784].
3. **Abraham Lévy** [1784].  
He is probably person 60 in [Katz-1808, Saverne].
4. **Schönel Lévy** [1784].



5. **Claire Lévy** [1784].

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### The Great-Grandparents of Amélie Lévy

These people were four times great-grandparents of Coralie Weill (11).

#### The Father of Gelchen Joseph, Mother of Rifka Seligmann

From the name “Gelchen Joseph” we learn the name of her father.

**Joseph** (112 • 211 • 12) \* [AM-Rifka Seligmann].

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#### The Parents of Seligman Simon, Father of Rifka Seligmann

The parents of Seligman Simon were named on his 1804 AD given above:

**Vogel Mär** (112 • 211 • 21) early 1700s [AD Seligman Simon, Marx Simon].

**Simon Moyse** (112 • 211 • 22) early 1700s [AD Seligman Simon, Marx Simon].  
children:

1. **Seligman Simon** (112 • 211 • 2); see above.
2. **Marx Simon** ca. 1730, 1804.02.05 [15 pluviôse XII], Diemeringen [AD].
3. **Joseph (Joshua) Simon** \* -- a. 1808.

He is entry no. 1 in [1808-Diemeringen]. That he was the brother of Seligman Simon is indicated by his son Simon Joshua who is stated to be the cousin of Rifka Seligman when he acted as a witness on her 1804 AD.

[Fraen-index, vol.3] shows twenty-one people, besides Seligmann Simon, whose family name was Simon, but I was unable to make any connection.

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#### The Father of Esther Jacob, Mother of Gottschau Lévy

On the above 1760 AM ([Fraen-mar, 218f]) of the parents of Gottschau Lévy we learned that Esther was the daughter of Jacob, who was deceased at the time of the AM.

**Jacob** (112 • 212 • 12) \* -- b. 1760.

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#### The Parents of Nathan Lévy, Father of Gottschau Lévy

On the above AM ([Fraen-mar, 218f]) of the parents of Gottschau Lévy ([Fraen-mar, 218f]) we learned that the parents of Nathan Lévy were Clara Joseph and Naftaly «Hertzel».

**Clara Joseph** (112•212•21) \*, lived in Saverne. .

**Naftaly «Hertzel» Elyakoum-Moché** (112•212•22) \*, lived in Saverne.

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### **The Great-Great-Grandparents of Amélie Lévy**

These people were five times great-grandparents of Coralie Weill (11).

### **Two Great-Grandfathers of Gottschau Lévy**

On the above AM of the parents of Gottschau Lévy ([Fraen-mar,218f]) we learned that the parents of Nathan Lévy were Clara Joseph and Naftaly «Hertzel», fils de Elyakoum-Moché:

**Joseph** (112•212•212) \*.

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**Elyakoum-Moché** (112•212•222) \*.

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