

## The first Generations of the Zivi Family Günter Boll<sup>1</sup>

In the year 1725 six Jewish families were living in a small spot called Müllheim, in the region belonging to the Margrave of Baden-Durlach. Paul Zivi was the richest of those six, with a fortune of 2300 Florins.

| <u>Head of family</u>  | <u>Assets (Florins)</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Paul Zivi           | 2300 fl.                |
| 2) Jacob Bloch, junior | 1800 fl.                |
| 3) Israel Meyer        | 1175 fl.                |
| 4) Jacob Schwab        | 450 fl.                 |
| 5) Salomon Geismar     | 400 fl.                 |
| 6) Jacob Bloch, senior | 100 fl                  |

Jews were not allowed to live in any other village of the area except in Müllheim.

### Some information on the Zivis

- ◆ For the first time the name of Paul Zivi (Züffin) was mentioned in court records on 14 January 1727.
- ◆ In August 1727 Paul Zivi bought a house in the main street (Dorfstrasse, today Hauptstrasse) from his fellow-believer Jacob Schwab.
- ◆ Jacob Schwab bought this house in 1720 from Jacob Hueber (non-Jew) for 800 Fl.
- ◆ Meyer Zivi (brother of Paul) settled down in Müllheim in 1728. He died on the 26 March 1731 and was buried the same day in the Jewish cemetery of Sulzburg. His Jewish name was Meir bar Aharon Moshe.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Paul Zivi (Refael bar Aharon Moshe) died on the 12 June 1762 and found his last rest in Sulzburg.
- ◆ In the last will of Paul Zivi, written in 1761, there is a list of his married children. [His son Joseph Zivi (Jischai bar Refael) inherited the buildings, the synagogue and the courtyard in Obermüllheim].

List of Paul Zivis children:

- a) Daughter Mariam Zivi, married to the "Schutzjude" (protected Jew) Mencke Bloch, living in Müllheim.
- b) Daughter Daichel, married to Simon Guggenheim from Randeck (Randegg) (near Schaffhausen in Switzerland)
- c) Son Mayer Zivi, living in Mutzig
- d) Son Joseph Zivi, living together with his father
- e) Son Isaac Zivi, living in Rexingen
- f) Daughter Brendel Zivi married to David Wurmser from Bollweiler
- g) Daughter Katharina Keule Zivi married to Mayer Jacob, "Schutzjude" in Müllheim

The couple Joseph Zivi (d. 1798) and Vögele (Fegel) Meyer (d. 1825) was blessed with nine sons and one daughter. One of their descendants, Gustav Zivi, lived in Müllheim until 1939. He married on 09.12.1896 Karoline Bloch from Ihringen and was the last president of the Jewish congregation in Müllheim. He immigrated in March 1942 to New York, together with the family of his son Hugo Zivi, where he passed away on the 19 July 1943.

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<sup>2</sup> Jews of Müllheim were buried in their own cemetery only from 1851 on.



- 12. Isaac Zivi**, was living in Rexingen (1761)  
 ∞ Jeanne Hersch
- 13. Brendel Zivi**  
 ∞ 1754 David Wormser (David ben Maharam) of Bollweiler, father of Rabbi Moses Wurmser (born ~ 1757, died in Müllheim on 26 May 1826, buried in Sulzburg).
- 14. Katharina Zivi** (Keile bat Refael) born ~1738, died in Müllheim on 24 January 1814 and buried in Sulzburg.<sup>5</sup>  
 ∞ Meyer Jacob (Meir bar Jaakov Moshe), was "Mohel" and head of the Jewish community of Müllheim. He was born in Müllheim ~ 1740, died in Müllheim on 29 July 1825 and buried in Sulzburg. He was the son of Jacob Meyer (Jaakov Moshe bar Israel) of Müllheim, who died in the year 1756.
- 15. Meyer Zivi** the Younger was cattle-dealer and head of the Jewish congregation in Müllheim, born ~ 1764, died in Müllheim January 18, 1814 and found his last rest in Sulzburg.  
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- 16. Henel Zivy** (1785 Henel Raphael), born ~1752, died in Mutzig 20 August 1836  
 ∞ Elisabeth Chambre, died in Mutzig 01.01.1835.
- 17. Raphaël Zivy** (1785 Raphaël Raphaël) was born in Mutzig March 8, 1768  
 ∞ Reine Klein, born in Osthausen, Germany on 15 February 1805.
- 18. Salomon Zivy** (1785 Salomon Raphael), lived in Mutzig from August 20, 1778 to March 31, 1844.  
 ∞ Sara Meyer born in Mutzig, February 3, 1787.
- 19. Moyses Zivy** (1785 Moyses Raphaël), born in Mutzig March 5, 1784 and died May 1856 in Mutzig.  
 ∞ Fanny Levy, born July 9, 1788
- 20. Brendel Zivy** (1785 Brendel Raphael)
- 21 Moses Zivy**, the Older, (Moshe bar Jishai), cattle-dealer in Müllheim, was born on August 14, 1757, died as well in Müllheim on December 5, 1831 and buried in Sulzburg.  
 ∞ 1 Bessel Grumbach (Elisabeth Grumbacher). She was the mother of Heinrich Zivi (1798-1872), his grandson Gustav Zivi (1867-1943) was the last president (Parnas) of the Jewish community of Müllheim.  
 ∞ 2 Hündel Levi, died on May 28, 1823 in Müllheim and was buried in Sulzburg.
- 22. Meyer Zivi** the Older, cattle-dealer and president of the Jewish community of Müllheim, was born ~1758, died in Müllheim December 29, 1839 and buried in Sulzburg.  
 ∞ ~1783 Hanna Blum from Durmenach, she was the daughter of Judel Blum and Madel Meyer.
- 23 Mindel Zivi**  
 ∞ 1782 Jacques Grumbach from Isenheim, son of Jesaias Grumbach
- 24 Paul Zivi** (Refael ben Jischai). He was a well known dealer; first in leather products, then in cattle and later on he was in the real estate business. He was from 1809-1829 the president of the Synagogue and of the Jewish community. At the same time he was also "Mohel" in Biesheim. He was born in Müllheim, but died and was buried on 3 October in Biesheim. He is considered as the progenitor (Stammvater) of the *ZIVY "branch" of Biesheim*  
 ∞ Biesheim November 11 1790 with Hayel Ulmann (Cheile bat Moshe, or Keile Ulmann and later was called Caroline Ulmann), was born in Biesheim ~1771, died on March 6, 1843 in Biesheim and is also buried there. She was the daughter of Moyses Ulmann (Moshe bar Shmuel) and Breinle Bernheim.

<sup>5</sup> Great-Great-grandmother of Alfred Dreyfus (Captain Dreyfus Affair)

- 25 Samuel Zivi** (Shmuel bar Jishai), born in Müllheim on May 13, 1768 and died in Müllheim 03.03.1856. He was buried in Müllheim.  
 ∞ married Scheine Geismar in Müllheim June 12 1810, who born in Dornach (Haut-Rhin) on February 7 1786 as daughter of Seligmann Geismer (1784 Salomon Geissner) and of Hanna Schwab.
- 26 Joseph Zivi** born in Müllheim ~1769, died in Durmenach September 14 1859. He was the progenitor, (Stammvater) of the *ZIVY "branch" of Durmenach*.  
 ∞ Durmenach, August 15 1802, with Marianne Levy. She was born in Niederhagenthal ~1786 as daughter of Marx Levy and Mindele Meyer.
- 27 [Seligmann?] Zivi** born ~1770 (?), lived (1799) with another 5 single brothers together with his widowed mother in Müllheim.
- 28 Jesaias Zivi** (1815 Esajas Zivi) born ~1765 in Müllheim, died in Müllheim February 18, 1849.  
 ∞ Hanna Ulmann of Durmenach, born ~1780 She died in Müllheim September 21 1841 and then buried in Sulzburg.
- 29 Jakob Zivi**, born in Müllheim September 20 1776. He died in Müllheim November 30 1848 and was buried in Sulzburg.  
 ∞ Müllheim, July 23 1812 with Elisabeth Zivi (Libet bat Refael), born in Biesheim August 11 1791. She died in Müllheim November 17 1866 and was buried in Müllheim. She was the daughter of Paul Zivi (24) and Caroline Ulmann.
- 30 Aaron Zivi**, born ~1778, single, died in Müllheim January 25 1833 and buried in Sulzburg.



Petschaft des Paul Zivi  
1761