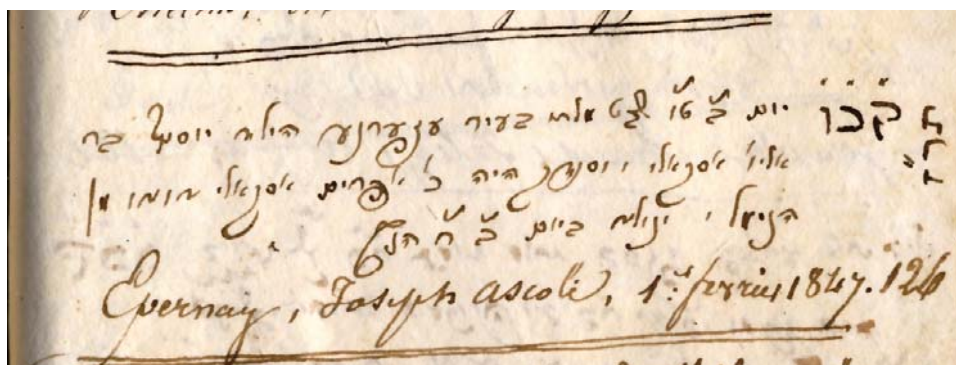


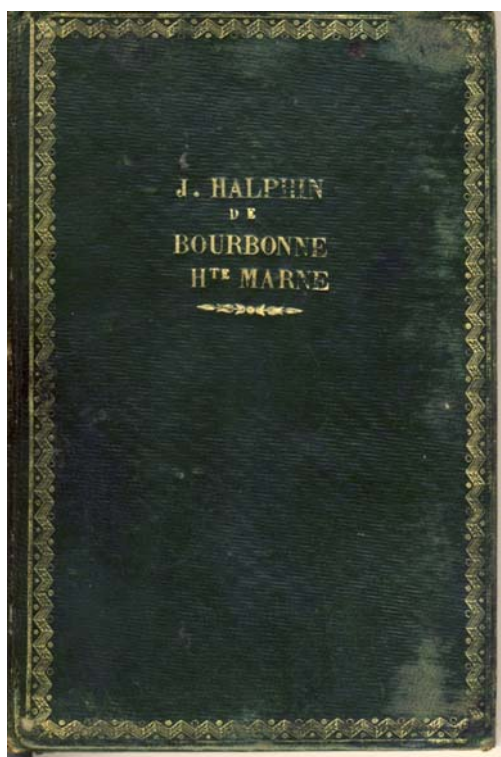
Circumcision of Joseph Ascoli, son of Elie Ascoli



Entry N° 126, folio 14v - Joseph Ascoli, son of Elie Ascoli, circumcised in Epernay Mon
1 Feb 1847 by Jacob Halphin.

The Mohel wrote:

"The 2nd day, 15 Shevat, 5607, in the city of Epernay, I have circumcised the child Joseph, son of Eliyahu Ascoli, and the *Sandaq* was the uncle of the circumcised, the honorable Ephraim Ascoli, and he was born the 8th day of the same month (= Mon 25 Jan 1847)"



The Mohel, Jacob Halphin, was born 28 Nov 1803 in Toul; married Marguerite Lévy in Bourbonne-les-Bains 16 Feb 1825. He operated from 23 Feb 1829 to 27 Apr 1865 and made 605 circumcisions. He has circumcised his own 4 sons, who are registered in his Mohelbook : 1 in Bourbonne-les-Bains (N° 21 Nephtali), 2 in Toul (N° 48 Mayer and N° 95 Eliezer) and 1 in Paris (N° 275 Leopold). There is no information as to where he died and where he is buried.

This Mohelbook has been given to the Library of the Alliance Israelite Universelle on December 2009, by the owner, Mr Denis Marciano, who found it on the top of a trash can in a street of Paris (!) 15 years ago.

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