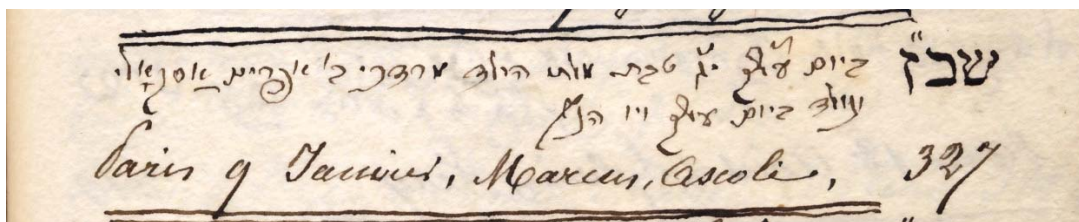


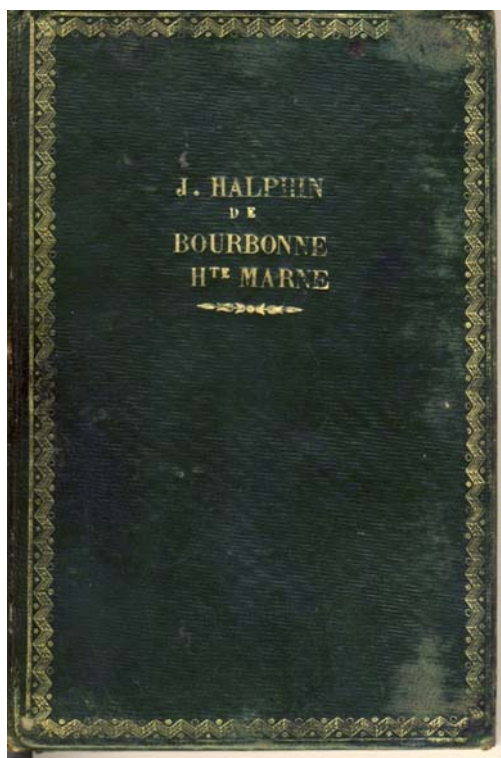
Circumcision of Marcus Ascoli, son of Ephraim Ascoli



Entry N° 327, folio 29v - Marcus Ascoli, son of Ephraim Ascoli, circumcised in Paris
Fri 9 Jan 1857 by Jacob Halphin

The Mohel wrote:

"The eve of the Holy Sabbath, 13 Tevet 5617 (= Fri 9 Jan 1857), I have circumcised the child Mordechai, son of Ephraim Ascoli, and he was born eve of the Holy Sabbath, 6th day of the same month" (as he is born in the night between Thursday and Friday, it is already the following day, according to the Jewish calendar; so, he is not born 2 Jan, but 1st Jan 1857).



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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