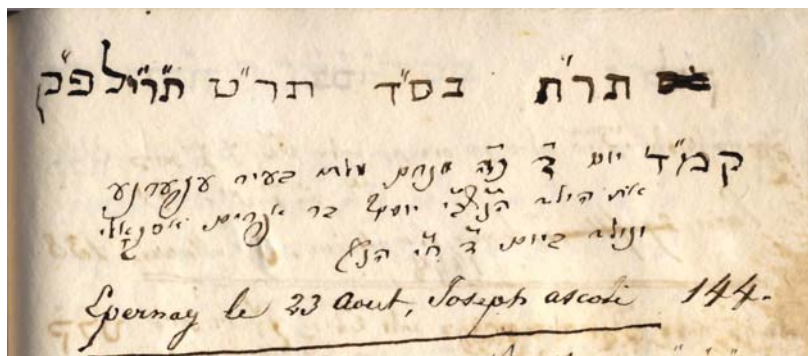


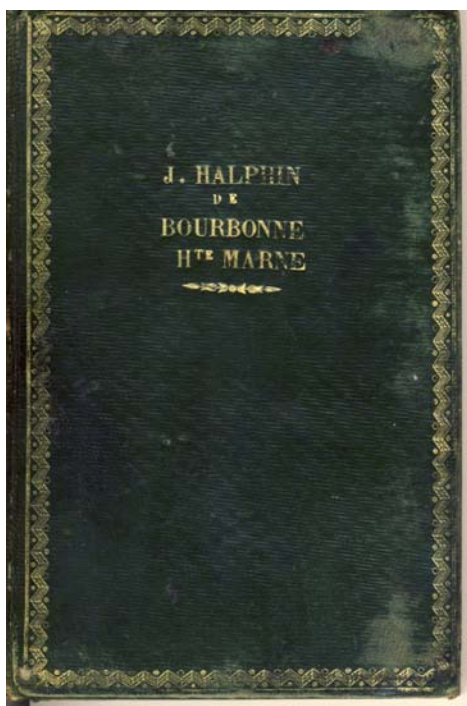
# Circumcision of Joseph Ascoli, son of Ephraim Ascoli



**Entry N° 144, folio 16v - Joseph Ascoli, son of Ephraim Ascoli, circumcised in Epernay  
Wed 23 Aug 1848 by Jacob Halphin**

The Mohel wrote:

"The 5th day<sup>1</sup>, 25 Menachem 5608, in the city of Epernay, I have circumcised the child whose name in Israel is Joseph, son of Ephraim Ascoli, and he was born the 18th day of the same month (= Thu 17 Aug 1848)."



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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<sup>1</sup> The original document states the birth and circumcision both took place on Wednesday, י"ד. However, the dates 18 and 25 of Av in the year 5608 were on Thursday.