

Solotvin - Rabbis

Community: Solotvyn

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Until his death in 1833, the [Moreh Tzedek](#) in Solotvin was Rabbi [Tzvi Hirsh son of Yosef](#) from [Kalush](#) ([his tombstone](#)).

Until his death in 1848 the Rabbi of Solotvin was [R. Pinhas son of Yeshayah](#) ([his tombstone](#)).

In the 1850s, Rabbi [David Berl son of Yaakov Brenner](#) served as a [dayan](#) in Solotvin. In 1873 the rabbi of Solotvin was Rabbi [Haim Ratzer](#) ([Wunder](#), 4:1024).

Until 1875 a [moreh tzedek](#) was Rabbi [Israel son of Barukh](#) ([his tombstone](#)).

In the late nineteenth century the rabbi for several years was Rabbi [Elimelekh son of Efraim Mordechai Porila](#) (d. after 1948) ([Wunder](#), 4:18).

Rabbi [Tzvi Arie son of Israel Yaakov](#) served as the rabbi and the head of the rabbinical court for 32 years, from 1852 until his death in 1884. He was a hasid and his father was a hasid too ([his tombstone](#)).

Rabbi [Nahum Uri son of Rabbi David Yitzhak Gellis](#) (b. 1852) was the rabbi of Solotvin from 1884 until his death ([Ohalei Shem](#), 522; [Pinkas Kehilot](#), 350; Edward Gelles, ["An Ancient Lineage: European Roots of a Jewish Family"](#), Vallentine Mitchell, London, 2006). He was active in the Orthodox politics as well as in the Religious Zionist Mizrahi movement.

Rabbi [Yoel Babad](#) was elected in 1936 as the rabbi of the town and he held the position until the Holocaust ([Pinkas Kehilot](#), 350). The elections of the last rabbi led to a conflict between the [dayan](#) and [moreh tzedek](#) Rabbi [N. Tanensaft](#), who wanted to become the rabbi of Solotvin, and the head of the community [Meir Haller](#). The official institutions were forced to get involved in the conflict ([Pinkas Kehilot](#), 350).

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