Summary of Rashba’s family research

Research was conducted In Kiev archives, Ukraine and Barcelona, Cervera, Spain in 2005, 2006.

Research in Kiev was for Rashba family and covered period from 18 to 20 century.

The family tree is attached. Rashba family includes many branches from different cities and two American branches. The whole family comes down to one person Yakov Rashba who was born in 1720. As we know by two family sources the Rashba family came to Ukraine as a Turkish translators from Ottoman Empire. According to Timur Rashba grandfather Noy Rashba Juda Rashba came to Poland as translator for Turkish Embassy in 1620-s. In 20-th century many Rashba family members from USSR moved to USA, Israel, Germany.

Research in Spain was conducted in 2005 and 2006 in Barcelona and Servera archives and covered period from 13 to 15 century for Adret family. Info includes financial transactions, synagogue records, ketuba, ship records and Rashba bible from London. Adret family had a very strong presence in Spain. Some Adret family members were punished by inquisition, some were converted to Christianity. Adret family traveled  from Cervera  (Spain) to Naples (Italy), then TheSalonique (Greece), then  to Smyrna(now Izmir) or Canakkale (Turkey) during 15-18 centuries.

In the beginning of 20 century some Adret family members moved to USA. One of them Meir ben Adrette was a founder of Sephardic Federation in NYC. Some Adrets moved to Israel after the war.

Now Adret family member live in Izmir and Istanbul, Turkey USA, South Africa and Latin America. We as Rashba family keep contacts with Adret family. Three Adret family members were granted Spanish citizenship in November 2015.

Our research covered period from 13 to 15 in Spain, 18-19 century Turkey for Adret cemetery records, 18 to 20 century Ukraine. We could not cover period from 16 to 18 century Poland because it was very difficult periods of wars and luck of civil records.

We have only one small piece of Timur’s family history that proved connection between Rashba and Adret family. According to Timur grandfather Noy, his father Samuil mentioned that on the last empty pages of the patrimonial books Tora or Talmud (which were lost probably during the revolution or the civil war in Russia in the beginning of XXth century) there was an indication in the genealogy on the connection with Rashba from Barcelona. Also likely this story is attached along with other files.

We feel very confident that we have very good records to prove our connection to Spain.