

a mister Nathan Gompes had to register in year 1812. He chose the name Schelvisch, like so many other jews who sold or cleaned fish. He must have been very poor, because he lived in the poorest neighbourhood. There he lived with eight children and grandchild in one room without a toilet. It is hard to imagine.

The street where Levi Schelvis lived from ± 1900 till 1943 must have seemed a palace. He lived with his wife, two daughters and three sons in three rooms, a kitchen and one tap. One of his sons was your grandfather!

Nathan Gabriel Schelvis married when 18 years old to Anne Lucasse (17 years old). He was a storeman

Gabriel Nathan was a herring or fish monger. The witness for his birth certificate was een fishcleaner etc.

People must have eaten a lot of fish, maybe because it was cheap and healthy