Dear Community of Skala Descendants,
We hope this email finds you well. We wanted to alert you that:

THE SKALA JEWISH CEMETERY WALL IS NOW IN A STATE OF GROSS DISREPAIR-REPAIRING IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT URGENCY AND SIGNIFICANCE FOR ALL OF SKALA JEWISH DESCENDANTS



Preserving the cemetery is also vital so that future generations will remember what transpired there and the fate of so many who perished so tragically.

Amidst this challenge, there is hope. We have an opportunity to come together to restore and preserve the dignity and sanctity of our cemetery with a new wall. We have been fortunate to receive a $15,000 grant from The European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative (ESJF). Still, we must raise an additional $40,000 to safeguard Skala's Jewish Cemetery. The Gesher Galicia graciously has agreed that our contributions may be made via its organization, which means they will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by US law.

Moreover, so that work can begin as soon as possible, Tony Hausner (Shtetl leader) has advanced all funds out of his personal account. Now **WE** need to donate to affirm Tony's faith in the greater Skala community that he will not have to bear the entire cost of the new wall alone. So far, we have raised $9,000 from a few individuals. **It's time for others to step up.**

There are several ways you can donate to do your part:

- We receive 100% of your gift as there are no processing fees charged when you contribute via:
  - Zelle: Darcy.stamler@geshergalicia.org (see https://www.zellepay.com/)
  - Check: Payee: Gesher Galicia, Inc. Write "Skala Research Heritage" in the Memo line (bottom left) and mail to:

Dana Erwin, Treasurer, Skala Research Heritage●166 Carlisle Terrace●Ridgewood, NJ 07450

- To contribute via PayPal or Credit Card (Please check the box to cover the fees):
  - Gesher Galicia, Inc. - Skala Research Heritage
    https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=F7L4VWG7QP96S

Please forward this email to your family and friends, and ask them to join in our effort.

We urge you to help us preserve the memory and dignity of our forefathers' and foremothers' resting place and assure the cemetery continues as a lasting monument to remind future generations what transpired in Skala before and during the holocaust.

Thank you in advance for helping us achieve important goals; We commit to keeping you apprised of our progress.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Rachel Brill, *in memory of my great grandmother, Mary Wiesenthal, who was born in Skala.*
Dana Erwin - *In honor of my grandparents Leisor Wolf Rosenzweig and Chane Rosenstock who emigrated from Skala, and my great aunt Feiga Rosenzweig who remained and perished just outside the cemetery wall on September 25, 1942.*
Tony Hausner, *In honor of my Great grandmother, Chaje Wilcie Wechsler Hausner and my Great grandfather, Zalman Hausner. They raised their 8 children in Skala. He was known as a righteous man. She is buried in the Skala cemetery and he was sent by the Russians to Siberia where he died.*
Merle Duskin Kailas, *In memory of the Herzog/Gottesfeld families, Abraham Herzog, my grandfather, was a long standing member of the Skala Benevolent Society and his brother, Jacob Herzog, was the Society's Recording Secretary for many years. They are the children of Yosel Herzog of Jagielnica and Ruchel Gottesfeld of Skala.*
Helene Kenvin, *In memory of my grandfather Jacob, who was born in Skala, and my mother, Ethel Wiesenthal Schwartz, whose grandfather Hersh Eliyah Wiesenthal is buried in the Skala cemetery*
George Relles, in honor of my Skala grandparents Nachman and Lea Herscher Relles and their descendants, including my father Mayer Relles.
Dan Zimmerman, *in remembrance of my grandfather, Azriel Gottesfeld, who was captured by the Nazis in the first razzia by the Germans and their Ukrainian helpers in Skala in the fall of 1942. He perished in a concentration camp subsequently. It is also in memory of my great grandfather who I am named after, Gedale Berger, who is probably buried in the Skala cemetery. He died late in 1934 and I was born in September 1935.*

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*Gesher Galicia (https://www.geshergalicia.org/), is a 501(c) (3) organization, has agreed to accept donations for this project. They are an organization devoted to ancestral research and preserving Jewish culture and heritage in all the former territory that once was Galicia. This includes the town of Skala Podolskaya. Donations to Gesher Galicia are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. We thank Gesher Galicia for making the process hassle-free and easy for donors and encourage you to consider becoming a member. For more information about Gesher Galicia, their databases, and other membership benefits, please visit https://www.geshergalicia.org.