

Gesher Galicia to Partner with Gratz College

Gesher Galicia is pleased to announce a partnership agreement with Gratz College. Located in Melrose Park, Pennsylvania, Gratz is the oldest independent and pluralistic college for Jewish studies in North America (<https://www.gratz.edu/>).

Under the agreement, Gesher Galicia will provide access to its archival expertise and its database of Jewish records, while Gratz College will make its collections available, along with the expertise of its faculty. The two organizations may partner in public education programs and other projects relating to Galician history, genealogy, literature and more. In addition, Gratz will extend a 25% reduction in enrollment fees for online classes to active members of Gesher Galicia.

Commenting on the new agreement, Andrew Zalewski, vice president of Gesher Galicia, said: "Closer ties with Gratz College reflect our commitment to public education and partnerships with educational and cultural institutions worldwide. The exchange of expertise and archival information will undoubtedly enhance what we can offer to students and genealogists interested in Jewish Galicia."

Gratz expressed similar enthusiasm for this new partnership. Monika Rice, director of the Gratz College Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program, said that it will enable "students to use primary documents from the Old Country for their research on rich and multiethnic Central-European heritage." Paul Finkelman, president of Gratz College, also weighed in on the new relationship between Gesher Galicia and Gratz, describing it as "a perfect partnership." He added, "For more than a century, Gratz has been committed to Jewish history. In the last half-century, we have also been committed to Holocaust studies. This partnership helps Gratz fulfill both missions. As the grandson of two immigrants from Galicia, I am particularly proud of this collaboration."

For more information on the new partnership, please contact us at info@geshergalicia.org.

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