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The Family Sight

News About Our Family Website

Documents Page Menu Change For Your Convenience:

The left-hand menu, if you haven't visited very recently, has an additional item that makes it easy to go directly to the photo folders.

New Photo Folder added:

The new photo folder is a **"virtual cemetery":** A place where photos of gravestones should be placed. It is not intended to be morbid. Rather, this folder is intended to be a memorial to our honored, departed relatives, as well as an archive, because gravestones (especially those that are older) can be significant sources of genealogical information.

In addition, it appears that, as we get further from these ancestors in time, many descendents often do not even recall where the remains of their ancestors are. The virtual cemetery will record that information. At some point, a complete directory of "who is where" will be provided online, along with directions to the actual cemeteries.

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New "Virtual Art Gallery"

Another new photo folder is a **"virtual art gallery"** that is dedicated to the fine, creative and performing artists in our families. This is just starting, with photos of a few works of Paul Chaleff, Brynn Olenberg Sugarman and others. Our relatively small family has more than its share of talent, and it is hoped that this galley will be a vibrant part of the family website.

Please remember that it should not be considered to be important for the art to be the artist's primary occupation, in order for inclusion in the gallery. We have numerous talented family members who made, or make, a living in a field that is completely unrelated to their art. That doesn't/didn't make them any less talented!

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Grodno - Skidel:

Because there are enough pictures, the Grodno & Skidel images have been placed into a new sub-folder under <u>Places More Than People</u>. *******

Family Store:

Please remember that we have a fully functioning, online, family store on our website. You are welcome to offer your creative works for sale there. The online store is completely ready to accept payments thru PaypalTM.

To place your product for sale, just supply a photo, description, price and shipping costs. Any order received will be emailed to you and the price paid transferred to you thru your own free Paypal account.

There is no charge for using the store, inherently, but it is hoped that those who take advantage of the store will contribute a small portion (from a few dollars to 10% suggested) of their profit toward establishing of a non-profit (nonpolitical) family foundation.

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New Photos and Content:

A maze by David Anson Russo, great-great-grandson of Mordechai Olenberg, has been placed in the family gallery. But, if you want to try your hand, and mind, "running" the maze, a larger version of it (and the answer, if you "give up") has been added to the game rooms.

A number of new photos of Grodno, Skidel and Bialystok have been added to the "Places" photo gallery. There is a description of the beginnings and the end of Jewish occupation in Bialystok, under the picture of the "Great Synagogue". Bev Lewis Russo has added a nice reminiscence of time spent at the Peekskill summer colony, within the Family Forum.

New photos posted of, by or from Diane Benjamin, Dr. Donald Gilner, Sveta (Chaleff) Moiner, Barb Yeninas, etc.

We have new registered users that you can email right from our website. THANKS FOR REGISTERING!

Those sections of the 1964 Wyszkow Yizkor Book which mention Mordechai Mendel Olenberg have been posted. Many thanks to Gloria Olenberg Rapoport and husband Ben Zion for the translation from Yiddish. You can easily find the document by clicking SEARCH and searching for "Yizkor".

There is updated information, notes and new family in the Family Tree. (Remember it is best viewed with a copy of the family data file and genealogy software like Family Tree Builder (free).

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New Website Entry Page:

If you previously "book marked" our website, or made it a "favorite", you may have missed our attractive, new entry page! Go to Olenberg.org or click "Entry Portal" on the documents page and bookmark that page. You can shut off/turn up the music with the control at the bottom of the page and you can "shoo" the butterfly away by clicking it!

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Make Our Site Your Home Page:

If you like, with a single click, you can make our new website entry, or the World Portal of many links, your own Internet Home Page. ******

Lots More Expected!

Ben Director, Bev Lewis Russo, Dick Chaleff, our cousins in Israel, and others, promise to raid their own archives and send in photos and content when the summer craziness is over!