

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Memory Futures, MF
Participant:	Festivalt (FESTIVALT)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Event name:	BALTISHER LIMMUD (LIMMUD BALTICA)
Type:	confernece
In situ/online:	online
Location:	online
Date(s):	21/12/2022, 4/02/2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.limmud.eu/event/baltisher-limmud/ https://www.facebook.com/events/1185267688795780 https://www.facebook.com/events/918711035780108
Participants	
Female:	gender not recorded
Male:	gender not recorded
Non-binary:	gender not recorded

Country 1 Belgium	7		
Country 2 Czech Republic	1		
Country 3 Denmark	11		
Country 4 Estonia	3		
Country 5 Finland	2		
Country 6 France	7		
Country 7 Germany:	38		
Country 8 Hungary	1		
Country 9 Italy	1		
Country 10 Latvia	2		
Country 11 Lithuania	2		
Country 12 Luxembourg	3		
Country 13 Netherlands	10		
Country 14 Poland	3		
Country 15 Spain	1		
Country 16 Sweden	12		
Total number of participants:	104	From total number of countries:	16
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>This online event took part in two installments, both coinciding with Jewish holidays taking place in winter: Channukah and Tu B'Shevat, which in addition to the carefully curated educational program, had an important community building quality. Participants got to light the Chanukiah (a Channukah candelabra) together and sing the blessings (in the first case) and participate in an Tu B'Shevat Seder (a special ritual dinner) in the second</p>			

case. It was especially important to have this opportunity of strengthening and celebrating European Jewish life together at the event connected to the value of Remembrance, therefore really reflecting the theme of the whole project itself: Memory Futures.

Limmud Europe Lights

The first part of the event: Limmud Europe Lights was a short, small-scale event, meant to give a taste of the larger Limmud Baltisher event, but also to celebrate the organizing team coming from a number of Baltic-bordering countries: Latvia, Estonia, Denmark, Sweden, Poland and Germany. The event featured 6 learning sessions, dedicated to the theme of Channukah and light.

Baltisher Limmud

The second part of the event: Baltisher Limmud was a two-evening online learning event, themed around Tu B'Shevat, a Jewish holiday of trees. Therefore multiple "green" topics were featured in the program as they intersect with memory, such as:

- "Biblical Environmentalism" - how certain ideas of caring for our planet stem from traditional texts,
- a session about the idea of "Green Commemorations" - i.e. how to commemorate the past using environmentally friendly or environmentally neutral strategies
- or a project of the "Planting of Esther's Willow" - an artistic/activist project of a communal planting of a willow tree to mark a site of a destroyed synagogue in an act of remembrance.

One additional strong programmatic component was Yiddish. But not only Yiddish as a historic language, but very much a living, culture-making force. The event opened with a concert by Daniel Kahn of Germany, who sang a series of Yiddish songs of very contemporary relevance. We also featured Tomas Woodsky who spoke about the state-funded Yiddish television program there and Simo Muir from Helsinki, who spoke about the many faces of the contemporary Yiddish Cabaret.

All in all the event featured 18 sessions, with presenters from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Estonia, Israel and Poland, covering multiple topics of interest in those countries. Latvia was also prominently represented as a topic, though we did not have speakers from Latvia.

All in all this was a successful event, which culminated in an opportunity to celebrate Tu B'Shevat together, followed by an opportunity to sit and chat in a virtual bar, discuss sessions and other topics of interest. The event ended way past midnight as participants could not get enough of each other.

The deliverable was realized as planned.