

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice] – [MultiMemo]
Participant:	JCC WARSAW FOUNDATION (JCC)
PIC number:	886833850

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 22
Event name:	Sukkot. Multimemo on the road
Type:	[culinary workshop; author's meeting]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Poland], [Warsaw]
Date(s):	[16.10.2024; 20.10.2024]
Website(s) (if any):	https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/en/blog/event/sukkot-multimemo-on-the-road/ https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/blog/event/sukkot-multimemo-w-dr-odze/
Participants	
Female:	34
Male:	14
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Poland]:	48
Total number of participants:	48
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, commemorates the 40-year journey of the Israelites through the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Traditionally, during this holiday, we "transfer" our lives to temporary shelters called "kuczka" in Polish, or "sukkah" in Hebrew. A kabbalistic custom of Sukkot, which began in the 16th century, is ushpizin (Aram. "guests"), or inviting the souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph, and King David to celebrate together in the sukkah, as well as physical people in need - the poor or refugees. This year, we invited our community (and anyone else interested) to reflect and discover Sukkot traditions together.</p>	

Our mini-festival consisted of two events: a culinary workshop with Junona Lamcha-Grynberg and “Sugihara’s List”. An author meeting with Zofia Hartman. In the first one fourteen people of mixed gender took part. These were the members of the JCC, including Ukrainian refugees, but also people from outside the Jewish community - Warsaw’s inhabitants. The workshop had two parts: in the first one, we were introduced to the Sukkot holiday and traditional customs related to it. In the second one, participants were preparing dishes containing foods traditionally eaten during the holiday (pomegranates, dates). Then, we ate all we prepared in the sukkah.

The second meeting was dedicated to Zofia Hartman’s book “The List of Sugihara”. The history of the Holocaust has its non-European threads. Zofia Hartman’s work tells the story of one of them. Chiune Sugihara (1900–1986), a Japanese diplomat and spy, serving as the consul of the Empire of Japan in Kaunas, in the summer of 1940, in the last weeks of the existence of the independent Republic of Lithuania, issued transit visas to several thousand Jews, mainly refugees from Poland, allowing them to pass through Japan on their way to the Dutch island of Curaçao in the Caribbean. This was fiction – in reality, no one went to Curaçao, and most of the rescued Jews eventually found refuge in Japan, the Shanghai ghetto, Australia or New Zealand.

The meeting had two parts: a conversation with the author led by JCC’s CEO, Patrycja Dołowy, and Q&A. Michael Schudrich, the chief rabbi of Poland, was also present. He met Chiune Sugihara (when he was serving as a rabbi in Japan) and shared with us this story which was very touching.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	27.07.2023	The name of delivery D.22.1 (WP 22) has been changed. from "JCC Warsaw High Holidays" to "Sukkot. Multimemo on the way". The number of countries has been reduced from 4-6 to 1-3 and the number of participants from 51-75 to 25-50.
3.0	21.05.2024	Change the delivery date WP 22, D.22.1 Event title: Sukkot. Multimemo on the road from month 22 (September) to month 23 (October)