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PROJECT	
Participant:	MEMORIAL DE LA SHOAH OFFICE NATIONAL DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS ET VICTIMES DE GUERRE PANSTWOWE MUZEUM AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU W OSWIECIMIU YPOURGEIO PAIDEIAS, THRSKEVMATON KAI ATHLITISMOU THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF GREECE Stiftung Gedenkstätten Sachsen-Anhalt MINISTARSTVO ZNANOSTI, OBRAZOVANJA I MLADIH
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Project name and acronym:	Network of European Youth for Holocaust Remembrance — NESHAMA

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP3
Event name:	2nd online joint-training session – Gender perspective of the Holocaust
Type:	Training
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online
Date(s):	21 November 2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.memorialdelashoah.org/neshama.html
Participants	
Female:	143
Male:	58

Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [POLAND]:	39		
From country 2 [CROATIA]:	53		
From country 3 [GERMANY]:	15		
From country 4 [FRANCE]:	43		
From country 5 [GREECE]:	51		
Total number of participants:	201	From total number of countries:	5

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Objectives of the session

The 2nd online joint-training session was dedicated to the gender perspective of the Holocaust. The purpose of this session was to offer students an innovative way to teach Holocaust history, through the prism of gender. An expert on gender and Holocaust, Dr. Lisa Pine, gave the Ambassadors a training to foster a gender-balanced narrative about the Holocaust memory. Although less commonly taught to younger students, this approach is essential for understanding both the complexity of Holocaust history and the broader realities of the genocide.

Teaching the gender perspective of the Holocaust also provides an opportunity to introduce gender studies more broadly. It highlights the differences in experiences between men and women in terms of discrimination, deportation, and extermination, showing how gender shaped individual trajectories.

Organization of the session

Dr. Lisa Pine, a specialist in gender and Holocaust studies, led the session. She chose to focus on deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau as a case study to explore gendered experiences. Given the limited duration of the session (around 1 hour and a half - 2 hours), this approach allowed students to engage concretely with the topic. Dr. Pine began by explaining how gender emerged as a category of analysis in Holocaust historiography. She then showed how studying women's experiences has provided new insights and contributed to a deeper understanding of the Holocaust. She also emphasized the importance of survivor testimonies, particularly how the increasing visibility of women's voices has broadened historical narratives.

Dr. Lisa Pine chose to focus on the case of deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau. To introduce the topic, she first described the general living conditions in Auschwitz-Birkenau, including hunger, thirst, and exhausting roll calls. She then addressed the specific experiences of women, including sexual violence, menstruation, and pregnancy. She highlighted the remarkable strategies of adaptation and survival developed by women prisoners.

Dr. Pine also discussed behaviours that challenged expected gender norms, drawing on biographies of female survivors. Additional themes included sexual exploitation, forced prostitution, pregnancy and childbirth in the camps, as well as points of comparison with male experiences, such as bonds between men and Sonderkommando testimonies.

Brief biography of the lecturer: Dr. Lisa PINE

Dr Lisa Pine is Fellow of the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, UK and Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. She was educated at the London School of Economics and was awarded her PhD from the University of London in 1996. Her main research interests are the history of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. She is on the Academic Steering Committee of WHISC (Women in the Holocaust International Study Center). She is the author or editor of nine books. She has also published widely in journals and edited books on the history of gender and the Holocaust, and Holocaust memory and narratives. She is currently editing a new book Food and Food Policies in European Dictatorships for publication by Bloomsbury Academic. She is co-editor (with Peter C. Caldwell) of the book series German History in Focus (Bloomsbury Academic).

Moderated by the Coordinator of the project, all training sessions took place on Zoom and were followed by a Q&A session between the Ambassadors and the speaker. The sessions were only accessible to members of the NESHAMA network (ambassadors, teachers and partners). Each partner and/or teacher ensured locally that ambassadors were present at the session and signed the attendance lists.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).