

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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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:	WP6
Event name:	2nd online testimonial meeting with a great witness of the Holocaust
Type:	Training
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online
Date(s):	5 November 2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.memorialdelashoah.org/neshama.html
Participants	
Female:	141
Male:	71

Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [POLAND]:	47		
From country 2 [CROATIA]:	48		
From country 3 [GERMANY]:	15		
From country 4 [FRANCE]:	52		
From country 5 [GREECE]:	50		
Total number of participants:	212	From total number of countries:	5

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Objectives of the session

The second testimony session gave the students the opportunity to discover the story of David Laszlo Mandel, a Hungarian Jew and Holocaust survivor. His journey is particularly striking as it reflects the European dimension of the Shoah. Born in Hungary, David Laszlo Mandel was deported to Birkenau, in present-day Poland, before being transferred to a subcamp of Gross-Rosen and then to Langenstein in Germany, a subcamp of Buchenwald. As a survivor of the Langenstein-Zwieberge camp, one of NESHAMA's partner institutions, David Laszlo Mandel's journey from Hungary through Germany and France to Israel offers a powerful testimony for the young NESHAMA ambassadors.

Biography of the speaker: Mr. David LASZLO MANDEL

David Laszlo Mandel, born November 3, 1928, in Somoskorod (Hungarian: Somoskőújfalu) in Hungary

In April 1944, David Laszlo Mandel was deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp and, after a few weeks, transferred to the Fünfteichen subcamp (Hungarian: Miłoszyce) (a subcamp of the Gross-Rosen concentration camp). From there, he was taken on a death march to the Gross-Rosen concentration camp, where he had already been registered with the prisoner number 42787.

On January 9 or 10, 1945, David Laszlo Mandel was transferred from the Gross-Rosen concentration camp to the Buchenwald concentration camp as part of the evacuation transport. In Buchenwald, he was registered with the prisoner number 127816. Initially housed in Barrack 63, he was later transferred to Barrack 66. On April 11, 1945, David Laszlo Mandel was liberated from Buchenwald.

On June 5, 1945, he left Buchenwald for France (Écouis). From there, he briefly returned home and then went to the Leipheim DP camp (Bavaria). There, he met American soldiers and worked for four years for the American military (UNRRA) in the nearby town of Günzburg. From there, he left Europe for Israel in 1949.

Moderated by the Coordinator of the project, all testimonial meetings 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).