

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Rescue Memory - Activism, Arts and Public Remembrance – ReActMem
Participant:	JCC WARSAW FOUNDATION (JCC Warsaw)
PIC number:	886833850

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 64
Event name:	Jiskry event 2: Jiskry for Hannukah + Shabbat together
Type:	workshop +meeting
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Poland, Warsaw
Date(s):	19-20.12. 2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/blog/event/jiskry-na-chanuke-razem-na-szabat/">https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/blog/event/jiskry-na-chanuke-razem-na-szabat/</a> <a href="https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/en/blog/event/jiskry-for-hanukkah-shabbat-together/">https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/en/blog/event/jiskry-for-hanukkah-shabbat-together/</a>
Participants	
Female:	37
Male:	25
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [POLAND]:	62
Total number of participants:	62
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>Jiskry is a unique opportunity for Jewish community of Warsaw to meet people who are dedicated to preserving the memory of their former Jewish neighbors. They are activists, enthusiasts, loners, and rebels – individuals who, with persistence, tenderness, and persistent work, illuminate the darkness of oblivion.</p> <p>The Hebrew word "yizkor" means remembrance of the dead; yizkor (like memory, but also Polish word for sparks which is "iskry") is the light in the dark that restores this memory. And it is precisely this light that the protagonists of this series represent. The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is also associated with light. Hanukkah is a unique holiday. It encourages joy and celebration in the spaces we create ourselves: in our homes, in our communities, and to savor the food we eat. The aim of the event was to promote the work of memory activists</p>	

from across Poland – from cities and towns in the regions of Podlasie, Małopolska, Upper Silesia, Lower Silesia, Podkarpackie, Mazovia, Łódź, and Świętokrzyskie – among the Jewish community of Warsaw. It also provided support to activists, creating a platform for exchange for them, whom often face local ostracism for their care for Jewish heritage and the Jewish minority, could share their emotions and tools to fight anti-Semitism and other exclusions, to find a shared safe space, and to create prospects for cooperation and mutual support in the future. The December 19th event consisted of a shared lighting of a Hanukkah candles – a symbol of light, hope, and community – and a discussion, partly in a workshop format, where activists presented the results of their work in their local communities. The meeting culminated in a shared Shabbat dinner, organized to facilitate further exchange through more direct conversations and table-top interactions. On the second day, a performative walk was organized for memory activists, following the footsteps of the contemporary Jewish community and the less obvious and little-known recent Jewish history of Warsaw. 27 people participated in the walk. After the walk, the conversations continued over a shared meal, concluding the two-day event.

A total of 24 memory activists from various locations in Poland participated in all the events. A total of 42 people from 2 different countries participated in the Hanukkah candle lighting and the meeting, and a total of 63 people, from two different countries, participated in the Shabbat dinner.

The participants expressed great interest in such meetings in the future, appreciating their importance, especially the community spirit, exchange, mutual learning, and mutual support. The activists were deeply moved by the opportunity to light Hanukkah candles on behalf of the former communities in their towns.

The information on the event will be published on the project website: <https://difficultheritage.eu/>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2024	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	19.02.2025	Changed the delivery date from May 31, 2025 to October 31, 2025.
3.0	01.07.2025	Changed the redistribution of tasks and funds to FestivALT (organisation and coordination of the event, €9,072.00) and JCC Warsaw (promotion of the event, €4,143.00).
4.0	19.10.2025	Changed the delivery date from October 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025