

# Annual Report

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# Limmud FSU 2020: Annual Report

The past 12 months were like nothing the modern world has ever seen. The pandemic was – is – not only a worldwide health crisis of unprecedented severity; it wrought havoc with the global village with which we have all become so familiar; its economic impact will be felt for decades; it tested the strength of individuals and families; it strained community infrastructures across the globe.

The Limmud FSU family could not escape unscathed.

And thus we mounted one conventional conference of Jewish learning in a face-to-face format, three organizing team training seminars, three midi conferences, each for 50 participants, and one regional leadership training seminar. But from the very first days of the worldwide lockdown, Limmud FSU mounted an ever-growing series of online lectures and min-conferences. They have been learning opportunities, but no less, community-building opportunities that also offered mutual support to Limmudniks isolated one from the other.

That resilience was equally visible in our year-round programming, Limmud Labs, where the creativity and ingenuity of the grass-roots activists allowed a wide variety of programming to go online.

Humbled by the forces of nature that can make jest of the best-laid plans, we are no less humbled by the resilience of Limmud FSU activists and the widest Limmud FSU family. We thank all our philanthropic partners, our supporters, our volunteers, our participants. The Limmud FSU story of 2020 is your story.



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Acting Executive Director



## I. Festivals

# Limmud FSU Europe, Vienna February 28 – March 1, 2020

### a. Conference Overview

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The second pan-European conference was held in the Austrian capital and attracted 600 Russian-speaking Jews from some 25 countries across central and western Europe. Since the first pan-European event, in UK in 2017, the task of publicizing Limmud FSU among the estimated 300,000 Russian-speaking Jews who live across the countries of central and western Europe is addressed by ambassadors, volunteers in key countries and cities, who reach out through online and offline grass-roots activities channels to encourage participation and to recruit support from Jewish communities. These activities are also important in honing the leadership skills of the ambassadors.

Session topics in the conference ranged from discussions of the situation of Jews in Germany today to a session on the Jews of Bukhara, and across such varied topics as warming relations between Israel and some of its Arab neighbors, the situation of water resources across the world, food technology in Israel, investment in Israel's start-ups, and the world 75 years after the end of WWII.

On the final day of the conference there was a tour of and ceremony at the Mauthausen concentration camp, that honored one of the camp's most noted survivors – the famed Austrian Jewish Nazi hunter and writer, Simon Wiesenthal. The ceremony guest speaker was Racheli Kreisberg, a granddaughter of Wiesenthal.

The gala event on Saturday night was addressed by Austria's minister for the European Union, Karoline Edtstadler, who delivered greetings from Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, and praised a resolution passed by the Austrian government shortly before the conference that condemned the BDS campaign as antisemitic: "Europe wants to show the world that we are united, that we will fight against antisemitism. If Jewish life is under pressure, Europe is under pressure. Fighting antisemitism is not a responsibility of Jewish Europeans, but of all of us."



## b. Training for the Volunteers and work of the Organizing Committee

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Members of the organizing committee from across Europe, who are largely ambassadors, volunteers and a large number of initiators of Limmud Labs projects, participated in a seminar that started the day before the conference opening and ran in parallel to the event itself.

In cooperation with the Vienna municipality, the participants benefitted from a half-day tour of pre-Holocaust Jewish Vienna. Some of them also attended the site visit to and memorial ceremony at the Mauthausen concentration camp at the end of the festival.



During the conference, a series of special sessions sought to provide Limmud activists with Jewish literacy and leadership enrichment, including “Modernizing Judaism – where is it taking us?,” “Creating groups and societies – what attracts and what scares Generation Y?,” “Altruism as a direct method of contact in social networks.” Limmud FSU co-founder and FRD chair, Sandy Cahn, led a workshop on “Secrets of Successful Fundraising.”



## c. Children's Program

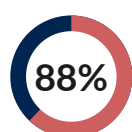
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Over 70 young Limmudniks were offered a program in five age groups – 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-17, that included arts, crafts, story telling and games, family celebrations of Shabbat, and, for the older groups, such sessions as a look at sources of information that deluge us in the modern world, a discussion of what art is, treasure hunt, role playing, Israeli dancing, photography and choosing which photographs to keep, discussion groups on topics of how the press covers issues, and associative thinking.

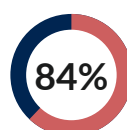


## d. Conference Evaluation

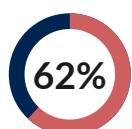
Among the findings of a survey that seeks to gauge the perceived impact of attendance on the participants' knowledge level and feelings of connection to the Jewish world, were the following:



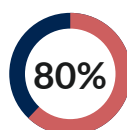
of the respondents noted that to a high or very high degree they felt they had much in common with other participants at the conference.



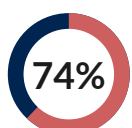
of the respondents noted that the conference helped them, to a high or very high degree, understand that various ways exist to be Jewish.



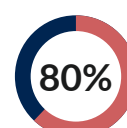
of the respondents reported that to a high or very high degree the conference helped them learn about the history of Russian-speaking Jewry.



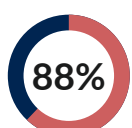
of the respondents reported that to a high or very high degree the conference cast new light on topics related to Jewish heritage and culture.



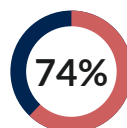
of the respondents reported that to a high or very high degree, as a result of the conference, they felt a personal connection to Jewish heritage and culture.



of the respondents felt that to a high or very high degree the conference helped them understand why it is important to be part of a Jewish community.



of the respondents felt that to a high or very high degree the conference strengthened their appreciation of the connections that exist between Jews around the world.



of the respondents reported that to a high or very high degree, as a result of the conference they intend to participate in more Jewish community activities.



## e. Post-Festival Outreach Activity

Since the conference, and despite the lockdown across Europe, the ambassadors have been active, both in recruiting volunteers for the next pan-European conference, which we hope will take place in Germany in early 2022, and in encouraging ongoing engagement with Jewish life.

Among their activities:

- Development of a dedicated Limmud FSU Facebook group for Hungary;
- Promotion of Limmud FSU Europe within the Jewish school in Tallinn, at informal picnic gatherings of parents whose children attend the school;
- Limmud FSU-style programming to mark Rosh HaShana among Russian-speaking Jews in Slovakia;
- Online lecture on Jews, Jewishness and Judaism in contemporary fantasy and sci-fi literature by the Frankfurt-based ambassador;
- In person talk with a resident of the Gush Etzion settlement of Alon Shvut, "The 'thing' with the Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria," arranged by the ambassador in Karlsruhe;
- Study session on the history of Jews in Germany after WWII, arranged by the ambassador in Berlin;
- Online intellectual game led by the ambassadors to Austria and Hungary;
- Study session on the history of the Jews in Switzerland, a virtual tour of Israel's Judean Desert, and a family online Hanuka-themed game mounted by the ambassador in Switzerland.





## Limmud FSU Ukraine September - October, 2020

In September, 25 members of Limmud FSU Ukraine organizing committee and key volunteers attended a planning and study seminar with a special focus on developing the three midi-Limmud learning conferences that were held in October.

Among the work on the detailed planning of the October conferences were learning sessions on Holocaust memorialization, Jewish leadership and philanthropy in a changing world, the challenges of using Zoom for Jewish community, and social networks during the pandemic.

On October 16-18, the three midi-Limmuds took place over the same weekend in Kiev, Odessa and Kharkiv, in cooperation with Hillel CASE.

Each Limmud Hillel conference attracted 50 young Jews, many of whom were attending their first Limmud FSU event, while for Limmud FSU itself, this was the first conference held in the Ukrainian capital.

Sessions varied from mobile phone photography and Jewish calligraphy to the Jewish art of public speaking and the rules for Jewish leadership, from real and virtual tours of the Jewish history of Ukrainian towns and Ukraine as a Jewish tourist destination to building careers in IT, and from a discussion of Judaism and medicine to a culinary master class on the essence of Jewish food.



Limud Hillel, October 2020

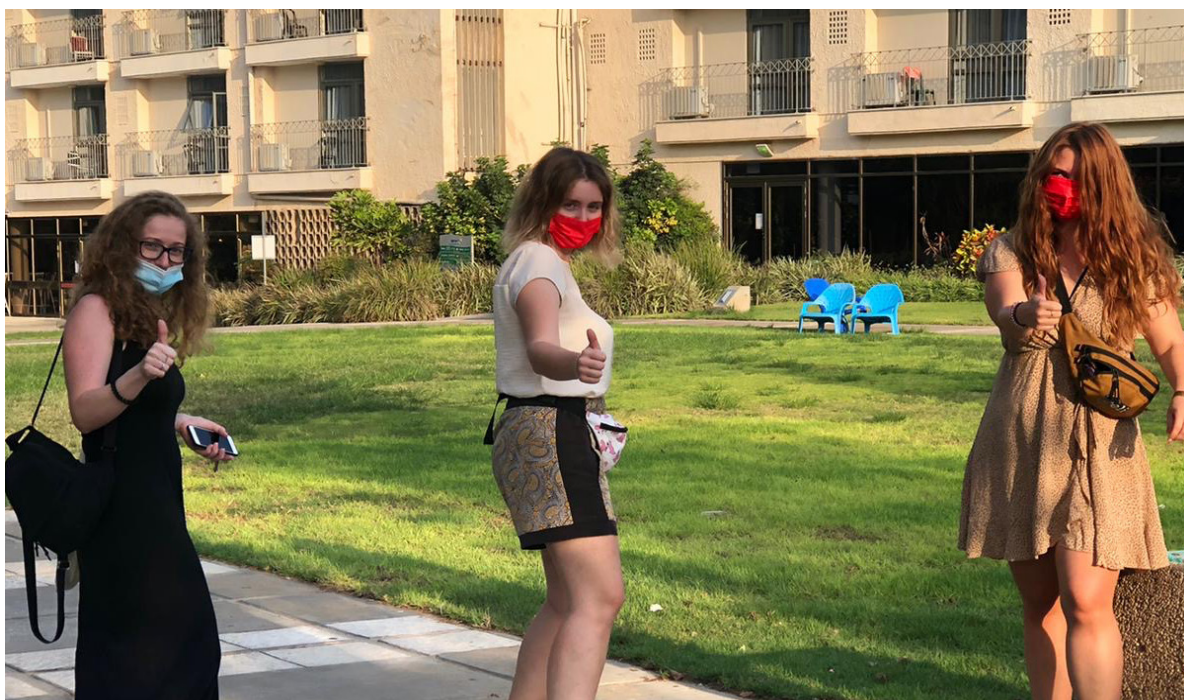


Preparatory seminar, Kiev, September 2020



Limud Hillel, October 2020





## Limmud FSU Israel September, 2020

The organizing committee planning seminar for the Limmud FSU Israel 2020 conference took place in early September at Kibbutz Shfeyaim, the venue where the conference was due to be held. It brought together for a weekend 25 members of the organizing committee, aged 20-50, and focused overwhelmingly on planning the conference.

It thus included a careful tour of the facilities to examine how to make maximum use of the halls and open spaces to allow for a conference that would observe social distancing regulations, while also including work in committees on such issues as marketing, content, logistics, and the special children's program.

At that time, we hoped that the event could be rescheduled from the traditional early December time slot to February 2021. Though the development of social distancing regulations and lockdowns in Israel made even that date impracticable, so that by the end of 2020 we had no choice but to cancel the conference, we see great importance in the fact that the planning seminar took place.

It was a particularly successful preparatory seminar, and was the culmination of online work over the preceding few months that saw the conference leaders and volunteers become an increasingly strong and united team.







## II. Additional Leadership Training

# Limmud FSU joint regional seminar with the Nahum Goldman Fellowship

Some 25 Limmud FSU activists from the countries of the FSU participated in a Limmud FSU joint regional seminar with the Nahum Goldman Fellowship of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture that took place in Minsk in February, entitled “Ideas, Identity and Relevance: To Life! Towards a Jewish Communal Future in the FSU.”

The young participants confronted and debated issues relevant to their own communities and to the future of Jewish identity in the FSU within an immersive experience that offered learning opportunities on Jewish topics and what it means to be community leader, while also creating meaningful connections with other activists.









## III. Online Study Sessions and Mini Festivals

**е-Лимуд** 7 июня, воскресенье  
18:00 ИЗРАИЛЬ / РОССИЯ / УКРАИНА  
11:00am EST (США и КАНАДА)

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Limmud FSU interview with Isaac Herzog, June 2020

LIMMUDFSU CANADA PRESENTS: **e-Festival 2020**

Join us for an unforgettable virtual conference with celebrity speakers and artists

				
Andrey Makarevich Musician, Founder of "Mashina Vremeni"	Efraim Halevy Former Head of Mossad	Leonid Melechin Russian journalist and TV Host	Ronit Asheri Actress, Netflix's "Unorthodox"	Gera Sandler Actor, Netflix's "Unorthodox"

Limmud FSU Canada online event, November 2020

LIMMUD FSU  
**HANUKKAH POP-UP**  
SUN, DEC 6 @ 4PM on Zoom  
Join us for 3 workshops that will get you ready for Hanukkah!




Limmud FSU US Hanukkah event, December 2020

Almost as soon as the lockdown prevented people meeting face to face, Limmud FSU organizing committees across the globe and the Limmud FSU leadership responded to the isolation and uncertainty people were facing, and the ongoing thirst for learning frameworks by mounting digital e-learning sessions. Some of the sessions offered Jewish and Israel-related learning opportunities, among them the history of the Jewish people through its DNA; a discussion between Israel's former chief rabbi and chair of Yad Vashem, Rabbi Israel Meir Lau and former supreme court justice, Prof. Elyakim Rubinstein; former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly on antisemitism in Europe; the history of Jewish immigration to Canada; an online discussion between Natan Sharansky and Professor Gil Troy about Sharansky's latest book; and Israel's hi-tech scene.

Some covered more general topics, including concerts; how to make presentations more exciting; or how to build up an art collection. Some focused specifically on living during the coronavirus worldwide lockdown – how to manage one's moods and become more balanced and more efficient, and how to create – and preserve – a sense of stability in unstable times, alongside discussions on how the world might be when we emerge from the impact of the pandemic. An online escape room arranged by the New York organizing committee offered

identity and culture through art, and an opportunity to explore Jewish art, artists, their biography and museums where their works can be seen.

Working in partnership, in May, the organizing committees of New York, USA West Coast and Canada mounted a four-hour online Limmud FSU North America event, entitled "Socially Distanced. Virtually Connected," that was replete with the traditional choice between sessions. There were fully 10 sessions on such varied topics as Israel's political and military security, Russia today, Jewish approaches to uncertainty, and parenting, together with a virtual view of a real cookery demonstration. The event attracted participants from countries as far apart as United States, Canada, Russia, Israel, Belarus, Germany, Britain, Israel, Moldova, Australia, Lithuania and Austria.

Working independently, the New York festival organizing committee mounted a series of online events, including a special Hanuka pop-up event with various workshops and masterclasses.

The Canada Limmud FSU organizing committee mounted an online event that allowed Limmudniks around the world to hear from Andrey Makarevich, musician and founder of "Mashina Vremeni" (Time Machine), the longest established rock band in Russia and the Soviet Union, as well as from Ronit Asheri and Gera Sandler, actors from the much-acclaimed Netflix series, "Unorthodox"; and Roy Chen, playwright and theater director at Israel's Gesher Theater company. In November, in cooperation with Limmud Ottawa, it mounted "Follow your Roots," an event that specifically targeted young Canadian Jewish adults, and in December, it organized a virtual tour of Jewish immigration to Canada.



**E-Limmud** Sunday, July 12  
12:00pm EST (US & CANADA)  
19:00pm ISRAEL/RUSSIA/UKRAINE

**Ray Kelly**   
New York City Police Commissioner  
"The State of Policing in the US"

**Moderator:** Matthew Bronfman  
Limmud FSU Chairman

**Host:** Michal Grayevsky  
President of JCS International LTD


Limmud FSU interview with Ray Kelly July 2020



**Limmud Europe**

**Вечер вопросов и ответов с Игорем Губерманом**

**онлайн**  
14 мая  
2020



Limmud FSU EU interview with Igor Guberman, May 2020



**ЛИММУД НА ВЫЕЗДЕ**

**Людмила Улицкая**  
в программе Дмитрия Брикмана:

**«Детский недетский вопрос»**

В нашей программе ответы на простые и незамысловатые детские вопросы ищут простые взрослые

**19:00**  
**20 мая**  
**ZOOM conference**


Limmud FSU Israel event with Ludmila Ulizkaya, May 2020



**LIMMUD FSU NORTH AMERICA**  
Presents: Socially Distanced. Virtually Connected

**MAY 3, 2020**  
12:00-4:00 PM ET  


**FEATURED PRESENTERS:**

 ALEKSANDER DROUZ	 DINA RUBINA	 VLADIMIR POZNER	 VICTOR SHENDEROVICH
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Join us for an unforgettable virtual conference with celebrity speakers and artists

Limmud FSU North America, May 2020



Limmud FSU BUM was a special collaboration between our teams in Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova to mount a series of online sessions during the spring and summer, starting with an online festival and concert that took place during Passover. “Limmud on the Road” was a project developed and realized by the Limmud FSU Israel team that consisted of dozens of lectures, artist workshops, performances and training sessions, while the Limmud FSU Europe team provided a very extensive online experience as well, including a series of virtual tours of the Jewish history of European towns.

Together, these sessions were viewed virtually in real-time and have been viewed since then by some 80,000. Whatever the topic, the sessions were an opportunity for Russian-speaking Jews to learn – and be – together, virtually.



Limmud FSU BUM Passover concert, April 2020



Limmud FSU EU with Evgeny Kogan, May 2020



Limmud FSU event with Rabbi Israel Lau, May 2020



Limmud FSU EU tour in Vienna, August 2020



Limmud FSU BUM event, June 2020



Limmud FSU event with Ron Dermer, October 2020

## IV. International Cooperation

# Limmud Unlimited

“Limmud Unlimited” by Limmud FSU Moscow was a packed month of 10 live broadcasts that also featured Limmud speakers from different countries. The project was a special showcase of the cooperation between the Limmud FSU Moscow team and other Limmud teams, among them, a session by Dani Rotstein, the founder of Limmud Majorca; and an opportunity to hear from Abraham Yudelevich, one of the leaders of Limmud Chile and a senior member of the Limmud Connections team.



Рассказы во время вируса

4 МАЯ В 19.00 (МСК)

**ЭТГАР КЕРЕТ**  
**ЛИНОР ГОРАЛИК**

**LIMMUD UNLIMITED**



Чили: Соседство с самой большой Палестинской общиной за пределами Ближнего Востока

21 МАЯ В 19.00 (МСК)

**АБРААМ**  
**ЮДЕЛЕВИЧ**

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Поиск десяти пропавших колен израилевых  
Взгляд из ЮАР

25 МАЯ В 19.30 (МСК)

**СКОТТ**  
**ХЕЙЗЕЛХЕРСТ**

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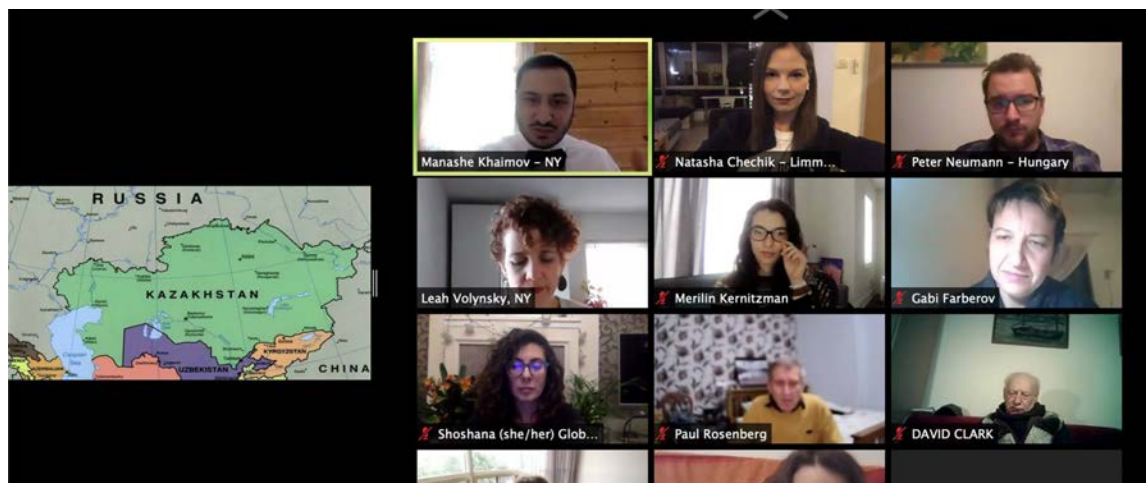
Тайные евреи Майорки

18 МАЯ В 19.00 (МСК)

**ДАНИ**  
**РОТШТЕЙН**

**LIMMUD UNLIMITED**





## Limmud UK December 2020

Within the Limmud UK online conference, a series of sessions, entitled International Hub, presented Limmuds and Limmud speakers from other countries. Limmud FSU was prominently represented as part of that international outlook:

- An entire session was devoted to Limmud Labs and presented samples of initiatives that have been developed in New York, Canada and Germany;
- Members of the Limmud FSU Belarus organizing committee discussed the past and present of that country's

Jewish community, while also offering a glimpse at a sample session – about when the Torah recommends that we keep silent;

- A representative of Limmud FSU Canada reviewed the state and nature of the Russian-speaking Jewish community in that country;
- A speaker at Limmud FSU Volga-Urals, herself an academic, spoke about Russian social media and discussed the degree to which social media is a new form of fiction.





## V. Limmud FSU Labs



One of the biggest challenges Limmud FSU faces is the fact that the conferences of Jewish learning take place just once a year – and for many participants is the only Jewish learning activity they participate in throughout the year. To address this, in 2019, we introduced Limmud Labs.

The aim of the Labs is to create study communities that offer a range of ongoing learning activities, in between the annual Limmud FSU conference. Working in partnership with local organizations, and with funding provided by Limmud FSU and Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, since 2020 we have offered grants to grass-roots groups of activists who develop programming that bring people in the Jewish community together; provide educational opportunities on such topics as Jewish and Israeli texts,

customs, literature, traditions, history, philosophy, ethics, and culture; and realize core Jewish values through activism on behalf of weaker elements of society.

Despite the challenges that these grass-roots educators have experienced for most of the time since the program's inception, an impressive array of activities took place worldwide in 2020. Fully 31 projects of the 44 approved for funding for 2020, in 11 regions of the world where there are Limmud FSU conferences, managed to mount activities despite the lockdowns and the need to move programming online. Together, in 2020, Limmud Labs activities have impacted over 2,000 participants, offline and online. Among the initiatives:

- Jewish Artists, San Jose, USA West Coast: a series of eight online lectures on Jewish artists, from Marc Chagall and Amadeo Modigliani to Chaim Soutine and Mark Rothko, with a parallel focus on female artists – Sona Delaunay, Antonietta Raphael, and Margarita Selskaya-Reich. Every lecture attracted a live, virtual audience of some 50-60, while hundreds viewed the lectures on YouTube.

- J-Vents, Australia: a series of socializing and educational events reached out to young Russian-speaking Jews. Among the topics covered: Israeli cooking and halla-baking in face-to-face events; and trivia and movie nights online.

- Jewish Ecoproject “CACTUS,” Minsk, Belarus: monthly meetings were devoted to a series of environmental issues, examined through the prism of what the Torah and Jewish sages say on these topics. Fully 11 events, mainly face to face, were held; some 30-40 people attended each event.

- Khatul Madan, Philadelphia, US East Coast: during the year two series of five lectures were held on “History of Jews in America” and “Visual Arts and Jews”. Each lecture attracted some 30 participants.

- Brain Labs, Ukraine: an intellectual games program that was held on and offline in cooperation with Hillel brought together 200 young Jews from 8 communities across Ukraine for 11 games plus a finale.

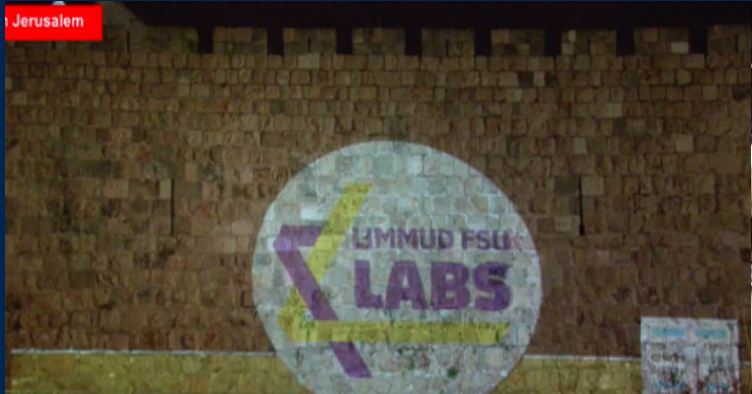
- CinemaMidrash, Ekaterinburg, Russia: this initiative has reached out to unengaged young



Limmud FSU Labs, Belarus



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Limmud FSU Labs logo on the Western Wall



Limmud FSU Labs, Germany





Limmud FSU Labs, Belarus



Limmud FSU Labs, Australia



Limmud FSU Labs, Belarus



Limmud FSU Labs, Volga-Urals

Jews through the opportunity to view films on Jewish content, followed by debate about the film and its significance. Throughout 2020, six films, among them, "Ushpizin," that deals with religious and secular society in Israel, "Footnote," which discusses the values of the Jewish family in contrast to those of career and life goals, and "An American Pickle," which examines the experience of the Jewish immigrant from eastern Europe to USA in the early years of the 20th century, each attracted 30 participants.

- PandaKeshet, Germany: a series of eight on and offline sessions focused on Jewish art, including a screening of the film "The Band's Visit," with an accompanying lecture, an exhibition related to the city's Weissensee Jewish cemetery, and a concert of klezmer music, attracted over 11,000 off and online participants and views.

- Jewish Leadership Course, Kishinev, Moldova: this Jewish educational program mounted 25 sessions on such topics as Jewish literacy and informal educator training. Each session attracted some 20-25 participants.

- Ottawa Limmud Project, Canada: this outreach initiative, which is not yet completed, works with Russian-speaking Jewish families who recently moved to Ottawa, and seeks to engage them with Jewish life and create educational opportunities for them. Throughout 2020, six online and offline sessions both taught about Jewish festivals and encouraged community engagement. Each reached out to some 25 families.



None of these activities could take place without the commitment, vision and generosity of our lay leadership:

Matthew Bronfman, chairman; Aaron G. Frenkel, president; Chaim Chesler, founder; Sandy Cahn, co-founder; Diane Wohl, secretary general; Tom Blumberg; Bill Hess, treasurer; board members Malcolm Hoenlein and Prof. Aviad Hachon.



Limmud FSU Leadership during Limmud FSU Europe conference in Vienna, with Austria's minister for the European Union, Karoline Edtstadler, February 2020.

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