



Phoenix Holocaust Association
Survivors, Generations After & Friends

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2021 WAS AN EXCELLENT YEAR AND A DIFFICULT ONE

COVID19

Vaccines & Home
deliveries

STRENGTH

Fiscal
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HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION

Passage of HB 2241



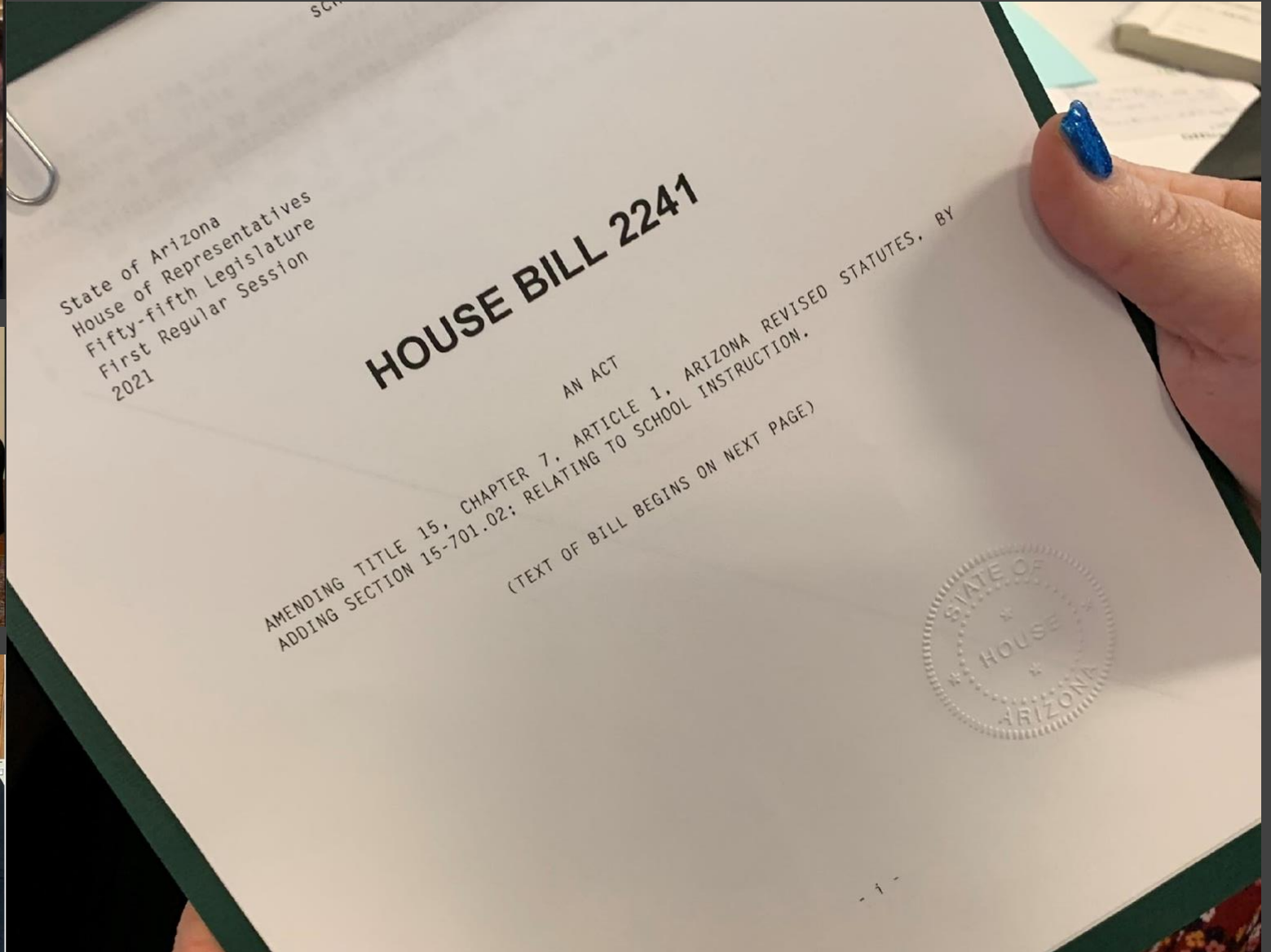
Vaccination Campaign Helps Protect Survivors

PHA worked with Representative Alma Hernandez and the AZ Department of Health to successfully schedule over 40 Holocaust survivors for COVID-19 vaccines.



Pictured are survivors and board members, Rise Stillman and Frieda Allweiss awaiting administration of their 2nd dose by Dr. Cara Christ, former director of Arizona Department of Health Services.

Holocaust Education Mandate Is Finally Signed Into Law





Arizona Holocaust and Genocide Education Resources

At the State Board of Education meeting on Oct 26, 2020 the Board adopted two rules to reinforce and emphasize the importance of instructing students in the history of the Holocaust and other genocides.

These rules, R7-2-301 and R7-2-302 require students to receive instruction in the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in either grade seven or grade eight and at least once in high school social studies courses. Although this instruction is required as part of the 2018 History and Social Science Standards, these rules will further stress the importance of these topics and ensure that all students receive instruction in these topics.

This webpage has been set up to provide resources, training, and support for educators to meet this requirement. It also houses the work of the Task Force on The Holocaust and Other Genocides for teachers and students.

[Arizona Holocaust and Genocide Education Resources Introductory Video](#)

[Arizona History and Social Science Standards](#)

► Taskforce for Holocaust Education Toolkit

► Additional Resources

► Recorded Webinars and Presentations

PHA Speakers Bureau

- 46 presentations via ZOOM and in-person
- Audiences 5th grade - college
- >2,000 impacted

Statewide Task Force Developed Resources

After the Arizona Board of Education voted to require all schools to teach the Holocaust and other genocides, PHA coordinated a Task Force on Holocaust Education to develop resources for teachers to provide easily assessable teaching materials. The resulting toolkit is live on the website of the Arizona Department of Education.

PHA Board on Task Force:

Sheryl Bronkesh and Kim Klett, co-chairs
Adena Astrowsky
Anthony Fusco
John Liffiton
Ettie Zilber

Mandates on Holocaust and Genocide Education in the United States

September 2021

Lindsey Stillman, M.A.



A generous donor funded a research study on Holocaust educational mandate across the USA.

This outstanding 20-page report was featured in several news stories and copies were given to every elected official in the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate.

Funding for Taskforces and Commissions

Taskforces and commissions work hard to implement Holocaust education as mandated in their states' bills. Yet, few legislatures are willing to fund them. Knowing this, many proponents of Holocaust education bills avoided any reference to funding just to get them passed, even if that meant having to fundraise for these efforts themselves.

Michael Bloom, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, for example made this point in a phone interview, (We) "did that on purpose to make it easier to pass, but it means the state wasn't giving money to create a curriculum."

New Jersey is a notable exception; it is one of the few states that provides funding with an annual allocation of \$150,000 in perpetuity.²⁶ Florida and Colorado also provide annual funding for Holocaust education, \$100,000²⁷ and \$11,998 respectively.²⁸ Clearly, these funds are not commensurate with what the taskforces and commissions are charged with. Individuals interviewed for this report are keenly aware that the lack of funding jeopardizes the bills' intentions on the whole. As Amanda Coven, Director of Education at Oregon's Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust

Education wrote in an email, "Unfortunately, there are still teachers across the state that are unaware of the mandate. Without funding, there is no way to guarantee that teachers and administrators receive quality professional development that prepare them for its implementation."

As a result of modest or no state funding, all taskforces and commissions rely on philanthropy from private donors and in-kind donations from museums, community groups, and higher education institutions. These contributions cannot be quantified, but literally all interview partners had something good to say about their partners and their contributions. Many interview partners also mention using resources from national organizations such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Anti-Defamation League, Echoes and Reflections, and Facing History and Ourselves to start or support already existing teacher training. In the absence of well researched resources on other genocides, it will be a difficult task for taskforces and commissions to provide teachers with quality materials on these atrocities. Lastly, volunteers, many of whom are retirees, provide a large part of the labor in all of these endeavors.

Arizona's Efforts

Arizona got a lot of things right, which resulted in the passing of its long-awaited bill in July 2021. The key to success was that the bill's proponents, notably Phoenix Holocaust Association, pursued a two-tiered approach pushing for legislation as well as building coalitions and infrastructure in support of Holocaust education. The legislative effort, led by Representative Alma Hernandez (D) as primary sponsor and with the support of House Speaker Rusty Bowers (R), succeeded as a bi-partisan effort. Key individuals, such as Michael Beller and Josh Kay, provided behind the scenes strategizing, coordinating and lobbying for the bill. Phoenix Holocaust Association also built partnerships and infrastructure needed for Holocaust and genocide education by establishing close ties with the Arizona Department of Education. In fact, when the legislative effort was stalled in

early 2020 due to delays caused by the pandemic, the drive for the mandate was kept alive by passage of Arizona Board of Education rules in October 2020. Mirroring the stalled bill's text, these rules "require students to receive instruction in the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in either grade seven or grade eight and at least once in high school in their social studies courses."²⁹

These rules triggered the creation of a taskforce led by Phoenix Holocaust Association bringing together teachers, administrators, and representatives from a host of institutions around the state, including from all three public universities in Arizona. The taskforce created a toolkit on the website of the Arizona Department of Education to immediately provide teachers with quality materials on the Holocaust and other



Holocaust Survivor
Dr. Alexander White,
Phoenix Holocaust
Association President
Sheryl Bronkash
and Vice President
Janice Friebaum at a
AZ Senate education
committee meeting in
January 2020. Photo
Credits: Anthony
Pisco, Jr.

genocides thus enhancing and pooling the many existing teacher training efforts in our state. This two-pronged approach created the very link between legislative efforts and state standards as expressed by the Department of Education that this report identified as vital. It also built the infrastructure that followed, but did not accompany, the legislative efforts in other states.

The bill's text is short, but relatively strong for the three reasons discussed in this report. The wording of the mandate is unambiguous, making it a requirement "that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides." It also specifies that such instruction needs to take place "at least twice between the seventh and twelfth grades." What is more, the bill directly references the Arizona Department of Education rules, thus embedding it in state standards and Department of Education rules. Importantly, it is referencing the "Minimum Course of Study and Competency Requirements for Graduation" from Middle and High School (R7-2-301 and R7-2-302). As a graduation requirement, the mandate is thus endowed with extra teeth for future enforcement.³⁰ Lastly, it includes other genocides opening up the possibility to include a host of organizations representing the diversity of our state.³¹

The bill and corresponding infrastructure are in place, but Arizona's work is far from done. As in other states, the bill deliberately evaded the issue of funding, and the taskforce relies solely on volunteer work and private donations. There is no shortage of good will in our state, but intensifying the

taskforce's efforts to become a larger, coordinating body for resource centers around the state will require greater funding. To this effect, the taskforce might consider:

- creating bylaws governing for example the election process and potential term limits for taskforce members,
- lobbying for the allocation of funds from the state as well as acquiring more funds from private donations and grants,
- developing strategies together with the Department of Education to assess the implementation and quality of instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides in Arizona,
- identifying existing resource centers from around our state at museums, archives, community organizations, universities, and community colleges,
- acting as a clearing house, continue to pool materials from resource centers, especially with respect to teacher training that is both online and in person,
- helping resource centers enhance and tailor existing high-quality Holocaust materials from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other national organizations to include the stories of Arizona survivors, and
- helping resource centers to create materials to enable teachers to cover other genocides and showcase Arizona's relation to survivors of these genocides.

RESILIENCE: Reflections of Arizona Holocaust Survivors: This 40-minute video is geared toward high school students and is accompanied with a teacher guide that provides suggestions for classroom discussion. Features Esther Basch, Oskar Knoblauch, and Alexander White

The Hidden Children: This 30-minute video featuring Marion Weinzweig and Charlotte Adelman is geared toward middle school classrooms and is accompanied with a teacher guide that provides suggestions for classroom discussion.



Resilience: Reflections of AZ Holocaust Survivors

from Phoenix Holocaust Association

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The Hidden Children

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THE HIDDEN CHILDREN:
Reflections of Arizona Holocaust Survivors

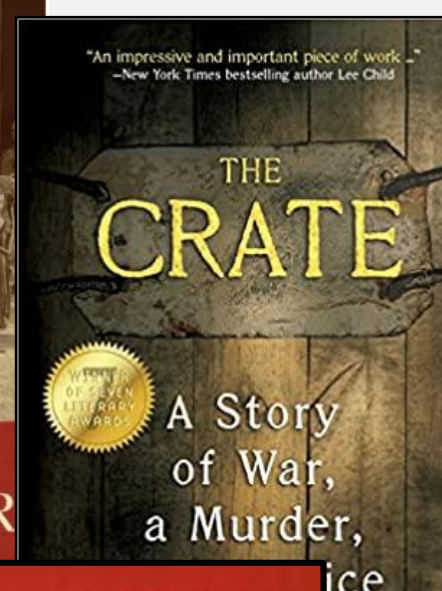
Education Programs

This year PHA hosted many exciting virtual programs featuring Holocaust survivors, descendants of Holocaust survivors, and book talks with award winning journalists and authors. Hundreds of people around the country participated in informative discussions on Holocaust-related topics..



the NAZI'S GRANDDAUGHTER
HOW I DISCOVERED MY GRANDFATHER WAS A W
SILVER

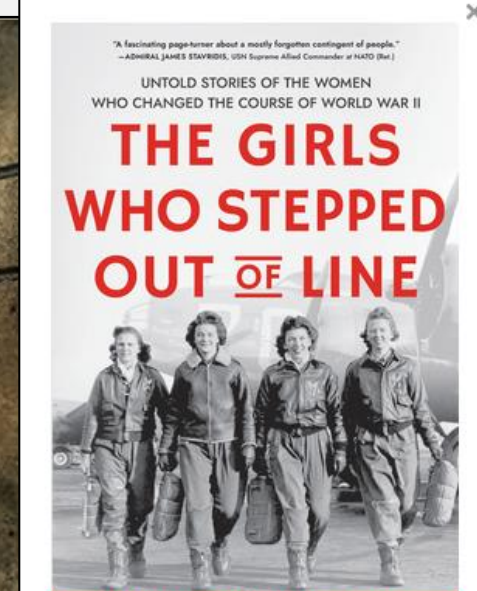
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—New York Times bestselling author Lee Child

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A Story of War, a Murder, ice



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THE GIRLS WHO STEPPED OUT OF LINE

MAJOR GENERAL MARI K. EDER
(U.S. ARMY, RETIRED)

SPECIAL ZOOM EVENT!

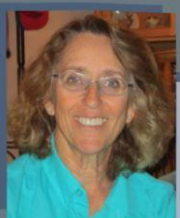
SAINTS AND VILLAINS:

How an interest in Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemöller led a Christian minister to study the Shoah

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 - 7 PM

Rev. Dr. Kevin C. Brown is a resident of Phoenix and a retired minister in the progressive denomination of the United Church of Christ (UCC). He has engaged in a lifetime of study of two renowned German Lutheran pastors and theologians, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemöller, each of whom paid a heavy price for their brazen opposition to the Nazis during the Holocaust. Kevin's studies included 20 trips to Germany and Poland where he visited the sites of 11 former concentration and extermination camps. Join us for a fascinating account of Kevin's intellectual and emotional journey into studying the Holocaust.

How does one start to research one's family history? Generally, genealogists recommend beginning at home, organizing and citing sources, working backwards from what is known, searching for all records with relevant information and sharing one's success with family members. Despite our huge loss of Jewish individuals and communities in Europe, there are ways backward (and forward) in tracing Jewish family history. We will discuss records documenting those who were murdered and those who survived.

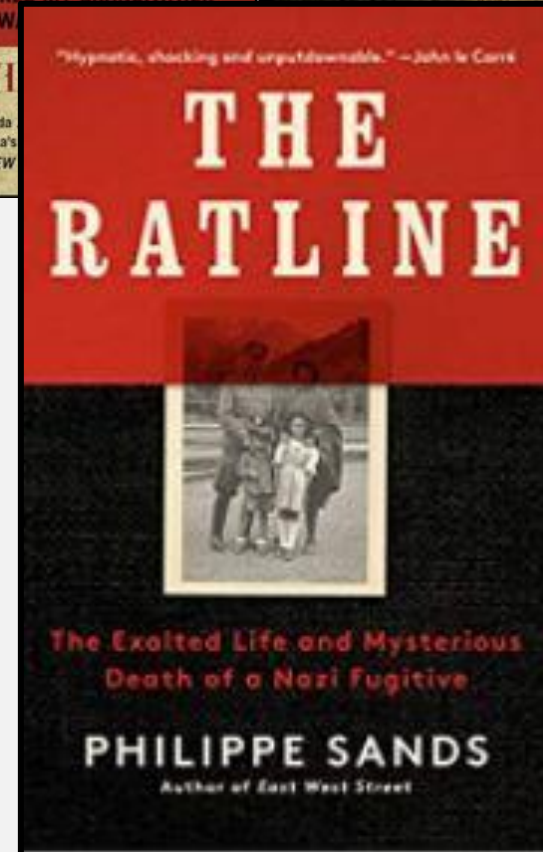


For Emily's bio visit:
<https://www.azgen.org/users/emily-garber>

3GAZ PRESENTS
A SPECIAL ZOOM EVENT
WITH SPEAKER
EMILY H. GARBEL

JEWISH GENEALOGY DESPITE THE SHOAH

Event date: March 25th, 2021, 5:00-6:30 pm AZ/MST
TO RSVP EMAIL: grace.phahog@gmail.com
RSVP by Tuesday, March 23rd, 5:00 pm

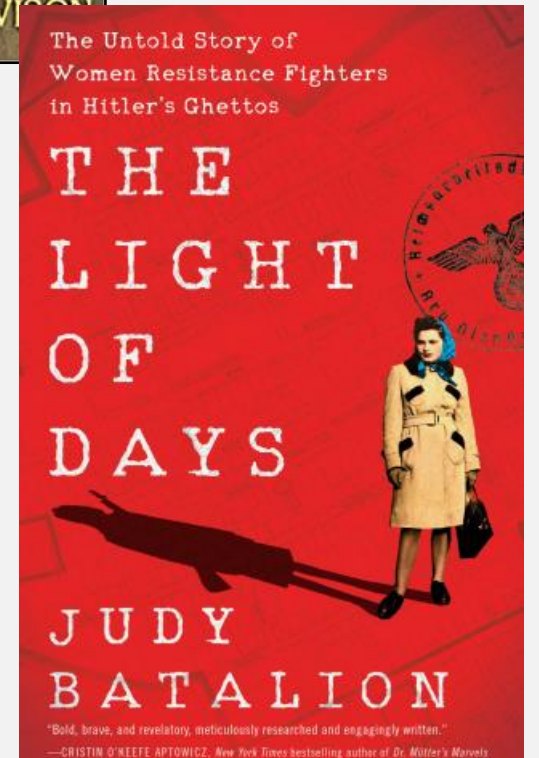


"Hymnic, shocking and unforgettable." —John le Carré

THE RATLINE

The Exalted Life and Mysterious Death of a Nazi Fugitive

PHILIPPE SANDS
Author of East West Street



The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos

THE LIGHT OF DAYS

JUDY BATALION

"Bold, brave, and revelatory, meticulously researched and engagingly written."
—CRISTIN O'KEEFE APTOWICZ, New York Times bestselling author of Dr. Mitter's Marvels

PHA Partnered with AZJHS, ASU, BJE, ADL & MSI in Holocaust Education during 2021



Teaching Genocide Comparatively Workshop

Monday, October 18 | 4 p.m.
Coor Hall 4403, ASU Tempe Campus

Holocaust education, and genocide education more broadly, is an area in which humanities scholars and scholarship can make important contributions to civic education. While many U.S. states include the Holocaust and other genocides in their history and social studies standards, there are relatively few resources for high school teachers to teach these atrocities in a way that is sensitive to the historical particularities of each genocide and provides their students with a meaningful comparative framework.

In this event, we will briefly introduce a framework that we developed from an eight-year interdisciplinary collaboration on genocide, including a short curricular framework for the comparative study of genocide in public secondary schools. We will have a short presentation from Sheryl Bronkesh, who has worked for years to mandate Holocaust education standards within Arizona, and conclude with short presentations from student-teachers.



Volker Benkert
Assistant Professor
History

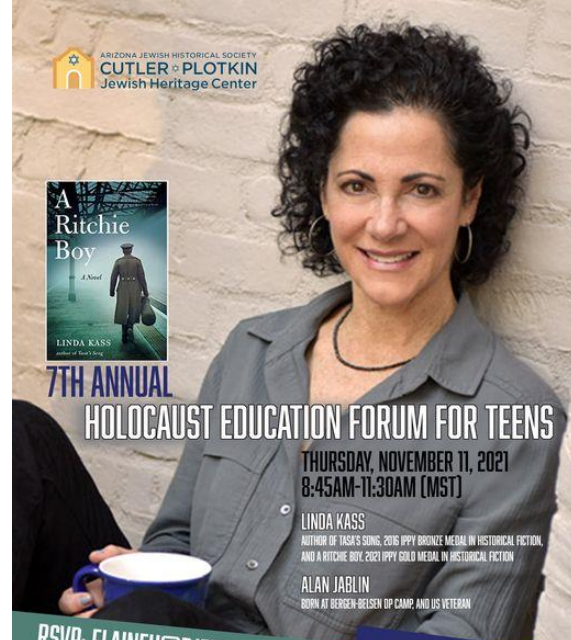


Sheryl Bronkesh
President
Phoenix Holocaust Association



Jason Bruner
Associate Professor
Religious Studies

Register here: links.asu.edu/HWGenocide
The event is a hybrid event and can be attended in-person or virtually.



2021 EDUCATORS CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST

Monday March 1, 2021
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on ZOOM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Survivor, Dr. Alexander White

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Kim Klett, Bjorn Krondorfer, PhD.,
Alex Alvarez, PhD., Larry Bell, PhD.,
Barbara Veltri, PhD., the Honorable Wendy Morton.

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See our schedule of compelling lectures, exhibits and storytelling by distinguished survivors, scholars, politicians, activists, artists, humanitarians and members of law enforcement.

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Sole Survivor

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Jewish Heritage Center

Speaker: Steve Hilton
Son of Holocaust Survivor & Windermere Child, Sam Hilton

FRIDAY - AUGUST 27 - 10AM-12PM PST

RSVP: <https://azjhs.org/sole-survivor>

ARIZONA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Jewish Heritage Center

Child Refugee of Kosovo;

Surviving the Kosovo War; War Through the Eyes of a Child and Mother
Featured Guest: Rina Hajra and Yetta Kodra

FRIDAY- OCTOBER 8TH - 10AM-12PM MST

RSVP: <https://www.azjhs.org/child-refugee>

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A HIDDEN IDENTITY IN A VILLAGE SANCTUARY

SPEAKER: HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, BETIE NEWTON

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 15, 2021 - 10AM MST

German family history and "Ordinary" Antisemitism

ARIZONA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CUTLER • PLOTKIN
Jewish Heritage Center

SPEAKER: Björn Krondorfer, Regents' Professor

ARCHIVED VIDEO

RSVP: <https://www.azjhs.org/german-family-history>

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GUKURAHUNDI A CAMPAIGN OF GENOCIDE DENIAL

featuring a witness of the accounts of Gukurahundi, Gugulethu Moyo

FRIDAY- DECEMBER 3RD - 10AM-12PM MST

RSVP: <https://www.azjhs.org/genocide-denial>

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I'm ALIVE because of my Mom

SPEAKER: Holocaust Survivor, Arthur Rothstein

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 12, 2021 - 10AM MST

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Jewish Heritage Center

WHEN WE CAME IN TO DACHAU

*...they started to cry and
we cried with them...*

Speaker: Don Nemerov - Son of US Liberator, Jack Nemerov

FRIDAY - DEC. 17 - 10AM-12PM MST

RSVP: <https://azjhs.org/when-we-came-in-to-dachau>

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Daughter of the Killing Fields

Featured Guest
Cambodian Genocide Survivor, Theary Seng

FRIDAY- NOVEMBER 19TH - 10AM-12PM MST

RSVP: <https://www.azjhs.org/killing-fields>

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NO GREATER LOVE...

SPEAKER: Holocaust Survivor, Dr. Dirk Van Leenen

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 10, 2021 - 10AM MST

[HTTPS://WWW.AZJHS.ORG/HOLOCAUST-SURVIVOR-CONVERSATIONS](https://www.azjhs.org/holocaust-survivor-conversations)

SPECIAL ZOOM EVENT

April 7 at 7:30PM
(Phoenix time)



REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST TOGETHER AT HOME (ZIKARON BASALON)

Zikaron BaSalon (זכרון בסלון, "memories in the living room") originated in Israel. It has become an annual international Yom Hashoah social initiative. Family, friends, and guests gather in private homes to remember the Shoah in an authentic and intimate way. In this time of social distancing, Zikaron BaSalon will be held online to commemorate the Holocaust, listen to speakers and engage in meaningful conversations about Yom Hashoah.

We would like to invite you to join Phoenix Holocaust Association in a virtual (Zoom) meeting on Erev Yom Hashoah, Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30PM (Phoenix time) for a Zikaron BaSalon meeting. We will hear testimony from Holocaust survivor Marion Weinzwieg, listen to a poem written by Holocaust survivor Anna Geslewitz and have a discussion focusing on the memory of the Holocaust and its significance in our lives.

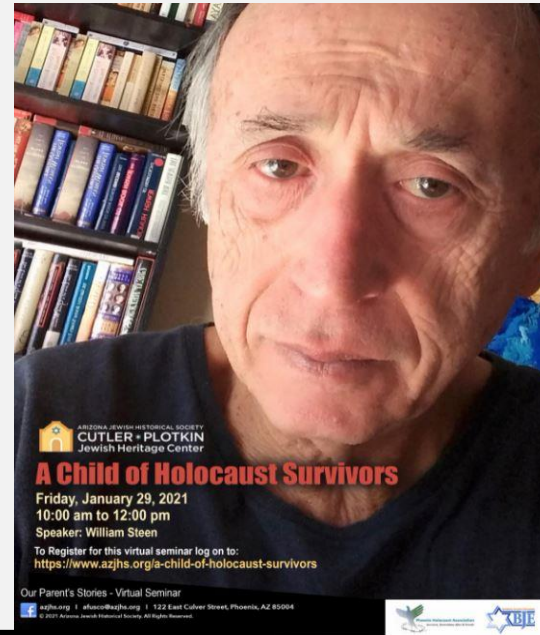
To RSVP and to get the Zoom meeting information please click [HERE](#)



PHOENIX HOLOCAUST ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

The Story of the Eichmann Trial as Witnessed by Michael Selzer

April 11 was the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem. Michael Selzer attended the first month of the trial as the accredited correspondent of an Oxford University undergraduate weekly - He was 20 years old, and probably the youngest correspondent there.



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A Child of Holocaust Survivors

Friday, January 29, 2021

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Speaker: William Steen

To Register for this virtual seminar log on to:
<https://www.azjhs.org/a-child-of-holocaust-survivors>

Our Parent's Stories - Virtual Seminar

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INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY JANUARY 27, 2021

How does this day inspire, motivate, and challenge the work I do?

Voices from Arizona

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
5:30 p.m.



David Kader, Retired ASU Law Professor



Shannon Allison, (Cine) Teacher



Eddie Chavez Calderon, Social Justice Activist



Kim Klett, (Mesa) Holocaust Educator



Daniel Johnson, FBI Special Agent



To receive a Zoom invitation, RSVP to
melissa.cohen@naui.edu by
noon on January 26, 2021

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HOLOCAUST MEMORY & ITS MISUSE DURING COVID-19



Moderated by Marc Krell
ADL Associate Regional Director

REGISTER HERE

Join ADL Arizona for an informative webinar on the recent rise of Holocaust comparisons used to describe COVID-19 health mandates by local and national elected officials and learn ways to combat them.



WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 1ST
5:30-6:30PM

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GHOSTS AND DREAMS

Friday, March 19, 2021

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Speaker: PHA President, Sheryl Bronkesh

RSVP: <https://azjhs.org/ghosts-and-dreams>

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An Intimate Conversation

between two descendants of Stutthof Concentration Camp prisoners

Sunday, September 26, 2021
10 AM Pacific | 1 PM Eastern

Co-Hosted by:

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JEWISH WORLD WATCH
THE GREEN & SEA POINT Hebrew Congregation
CAPT TOWN HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE CENTRE

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A painting of a butterfly with orange and black spots flying over a field of green grass and small red and blue flowers. The butterfly is positioned in the upper left quadrant, facing right. The field is filled with green grass and small red and blue flowers. The background is a light blue sky with soft, white clouds. The overall style is soft and painterly.



Two Scottsdale middle schools involved their students in lessons about the Holocaust and then created a butterfly project. Approximately 1,000+ middle school students were involved in this aspect of the program.

PRISON BOOK PROJECT

- 55 individuals/organizations from all over North America donated books and/or funds for books. (\$530). The PHA Board supported with \$400.
- 650 books collected, delivered, distributed- Oct.2021 to 16 prison libraries
- Over 300 books to be delivered to Phoenix Juvenile prison
- 36,000+ prisoners have access to the libraries/6,535+ prisoners in educational programs
- 150 youth in a high school program in the Juvenile prison
- Books will be used for high school programs, general library circulation for both inmates and teachers/staff.
- PHA gained positive exposure from 4 news articles about this unique project
- Words of praise for PHA: amazing. *kol hakavod*, *Tikkun Olam*, inspiring, changing lives, awesome, *mazal tov*, wonderful, *kavanah*, bless you, thank you for letting me be part of this project

Arizona Dept. of Corrections gets over 650 Holocaust, genocide books donated

JESSICA GOODMAN
POSTED 6 HRS AGO 3 MIN TO READ



Donated books pile up on and around Ettie Zilber's dining room table.

Watch for upcoming events
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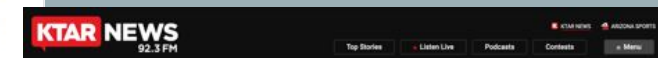
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Phoenix Holocaust Association wants to educate prisoners about the Holocaust
Nicolie Raz | Staff Writer Oct 12, 2021

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JEWISH NEWS



PHA Board Member Dr. Ettie Zilber on
KTAR News discussing Her Book
Fundraiser for Phoenix Prison

November 12, 2021



Telephone tree organized at the beginning of the pandemic continued throughout 2021 to maintain contact with survivors.

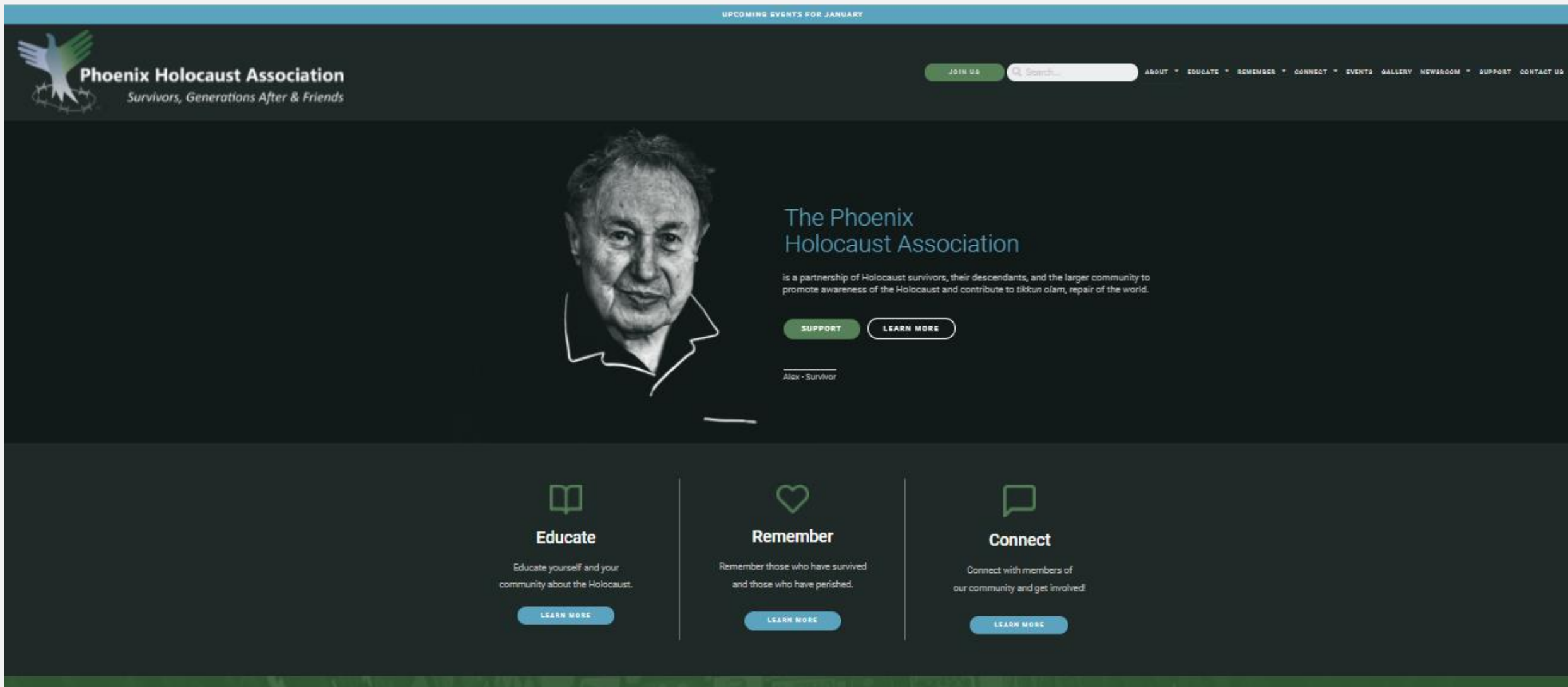


CAFÉ EUROPA CONTINUED THROUGHOUT 2021
WITH HOME DELIVERIES AND ZOOM
ENTERTAINMENT



PHA LAUNCHED A REDESIGNED WEBSITE IN SEPTEMBER 2021

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The Descendants' Forum

“So Many Miracles” a 1987 Documentary by Saul Rubinek about visiting his Parents’ Polish Hiding Place

The Descendants' Forum of Greater Phoenix hosts a gathering of children (2G) and grandchildren (3G) and Holocaust survivors who wish to share their interest in Holocaust issues. All are welcome. Meetings are free.

WHEN:	Our discussion is on Thursday, December 23, 2021
TIME:	5:30 PM– 6:30 PM
WHERE:	Here is the link to the documentary: https://vimeo.com/252157168 . We will meet via ZOOM to discuss. To receive your ZOOM link to this event before the scheduled time you must RSVP.
Topic:	Saul Rubinek, was born in Föhrenwald Displaced Persons Camp outside of Munich, Germany, the son of Frania and Israel Rubinek, Holocaust survivors from Poland. His father was a Yiddish theater actor in Poland before the war. Saul is a Canadian Actor and 2G. This documentary film was released in 1987 and shows the trip he took to Poland with his parents to visit the place and people who hid them during the Shoah. Watch the documentary before our meeting and let's discuss.
RSVP:	RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so we can add you to the participant list. RSVP to Elaine Goldenthal elainegoldenthal@gmail.com Or phone 480.330.1547

The Descendants' Forum

The View from Warsaw - Jewish Life in Poland Today with Helise Lieberman on October 31st

The Descendants' Forum of Greater Phoenix hosts a gathering of children (2G) and grandchildren (3G) of Holocaust survivors. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are free.

WHEN:	Our discussion is on Sunday October 31, 2021
TIME:	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
WHERE:	Video presentation via Zoom. You will receive a link to our event before the scheduled time.
TOPIC:	Helise Lieberman is the Director of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish life in Poland since 2009. She has lived in Warsaw since 1994 when she became the founding principal of the Lauder-Morasha Day School. She is also a consultant to the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews, and the Rothschild Foundation and to the JDC-Baltics.
RSVP:	RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so we can add you to the participant list . RSVP to Elaine Goldenthal mail.com Or phone 480.330.1547.

Descendants' Forum

In 2021, we continued our Descendants' Forum meetings virtually 5 times. Some of the events we participated in included watching and discussing "The Holocaust Survivors Band" film, in having our own film festival, and learning about life in Poland today. Additionally, we were able to enjoy a pizza gathering outdoors at a member's backyard.

The EVJCC held 3 Generations After meetings in 2021.

PHOENIX HOLOCAUST ASSOCIATION IS INVITING YOU TO PIZZA PARTY SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Attendance limited to 40 people

We will provide the PIZZA and DRINKS. You bring the DESSERT.

We love you and we'd like to see you, but if you're not vaccinated we'll see you another time.

WHEN:	Saturday November 6, 2021
TIME:	6:30 PM - ? Outdoors. So bring a sweater?
WHERE:	Member's backyard in central Scottsdale. Address provided to RSVPs
WHAT:	PIZZA! Gluten free & Dairy free pizza will also be available.
YOU:	Bring a dessert to share.
QUESTIONS:	Susan (480) 246.9551 or suze0000@gmail.com
RSVP:	Elaine elainegoldenthal@gmail.com or Susan suze0000@gmail.com

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Phoenix Holocaust Association Invites You to Join Us for a

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Holocaust Education, Inspiring the Next Generation

April 11, 2021 1:00 PM

Virtual Presentation

Open to the Community

Visit **www.phxha.com** to RSVP

We will honor the memory of those who perished during the Holocaust and recognize those who survived. The program features remarks from Holocaust survivors, music, and a candle-lighting ceremony.

Guest Speaker: Representative Alma Hernandez, Member of Arizona House of Representatives, 3rd District

Alma has crafted and championed a bill to mandate Holocaust and genocide education. She has also been instrumental in facilitating COVID-19 vaccinations for Holocaust survivors.

Participants: Rabbi Jeremy Schneider of Temple Kol Ami, Cantor Dannah Rubinstein of Congregation Or Tzion, and Shevet Shemesh Israeli Scouts

PHA produced an impressive Yom HaShoah commemoration – Holocaust Education, Inspiring the Next Generation - which was viewed by several hundred people. The keynote address was given by AZ Rep. Alma Hernandez. Survivor Rise Stillman gave a riveting message. Also participating in the program included:

- Rabbi Jeremy Schneider
- Cantor Dannah Rubinstein.
- Over 50 survivors who were awarded Shofar Zakhor Awards
- Shevet Shemesh Israeli Scouts.
- Many members of PHA Board of Directors including Eva Flaster, Sheryl Bronkesh, Janice Friebaum, Joel Lassman, Kim Klett and Rise Stillman participated in the program while others helped behind the scenes.
- Shout out to Zohar Raz for his technical expertise



During 2021 We Said Farewell to Twelve Survivors

Irving Berk	Rosaline Isaacson
Rose Jalowiec	Eda Lehman
Irene Danon	Serge Voronka
Nancy Fordonski	Alfred Braunschweiler
Magda Herzberger	Bluma Polanski
George Kalman	Eduard Harris





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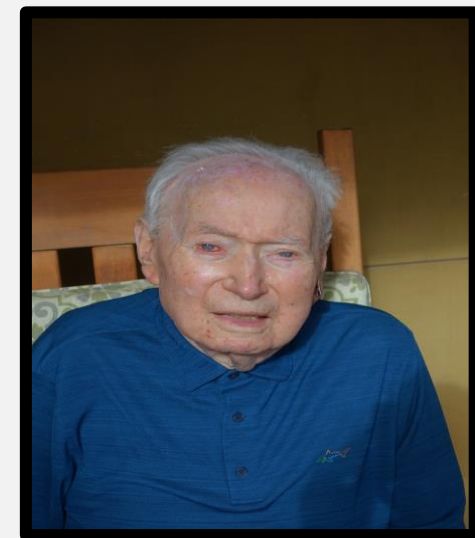
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Apologies if we inadvertently missed a name

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We sincerely appreciate all PHA members, volunteers and donors.
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