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## Dear PHA Members and Friends,

In our last newsletter I made the mistake of saying: "our summer has started out rather pleasant, temperature-wise, for Arizona." I spoke too soon! I hope you have managed to stay relatively cool here in Arizona or that you have gotten out of town during this extreme heat. Our July ice cream social was a terrific success with over 50 in attendance. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who put it together, especially Susan Getz.

I look forward to our upcoming Café Europa on September 10 when we will usher in the High Holidays. As always, please make your reservations as early as possible by calling Susan Getz at (480) 246-9551 or emailing her at [suze0000@gmail.com](mailto:suze0000@gmail.com). If you are unable to attend after making a reservation, please cancel so we have an accurate count of needed meals. We will provide rides for any survivor who needs a ride. As always, there is no charge for Holocaust survivors or someone who drives a survivor.

I hope to see you in person on September 10 to wish you a Shana Tova. If not, wishing those who celebrate, a happy New Year.

With love,

**Sheryl**

Sheryl Bronkesh, President  
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## CAFÉ EUROPA

Sunday Sept 10, 2023 @ 1 PM



**Location: Congregation Beth Israel  
10460 N 56th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85253**

Join us in welcoming 5784 with delicious lunch and friends

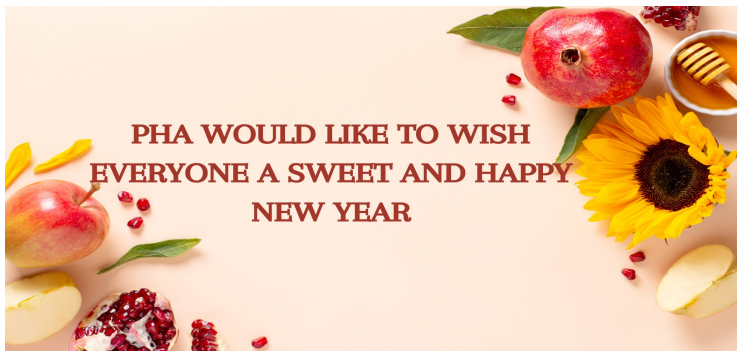
Customized Blintzes Bar  
Bagels; tuna, egg and green salads  
Desserts  
GF and dairy-free options

Free for Holocaust survivors & drivers  
Guest meals - \$20  
(Payable in advance or at the door)

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PHA WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
EVERYONE A SWEET AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Rebuilt from Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America Friday, September 1, 2023, 10AM-12PM (MST)**

**Featured Guest: Holocaust survivor, Fred Behrend (online)**

In November 1938, 12-year-old Fred Behrend witnessed the horrors of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), seeing synagogue after synagogue torched in the city of Cologne. Fred did not know that back home, his father, like 30,000 other Jewish males, had been arrested for transport to a concentration camp. His father was released several weeks later on the condition that his family leave Germany as soon as possible, never to return. They escaped to Cuba, the only place that would take them, and, eventually, America.

In his later years, Fred began to speak to schoolchildren about his Holocaust past. In 2018, he was speaking to students at a Jewish day school on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht about that fateful day. He was telling about the Baum family, whom he lived with at the time – 65 miles from home – so he could attend a Jewish-run secular school after Nazis banned Jews from public school. The head of the day school disappeared from the room for 10 minutes, then returned with a cellphone. A miracle was about to happen.

**RSVP: [afusco@azjhs.org](mailto:afusco@azjhs.org)**

Our first Ice Cream Social was a success! What a great way to cool off in this heat wave with yummy ice cream in the company of family and friends. A special thank you to Fairytale Brownies for donating some delicious brownies for our sundaes! They were a big hit and went fast!



## DONATIONS

**For Café Europa**

Jeff Cain

**A Tribute to PHA**

Helaine Wasser Samuel Klein

**In Honor of Karen Perna's Presentation**

Historic New Carlisle, Indiana

**Holocaust survivor Esther Basch spreads message of peace, happiness, and forgiveness to thousands of Alaskans**

To read the article on Esther Basch go to [phxha.com](http://phxha.com) and click Newsroom/ In the News