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**Dear PHA Family,**  
I want to wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a healthy start to the new year. Growing up, I was always moved by stories I read of Jews who were imprisoned in ghettos and concentration camps, who without hanukkiah, still managed to find ways to commemorate Chanukah. Perhaps the Chanukah lights shine brightest for those who have endured the darkest times. To that end, I hope that we can all focus on small miracles in our own lives and in the greater world that give us hope for a brighter tomorrow.  
I look forward to seeing you at the events we have planned this month, and at PHA's annual meeting on January 21, 2024 (which is also a Cafe Europa) when we will be electing the Board of Directors.  
Best,  
Leslie Feldman  
PHA Executive Director  
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**PHA Café Europa**  
Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 @ 1:00pm  
See enclosed flyer for details



**2024 Membership Invitation and Renewal**  
Membership Renewal Form Enclosed for 2024 fiscal year

We had a wonderful turnout at our November Cafe Europa. A special thank you goes to Holocaust survivor Ike Feiges who shared his moving testimony with us



Pictured left to right, Holocaust survivors Ike Feiges, Susan Faludi, Gyorgyi Rosenthal and Simon and Bella Shpitalnik

**DONATIONS**  
**Café Europa**  
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**A Tribute to PHA**  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Witnessing the Horrors of Hamas:** December 8, 2023 - 10AM (MST) A VIRTUAL SEMINAR. Featured Guest: Steven J. Hilton. On Oct. 7, Hamas killed more Jews since the Holocaust in a senseless & egregious act of terrorism on Israel. Just two days later, Arizona resident, Steven J. Hilton traveled to Israel in the aftermath of the brutal massacre, rape, and kidnapping of thousands of Israeli civilians by the terror organization Hamas. Please join us on Dec. 8 as Mr. Hilton will discuss what he experienced and witnessed, less than a month ago in Israel during his visit, as well as the many ways he and others like him provided aid and comfort to the victims of these atrocities, perpetrated by Hamas.  
**Registration:** <https://www.azjhs.org/surviving-humanity-series>

**Chanukah in Carefree Fifth Night:** Monday, December 11, 2023 5:30 pm  
**Where:** Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion 101 Easy Street Carefree, AZ.  
Featuring guest speaker and Holocaust Survivor, Dirk Van Leenen. On this 5th night of Chanukah, December 11, The Phoenix Holocaust Association will lead the lighting of the Menorah with Holocaust Survivor and author, Dirk Van Leenen. Dr. Van Leenen will share his family's harrowing story of survival and courage in the face of evil of the Holocaust, an especially important story to share based on today's headlines.  
**For More Information:** [ChanukahinCarefree.com](http://ChanukahinCarefree.com)

**Documentary Film Series Reckonings:** Online Streaming: December 11-16. The film discussion will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 am in person only The Valley of the Sun JCC, 12701 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Roberta Grossman, Reckonings recounts the tense negotiations between Jewish and German leaders. Under the constant threat of violence, they forged ahead, knowing it would never be enough but hoping it could at least be an acknowledgement and a step towards healing. **Register with Elaine @ [elainegoldenthal@gmail.com](mailto:elainegoldenthal@gmail.com)**

**PHA Showing Support for Israel at the March for Israel in Washington D.C.**



PHA Vice President Eva Flaster and 3GAZ Co-Chair Jennifer Sosnow at The March for Israel.

**CONDOLENCES**  
Condolences to the family of Mort Sitver. Retired U.S. Magistrate Judge Morton Sitver died in November. May his memory be a blessing.



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Do you have any good news or announcements to share? Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact me, Elaine Goldenthal at 480-330-1547 or [elainegoldenthal@yahoo.com](mailto:elainegoldenthal@yahoo.com)