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**PHA Board Officers and Board of Directors for 2024** ♥

Sheryl Bronkesh (president), Rise Stillman\* (1st generation VP), Eva Flaster, (vice president), Lori Kahn (treasurer), Kim Klett (secretary), Elaine Goldenthal (corresponding secretary), Monique Mendel (past president), Volker Benkert, Ashley Crose, Anthony Fusco, Kathy Gross\*, Tom Helberg, Joel Lassman, Norma Malamud, Hanna Miley\*, Karen Perna, Mirla Raz, Jennifer Sosnow, and Ettie Zilber. If you missed the Annual Meeting, the 2023 Annual Report can be found [https://phxha.com/about/\\*](https://phxha.com/about/*) indicates a survivor

**Dear PHA Family,**

Phoenix Holocaust Association is off to a busy start. The recently elected 2024 board of directors are busy planning for the coming year. The entire board is scheduled for a half-day planning meeting in mid-February. Please email me if you have any program ideas or concerns that should be discussed at that board retreat. If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee, send those to me as well.

Our new executive director, Leslie Feldman, has jumped right in and wrote a powerful Op-Ed for International Holocaust Remembrance Day. You can read it here <http://tinyurl.com/3saces95>

If you are reading this letter on Thursday, Feb. 1, please come to Temple Solel tonight to hear Tali Nates, the director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Center in South Africa. The information is below.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Café Europa on February 18. Please remember to RSVP.

Sheryl Bronkesh, PHA President  
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We held our PHA Annual Meeting & Installation at our January Café Europa. A new Board of Directors was unanimously elected. Leaving the board with sincere thanks were Abe Wagen, Marion Weinzweig\*, Cindy Katz, Timothy Langille, and Dirk Van Leenen\*.



Abe Wagen



Holocaust survivor Hana Miley



Holocaust survivor Kathy Gross



Copy the link below to read the Arizona Republic article on Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen published on January 27.  
<http://tinyurl.com/27k6bkx8>

**Condolences**



Condolences to the family of Dr. Eric Jungermann who died in January at age 100. He was a Holocaust survivor and one of many children who were saved by going to England on the Kindertransport. May his memory be a blessing.

**CAFE EUROPA**

Sunday Feb 18, 2024 at 1:00pm,

Please see enclosed flyer for details

Save the date for Phoenix Holocaust Association Community-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 4:00pm

Martin Pear Jewish Community Center

Registration and partnership information forthcoming.

**DONATIONS**

**Café Europa**

Jeffrey Cain

**Donation to PHA's General Fund**

Helaine Wasser

Lori Pollock

Eric Jungermann

Oskar Knoblauch

Judy and Mark Searle

Haja and Moshe Silbermann

**For Holocaust Education**

Steven Hilton

Monique Mendel

Julie Kirschner

**For Yom HaShoah**

Judy and Mark Searle

**In Memory of Rudy Fraenkel**

Janice Smith

Edie Wade

Jean and Ron Collatta

**In Memory of Eric Jungermann**

Janis and Ben Harris

**In Honor of Karen Perna**

Katrina Berne

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**In Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, The Martin Springer Institute, Temple Solel and Phoenix Holocaust Association Present Schindlers List Apartheid Legacy:** From Poland to South Africa. Feb 1 @ 7:00 PM Featuring speaker Tali Nates, Director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Center in South Africa. Event is in-person and free at Temple Solel, 6805 E McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley. For more info: <http://tinyurl.com/4k8tsd79>

**Through the Eyes of Youth: Life and Death In The Bedzin Ghetto** Feb 5-8 free and open to the public: At Chandler Center for the Arts 250 N Arizona Ave | Chandler, AZ. Feb 5: Is Educators Night and is only open to Chandler Unified school teachers. Feb 7, 5-7pm: Discussion with 2G and PHA board member Ettie Zilber author of a Holocaust memoir, tours with student docents, free classroom materials for educators Feb 6-8, 3-8pm: Self-guided tours with Student Docents.

**Film Screening of Undying Love: Feb 14.** Undying Love tells the poignant, enduring and miraculous love stories of the survivors of World War II. Against the brutalized landscape of post-war Europe, this film focuses on how survivors struggled to reconstruct personal identities and forge intimate relationships. Using searing testimonies, poetic dramatizations, archives and images of romantic love from the pre- and post-Holocaust era, Undying Love is a textured retelling of several extraordinary love stories which emerged "out of the ashes".  
film link: <http://tinyurl.com/yd8ryk94>

**9 Holocaust-related Films at the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival:** UPCOMING HOLOCAUST FILMS screening in theaters at the 28th Annual Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival Feb 18 - March 3, 2024. PHA Board member Ettie Zilber has been invited to speak at the end of the documentary, "J'Accuse" on February 28th. For more information and tickets: <https://gpjff.org/>