



WELCOME 2024

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January 2024

Dear PHA Members and Friends

As 2023 ends, we can look back at a year of getting back to "normal" with many in-person events. Cafe Europa had strong attendance this year and we are hoping for continued successful monthly luncheons. We continued to have many online educational programs as well as meaningful in-person Yom HaShoah. Much energy was focused on educating teachers about the Holocaust to prepare them to fulfill the mandate of teaching the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between 7th and 12th grades in all Arizona schools. If you haven't checked out the resources PHA coordinated, please go to the AZ Department of Education website (https://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/holocaust-and-genocide). Your financial support of PHA helps make this work possible.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting and luncheon on Sunday, January 21 when you can vote on our 2024 Board of Directors.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and peaceful 2024.

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Another great turnout at our December Café Europa Hanukkah Party! In attendance were local Holocaust survivors, family members and friends! Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin helped light the menorah. It was an honor to have The Evangelical Sisters of Mary celebrate with us. We enjoyed music by Little Chef Klezmer Band and Abe Wagen and Jeff Kleiman led us in a sing-along of traditional Hanukkah songs. Thank you, Susan Getz, for putting together another great Cafe' Europa!



Tevet - Shevat 5784

Cafe' Europa

PHA Annual Meeting & Installation

January 21, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

Please see enclosed flyer for details.

Please renew your membership for January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024 at https://phxha.com/support

Local Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen spoke at this year's Chanukah in Carefree. It was wonderful to see how many came out to celebrate! We had a full house! Thank you Karen Perna and Holocaust survivor and author Dr. Van Leenen for sharing your amazing story.



DONATIONS

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Donation to PHA's General Fund

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Extraordinary Story of Zvi Teper Friday, January 5, 2024, 10AM (MST) - PRE-RECORDED. Featured Guests: Holocaust Survivor Zvika Teper, accompanied by his brother, Moshe Bukshpan. Zvi Teper was born in Boryslaw, a city in Galicia, Poland. Zvi was just a baby when the Nazi started persecuting the Jews. He & his family had no choice, but understood that in order to survive, they had to escape. Please join us for this special program, as Zvi will recount his earliest memories of the Holocaust. To Register: https://www.azjhs.org/holocaust-survivor-conversations

Your father is a survivor. I am a survivor. You will be a survivor: My Holocaust Legacy, Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10AM (MST) SPEAKER: Dr. Alex Kor, son of Holocaust Survivors Eva & Mickey Kor. With an intense obligation to never forget and to tell the stories and life lessons of his parents, Dr. Alex Kor will share videos, images, and the incredible memories to honor Eva and Mickey Kor. By participating, the attendee will learn about hope, healing, humanity, resilience, and forgiveness. Register: https://www.azjhs.org/our-parents-stories

Addressing Antisemitism: Contemporary Challenges. January 28, 2024, 10AM (MST). In person and live on YouTube. This event by the Center for Jewish Studies seeks to explain the recent upsurge of Jew hatred in the contemporary world. The symposium brings together prominent scholars to discuss the challenge of defining antisemitism, explaining its explosion in Europe and the United States, understanding its dissemination through digital media, and determining how scholars and activists should best combat it in an era of intensifying global turmoil. For More info: https://www.cjh.org/addressing-antisemitism/ or to register: https://programs.cjh.org/stream-tickets/addressing-antisemitism-2024-01-28

Through the Eyes of Youth: Life and Death In The Bedzin Ghetto Holocaust Traveling Exhibit at Chandler Center for the Arts. February 5-8 are free and open to the public: February 5, 1-3pm: Discussion with Bjorn Krondorfer, Director of The Martin-Springer Institute, tours with student docents. Feb 5, 5-7pm Educator Night: Discussion with Bjorn Krondorfer, tours with student docents, free classroom materials for educators. Feb 6-8 3 - 8 PM Self-guided tours and Tours with Student Docents. Located 6250 N Arizona Ave | Chandler, AZ.

In Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Martin-Springer Institute, Temple Solel and Phoenix Holocaust Association present: Schindler's List Apartheid Legacy: From Poland to South Africa. February 1, at 7PM (MST). Featuring speaker Tali Nates, Director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Center in South Africa. Event is in-person and free and open to the public at 6805 E McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley. For more information visit: https://phxha.com/events-2/

CONDOLENCES



With sadness, the Phoenix Holocaust Association mourns the passing of local Holocaust survivor Rudy Fraenkel. Born in Germany in 1931, Rudy was separated from his parents in 1938 at the age of 7. In 1941, at age 10, he fled France for America and later made Phoenix his home. May his memory be for a blessing.

Program funds partially from a grant of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

DNA REUNION PROJECT

DNA Reunion Project at the Center for Jewish History, which provides free DNA testing and genealogical support to Holocaust survivors and their children. have provided over 1000 free DNA kits to applicants in 17 nations, and have helped numerous families locate crucial information, fill in gaps in their family trees, and connect with relatives. To learn more and apply for a test visit: http://dna.cjh.org/

Article on DNA Reunion Project in Washington Post: https://wapo.st/3TkQeuE

Do you have any good news or announcements to share?

Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact me, Elaine Goldenthal @480.330.1547 or elainegoldenthal@yahoo.com