



**Sept 2024**



**Dear PHA Members and Friends,**

I look forward to our upcoming Café Europa\* on September 15 at Congregation Beth Israel where I hope to see many of you. I missed the July Ice Cream Social (which I heard was terrific) because I spent much of the summer in Los Angeles with my daughter. Other upcoming dates for Café Europa are:

- October 20 Beth El
- November 10 Beth Israel
- December 15 Beth El

This newsletter is packed with information. Your Phoenix Holocaust Association has been busy with many more programs in the works! If you haven't renewed your membership in 2024, you will want to do so ASAP so that you can get a member-priced ticket to hear the author Georgia Hunter ( We Were The Lucky Ones) in conversation with actress Busy Philipps on January 23. Your membership dues and donations allow PHA to continue bringing outstanding programs to the community. I hope to see you in person on September 15 to wish you an early Shana Tova. If not, I send best wishes to those who celebrate, a sweet New Year.

With love,  
**Sheryl**  
 Sheryl Bronkesh, President  
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**\* Please make your reservations as early as possible for Café Europa by calling Susan Getz at (480) 246-9551 or emailing her at 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.**

**The newly relaunched Holocaust Reunion Project**

The Holocaust Reunion Project is proud to announce its relaunch, marking a significant milestone in its mission to reunite Holocaust survivors with family. Launched in late 2022 as the DNA Reunion Project at the Center for Jewish History, the pilot program distributed over 1200 free DNA tests to survivors and their children, enabling scores of meaningful connections. **Survivors or their children can apply for free tests at: <https://holocaustreunions.org/dna-test>**

During this **High Holy Day** season, we appeal to our friends and supporters for your support. Your contributions to PHA will enable us to continue offering services to local Holocaust survivors, bring renowned Holocaust speakers to the valley, and train hundreds of teachers throughout Arizona to implement Holocaust curriculum in their classrooms. Thank you in advance for considering PHA during the upcoming days of awe. To a good and sweet year ahead!

Contribute your High Holy Day gift at <https://phoenixhsa.formstack.com/forms/donations>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Join 3GAZ for a funny and sweet Oneg Shabbat!**  
**September 6, 2024 at 7:30PM Cost: \$36 pp or \$72 VIP**  
 Location: Private venue in Scottsdale, location details will be provided after registration. Co-hosted by Geshet Disability Resources and 3GAZ. \$36 per person includes desserts, drinks and event entry. \$72 per person includes a VIP 30-minute exclusive meet-and-greet with Pamela Schuller before the main event starts plus desserts, drinks, and event entry. Pamela Rae Schuller was once diagnosed with the most severe documented case of Tourette syndrome in the country, coupled with a touch of obsessive compulsive disorder and a whole lot of anger. From the depths of depression and grappling with suicidal thoughts, she wished away her differences. Pamela is now globally recognized as a disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian.  
**RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events>**

**The Diary of Anne Frank:** In cooperation with the Phoenix Holocaust Association, Childsplay invites you to join us for a special performance of The Diary of Anne Frank at the Herberger Theater Center on Saturday, **September 21st at 7 pm**. Please use discount code TDAF30 to receive a \$30 ticket price for Center Orchestra seats only. This discount is equal to \$20 off the regular adult price and \$10 off the student/senior price. Go to [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org) or call the Herberger Theater Center directly at 602-252-8497 to purchase tickets.

**CAFE EUROPA**  
**Sunday Sept 15, 2024 @ 1 PM**  
**Location: Congregation Beth Israel**  
**10460 N 56th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85253**



Congratulations to PHA board member Ashley Crose for being named the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's 2024 Arizona History Teacher of the Year! There is no one more deserving of this honor and PHA is proud to have you on our board!



We had the honor of watching Holocaust survivor Herbert Marx throw the official first pitch at the Diamondbacks game on August 11! If you missed Herbert's pitch you can watch it on PHA website: [phxha.com/gallery/](http://phxha.com/gallery/)

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Sheryl Bronkesh, Susan Getz and Marc Staman
  - In-kind Donation from Fairytale Brownies for the July Ice Cream Social**



**CONDOLENCES**  
**Condolences to the family of Emilia Blok. Emilia was a Holocaust survivor and longtime member of PHA. Emilia died on August 10.**  
**May her memory be a blessing.**