



**October 2024**



**Tishrei 5785**

Dear PHA Community,

I was thrilled with the turnout at September's Café Europa\* and hope for similar attendance at our upcoming Kosher luncheons:

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

You will find information on an extremely interesting free presentation about the Rwandan genocide on October 29 in the newsletter plus information on two events around the book and miniseries, *We Were the Lucky Ones*.

Thanks to all who have made a High Holiday donation to PHA. Your membership dues and donations allow PHA to continue bringing outstanding programs to the community.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova and a sweet New Year.  
 With love,

Sheryl Bronkesh, President

\* 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](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.

Café Europa

**Sunday, October 20, 2024 @ 1 PM**  
**Beth El Congregation 1118 W Glendale Ave,**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85021**  
**Please see flyer for details.**

**Upcoming Program:**

**A conversation with actor Busy Phillips and author Georgia Hunter**

When: January 23, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm MST

Where: Chaparral High School Auditorium

6935 E Gold Dust Ave, Scottsdale

Paid PHA members : \$18

**Survivors are free**

**RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/we-were-the-lucky-ones/>**

**Speakers Bureau**

Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen spoke after the play "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Herberger Theater.



Holocaust survivor Esther Basch spoke to Ashley Crose's Holocaust/Genocide studies class at Saguaro High School via Zoom.

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Café Europa of the season! It was such a nice way to start the New Year surrounded by friends and family while enjoying good conversation. We were so grateful to see many of our local Holocaust survivors in attendance, as well as some new faces.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The Murray and Sabina Zemel z"l Educators Conference Keynote Speaker: Carl Wilkens. Open to the public. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Arizona Jewish Historical Society 122 E. Culver Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004.** The US Embassy ordered Carl and Teresa Wilkens to evacuate Rwanda along with thousands of other expatriates and UN soldiers. They chose not to obey. Teresa did take their children to safety however Carl stayed throughout the 3-month genocide. Wilkens will be exploring stories from this time as well as the 30-year journey since.  
**RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/keynote-speaker-carl-wilkens/>**

**Courage and Memory: Bridging Holocaust Education with Commemoration of October 7th. December 11 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm MST. Online discussion with Adi Bernstein Bedein.** In this innovative lecture, Adi employs cutting-edge methods such as a 360-degree tour of the October 7th burnt vehicles compound and Nova. She discusses October 7th through the lens of a Holocaust educator, incorporating her extensive knowledge and beliefs about commemorations.  
**RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/bddrk8es>**

**Book Discussion of Georgia Hunter's *We Were the Lucky Ones*. December 22 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm MST at Private home in Scottsdale (Address will be provided after RSVP) Light refreshments will be served. RSVP: [leslielfeldman.pha@gmail.com](mailto:leslielfeldman.pha@gmail.com).** Signed copies of *We Were the Lucky Ones* may be purchased on the registration page for our upcoming event featuring author Georgia Hunter and actor Busy Phillips:  
**<https://phxha.com/events/we-were-the-lucky-ones/>**

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**Thank you to everyone who donated to PHA's High Holy Day Appeal.**

**CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of Mira Revich. Mira was a Holocaust survivor and member of PHA. Mira died on September 7.



May her memory be a blessing