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WELCOME 2025

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SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254



Tevet - Shevat 5785

Café Europa

PHA Annual Meeting & Board Installation

January 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM

Please see enclosed flyer for details.

You are listed as a member of PHA. Members are eligible to vote for the 2025 Board of Directors. You can vote by mail, email, phone or attend the Annual Meeting and Café Europa (January 12) and vote at that time. See enclosed ballot.

2024 memberships expired on December 31, 2024.

Please renew your membership at <https://phxha.com/support>

DONATIONS

Café Europa

Jeffrey Cain
Helena Slavsky
Julie Gutfreund

Café Europa in Honor of Nancy Feiges' Birthday

Ike Feiges

Donation to PHA's General Fund

Amy Cohn
Cheryl Palay
Elena Slavsky
Emily Bronkesh-Buchbinder
Judith Gardenswartz
Lori Pollock
Helaine Wasser
Karen Perna
Marvin and Barbara Aal
Sister Mary Anne Hines
Michael Kornreich and Dona Levy
Richard Kaspar
Susan Weil Ernst
Frank and Stephanie Jacobson

Edie Wade
Abe Wagen
Jeffrey Nieman
Eva Flaster
Stuart Siefer
Renee Karson
Peter and Roberta
Van der Walde

Get Well Wishes to Marian Weinzwieg

Rise Stillman
Sheryl Bronkesh
Monique Mendel

Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center

Lori Kahn
Helen Locke
Sandra Flayton
Holocaust Education
Adela Weinstein
Harold Hoffman
Carol Dresner
Julie Kirschner
Martha Maness
Molly Jekel
Dr. and Ms. Stephen and Marcy Cohen
Oskar Knoblauch

Holocaust Education in Memory of Peter Jekel

Molly Jekel

Holocaust Education in Memory of Emil Schoenbrun

Carol Dresner

Holocaust Education in Memory of the Mendel/Neufeld Families

Monique Mendel

In Honor of PHA Outgoing President, Sheryl Bronkesh

Marc Lato
Frank and Stephanie Jacobson
Ann Arbitman and Tom Carrick
Judy and Barry Friefield
Helen and Marty Locke
Zaneta and Ron Ruff

Esty Kurti
Sandra Flayton
Sherry Cohen
Abbie Fink
Trisha Beran
Sandor Lubisch
Janice Friebaum

In Memory of Alexander B. White

Inez White

In Memory of Bina Buchwald

Arthur Rothstein

In Memory of the Helberg and Altman Families

Tom Helberg

In Memory of Sara and Jacob Micflikier

Reva and Allan Micflikier
In Memory of Rosa and Sam Zeesman
Susan Kadar

PHA is supported by a grant from the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix.

PHA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible. Please consider a regular, monthly donation to Phoenix Holocaust Association.

CONDOLENCES

With sadness, the Phoenix Holocaust Association mourns the passing of Holocaust survivor Benny Katz. Benny was born in Romania in 1929. Our condolences to his wife Loti and the rest of his family. May his memory be for a blessing.



Do you have any good news or announcements to share? Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact Justina Bello at justinabello.pha@gmail.com

Dear PHA Members and Friends

This is my last letter as president of the Phoenix Holocaust Association (PHA). It has been a memorable six years in this position. I hope you agree that the association has made great progress over the past several years. While there have been many positive achievements, there have also been challenges – primarily operating during the pandemic. I feel we did the best we could by pivoting to online programming, delivering Café Europa meals to survivors, and arranging for all survivors (who wanted) to receive vaccines just as soon as they were available. We also lost so many survivors during my tenure which is extremely painful.

I am thankful for having an active board of directors, a hardworking Executive Director, generous donors, and members who support the organization. You will be receiving an invitation to vote on two matters: the 2025 board slate (including the incoming president, Eva Flaster) and the bylaws change consolidating the recording and corresponding secretary roles.

I hope many of you will join the board on Sunday, January 12 at 1 pm at Beth El Congregation for our annual meeting when the new board of directors will be installed and outgoing board members recognized.

Wishing the best to you in 2025!

Sheryl Bronkesh, President
Sherylbronkesh.pha@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who helped make our last Café Europa of the season a memorable and joyous event! It was a beautiful turnout of Holocaust survivors and PHA community celebrating Chanukah while enjoying delicious treats and entertainment by Cantor Sarah Bolt. A special thank you to our honored guests Sean Dunn and high school students Ryan Scarpone and Maddie Siegel. Mr. Dunn donated gift bags to all our Holocaust survivors in attendance and Maddie assisted three Holocaust survivors in reciting the Hamotzi.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Upcoming Book Discussion of Georgia Hunter's We Were the Lucky Ones: Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 2:00pm MST. Discussion led by Sheryl Bronkesh, Phoenix Holocaust Association Discussion via ZOOM. Register: <https://www.azjhs.org/we-were>

AZJHS Presents Our Escape from Essen to America: January 10, 2025 at 10am MST Featured Guest: Holocaust survivor, Benjamin Raphael (refugee experience) Pre-Recorded Seminar. Please join AJHS for this upcoming program, as Ben will recount his survival & refugee experience. Register: afusco@azjhs.org

PHA is a co-sponsor of Valley Beit Midrash's event "From the Warsaw Ghetto to America a Holocaust Survival Story" featuring Holocaust survivor Dr. Stephen M. Felton. January 13, 2025, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm MST in-person and online. Dr. Felton will read excerpts from his mother's memoir, "I Shall Lead You Through the Nights", and recount his journey to America and his later return to Poland. Register: <https://www.valleybeitmidrash.org/event/from-the-warsaw-ghetto-to-america-a-holocaust-survival-story/>

In Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day please join the Phoenix Holocaust Association in partnership with the Center for Jewish Philanthropy, for an evening with author Georgia Hunter and Actor Busy Philipps: January 23, 2025 from 6:00-7:30pm MST and VIP Reception: 7:30pm-9:00pm MST. Paid PHA members: \$18 General admission: \$36 Holocaust survivors are free (We can provide a Lyft for survivors). Register: phxha.com/events/we-were-the-lucky-ones/

2025 Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

PHA is proud to be partnering with The Phoenix Symphony for our annual community-wide Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration. The commemoration will be held at Symphony Hall on Sunday, April 27, 2025. On April 27, the Symphony's concert will perform at 2:00 pm MST and will be followed by the Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration at 5:00 pm MST.

<https://phxha.com/events/2025-community-wide-yom-hashoa-commemoration/>

Socialization ("Café Europa") programs for Jewish Nazi victims have been supported by a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

