



April 2025

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2025 Yom HaSoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration
Sunday, April 27, 2025

5:00pm will be the Holocaust Remembrance Commemoration
2:00pm is a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis
Phoenix Symphony Hall: 75 N 2nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Dear PHA Members and Friends

This is a busy time of year for PHA and, most likely, for you as well. We have had quite a number of events, and we are preparing for a very important and memorable Yom HaShoah commemoration on April 27th at Phoenix Symphony Hall.

Just this last Sunday, I went to two events. The first was the book launch for Charlotte Adelman's memoir, *Charlotte: A Holocaust Story of Strength, Courage, and Hope*. Through our Speakers Bureau, she has told her story to many school children in the Phoenix area, and now the story is available to the public. She is a treasure, and this was a great, well-attended event. In the evening, we went to the screening of *Among Neighbors*, a very moving Holocaust film showing at the Phoenix Film Festival. We had a wonderful, members-only discussion with the filmmaker after the viewing.

I hope to see you at our coming events and especially on April 27th at the Yom HaShoah commemoration. In the meantime, please have a healthy and sweet Passover.

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There will be no Cafe Europa for the month of April.

Unto Every Person There is Name: Yom HaShoah Reading of Names

The 2025 Reading of Names will be happening (all day) outside of the front entrance to the Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus on Thursday, April 24. PHA has reserved the time slots 8am to 9am and 4pm to 5pm. To participate in our public recitation of names of Holocaust victims, please use this link. We encourage you to bring the names of your family members with you to read aloud.
<https://tinyurl.com/ypc8nrx>

We are excited to announce that PHA received a grant from Arizona Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities to support our 2025 Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration.



During our March Café Europa event, we were honored to welcome back the talented cabaret singer and musician Joe Bousard. Mr. Bousard provided delightful musical entertainment, engaging attendees in group sing-alongs of "God Bless America" and "Hatikvah," the Israeli National Anthem.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rosenbluth Family Charitable Foundation 12th Annual Genocide Awareness Week: Now through Apr 4th. In person or virtually. All in person events are hosted at the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies in Lattie F. Coor Hall on ASU Tempe Campus unless noted otherwise. With special focus on the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide and the murder and displacement of Native American communities.

Register: <https://jewishstudies.asu.edu/GAW25>

I Survived Auschwitz: Friday, April 4, at 10AM MST. Featured Guests: Holocaust Elizabeth Fischer. Holocaust survivor Elizabeth Fischer was born Elizabeth Adler on June 14, 1925 in Silagy-Solmyo, Hungary & Transylvania. While a teenager, Elizabeth survived the horrors of the Holocaust, and witnessed many atrocities while in the ghetto, and later to Auschwitz-Birkenau and Neuengamme Concentration Camps, before being liberated. **Register:** <https://www.azjhs.org/i-survived>

In-person screening of "A Real Pain": Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7PM MST. The film portrays two Jewish American cousins, with writer and director Jesse Eisenberg as David and Kieran Culkin, who recently won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Benji. They embark on a heritage tour of Poland to honor their recently deceased grandmother, a Holocaust survivor. **Register:** <https://www.azjhs.org/a-real-pain>

Staged Reading of "Mazel": Tuesday, April 29th 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM MST. In-person at AJHS The Theatre Artists Studio, PHA, and AJHS are proud to present a staged reading and talk-back of the play "Mazel". Based on the experiences of Holocaust survivor Jack Sittsamer, who survived eight concentration camps, "Mazel" follows Sittsamer as he comes to America after the war and begins a new life in Pittsburgh, marrying and raising a family there. **The talk-back will feature Mazel's esteemed playwright, Amy Hartman, the show's cast, and acclaimed director, Kathleen Butler, who will be flying in from New York to direct this compelling piece of theatre. Tickets: \$36/person. Refreshments will be served. All ticket proceeds will support the Holocaust education initiatives of PHA and AZJHS. Register:** <https://phxha.com/events/mazel/>

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Do you have any good news or announcements to share? Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact me, Justina Bello@856.504.4961 or justinabello.pha@gmail.com