



PHA Board Officers and Board of Directors for 2025

Eva Flaster, (president), Sheryl Bronkesh (past president), Rise Stillman* (1st generation VP), Volker Benkert, (vice president), Dan Gutfreund (treasurer), Kim Klett (secretary), Ashley Crose, Anthony Fusco, Kathy Gross*, Jason Israel, Renee Karson, Robin LaCorte, Monique Mendel, Hanna Miley*, Karen Perna, Jennifer Sosnow, and Ettie Zilber. If you missed the Annual Meeting, the 2024 Annual Report can be found https://phxha.com/about/



*indicates a survivor

Dear PHA Family,

I'm pleased to say hello to everyone as the new president of the Phoenix Holocaust Association. As the daughter of two survivors from Poland, I'm honored to be working with the survivors, descendants, and friends of PHA. I look forward to deepening my relationship with all of you and working together towards our mutual goals of never forgetting, promoting Holocaust education, connecting as a community, and tikkum olam.

We are grateful to welcome three new board members this year and as always, our board is working hard, and we are all dedicated to making it a meaningful and productive year. This year has already started with a great event on January 23rd. In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we had an impressive turnout of about 500 people who came to hear from the author of We Were the Lucky Ones, Georgia Hunter in discussion with actor, Busy Philipps. It was a wonderful program, and we were happy to see so many of our members and friends share the evening.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Café Europa on February 9th at 1 PM at Congregation Beth Israel.

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It was a pleasure to see so many members of our PHA community at our first Café Europa of the New Year. During our Annual Meeting, we conducted the election for our new Board of Directors and bid farewell to several dedicated board members. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected and returning board members. Additionally, we honored Sheryl Bronkesh for her exemplary six-year tenure as President of PHA by presenting her with the Shofar Zachor Award.



Former PHA President Sheryl Bronkesh with new President Eva Flaster



Local Holocaust survivors



Sandy Flayton with Executive Director Leslie Feldman and PHA board member Sheryl Bronkesh

Dr. Marc Lato, a PHA member and supporter, recently launched his patient advocate business, "The Doctor is In." In the Jewish News article announcing his new venture, he shared that his "goal in this is to try to take any insurance issue, be it simple or complex, and make it useful and understandable for the patient or the beneficiary." Dr. Lato is generously offering his services completely free of charge to Holocaust survivors. For more information, contact Dr. Marc Lato at 602-228-5591 or mlato14@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Escape from Berlin to Shanghai: Friday, February 7, 2025 at 10AM MST Featured Guest: Holocaust Survivor Evelyn Goldstein. This is a pre-recorded Seminar. Holocaust survivor, Evelyn Goldstein was born in Berlin, Germany on September 14, 1936. After Kristallnacht, Evelyn's family secured visas to Shanghai, China. Please join us in hearing Evelyn tell her amazing story. Register: afusco@azjhs.org

Little Boy, I Know Your Name: A Second-Generation Memoir from Inherited Holocaust Trauma: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025. Featured speaker Mitchell Raff. There are two time slots this day to hear Mr. Raff speak. The first time slot will be at the East Valley JCC from 10:00AM - 11:30AM MST. Mr. Raff will also speak at a residence in Scottsdale from 5:00PM-6:30PM MST(The address will be sent after registration). Mitchell Raff is a second-generation Holocaust survivor who grew up in Los Angeles. "Little Boy, I Know Your Name: A Second-Generation Memoir from Inherited Holocaust Trauma" is his first, intensely personal book. There is no charge to attend, registration is required. NOTE: This presentation contains sensitive information that may not be appropriate for guests under age 18. Topic is most appropriate for 2Gs and 3Gs or anyone who else grew up with survivors. Questions? Contact Karen Perna, ksperna@yahoo.com.

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

CAFE EUROPA

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 at 1:00pm.
RSVP with Susan by Wednesday, Feb 5.
Please see enclosed flyer for details.

Phoenix Holocaust Association and the Phoenix Symphony will collaborate on the 2025 Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 5:00pm https://phxha.com/remember/

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our Yellow Memorial Candle program in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Your support can be offered through a contribution of \$18. https://phxha.com/remember/ *Please note that supplies are limited. Orders must be placed by March 7 to be picked up at the March 9 Café Europa.

DONATIONS

- Café Europa
Jeffrey Cain
Donation to PHA's General Fund
Richard Buchbinder
Helene Cass
Joseph Dobrusin
Penny Friedberg
Eva Flaster
Barbara and Jack Luftman
Lori Pollock
Steve Tepper
Edith Wade
Richard Waldinger
Helaine Wasser
Holocaust Education
Norma Owens
Michael Selzer
Holocaust Education in Memory of Emery Hertz
Clara Grossman
Holocaust Education in Memory of Ilona and Armin Klein
Joan and Andre Klein
Holocaust Education in Memory of Katherine Bodek
Myrna Clancey
In Honor of PHA Outgoing President, Sheryl Bronkesh
Judy Searle
Sharon and Steve Guttell
Karen Perna
Nancy and Ike Feiges
In Memory of Rosa and Salomon Wald, Eva and Abraham Werner
Phyllis W. Palm, PhD
In Memory of Paul Wieser
Leeann Wieser
Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center in Honor of Sheryl Bronkesh
Justina Bello
Holocaust Remembrance Day/ Yom HaShoah
Judy and Mark Searle
Holocaust Education in Memory of Seena Ashinoff
Carol Letofsky
Happy Birthday to Rise Stillman
Mitch, Debbie, Rachel and Jeff
Get Well to Mark Kanefsky
Helen Locke



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to PHA board member Ashley Crose for his recent recognition by the Arizona Council of Social Studies as the recipient of the 2025 Isidore Starr Distinguished Social Studies Teacher Award. This accolade follows his achievement as the Gilder Lehrman Arizona History Teacher of the Year in August. Ashley's commitment to his students and Holocaust education are commendable. PHA is proud to have him on the board and appreciates his dedication to raising awareness in this vital area.



Condolences

Condolences to the family of Holocaust survivor Alex Dancziger. Alex was born in Miskolc Hungary on April 8, 1937 and passed away at the age of 87 on January 10, 2025. May his memory be a blessing.

Do you have any good news or announcements to share. Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact me, Justina Bello at 856-504-4961 or justinabello.pha@gmail.com