



May 2025

Dear PHA Members and Friends

I was happy to see so many survivors, members, and friends at our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 27th. There were over 1000 people in attendance, which is the largest audience we have ever had. There were friendly faces both new and familiar and it was wonderful to partner with the Phoenix Symphony and all our co-sponsors. The ceremony fulfilled important tenets of our mission, to remember and to educate. I hope it was meaningful for you. We hope to see you again at our next commemoration. In the meantime, please go to our website to view photos and a video of the event.

Our May Café Europa will be on the 18th at 1:00 PM at Congregation Beth Israel. It will be a terrific opportunity to meet again. See you there.

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Café Europa
 May 18, 2025 @ 1:00pm at Congregation Beth Israel
 See attached flyer for details

Donations

- Café Europa**
Jeffrey Cain
- A Tribute to PHA**
Helaine Wasser
Renee Bloom
Lori Pollock
Sheila and Ronald Nathan
Myrna Ross
Shirley Snage
- Holocaust Education**
Luis Alberto Alarco
Carol Sapin-Chasan
Marcy and Dr. Stephen Cohen
Courtney and Shawn Dunn
William Goldberg
Leslee Kelly
Esau Licano
Lucinda steffes

In Honor of Charlotte Adelman towards Holocaust Education

Monique Mendel

In Honor of Rise Stillman

David Kader

In Honor of Heather Roehl for receiving Shofar Zachor Award

Vivian and Jim Ullman

In Memory of Sam & Bronia Bronkesh

Ann Arbitman

Daria and Donald Guenther

In Memory of Esther Basch towards the Hilton Family Holocaust

Education Center

Sheryl Bronkesh

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Monique Mendel

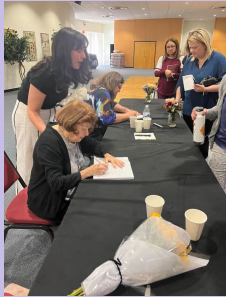
In Memory of Bluma Polonski

Danielle and Benjamin Gross

In Memory of our beloved but never known Bodek and Herskovits grandparents

Beverly and Michael Goldstein

PHA Events Around the Valley



Book Talk by Charlotte Adelman and Mala Blomquist at Beth El Congregation.

PHA members-only discussion with filmmaker Yoav Potash following his Phoenix Film Festival screening of "Among Neighbors".

Thank you to all who attended our 2025 Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration at Phoenix Symphony Hall, honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust while celebrating the resilience of the survivors. We are grateful for the support of so many of you in making this event meaningful. Please check our website's photo gallery to view the photos and video from the event.



Holocaust survivors Gyorgi Rosenthal and Susan Faludi.



PHA Past President Sheryl Bronkesh, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, and Shofar Zachor Awardee Heather Roehl.



Holocaust survivor Hanna Miley, PHA board member Ashley Crose, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, and PHA board member Kim Klett.



2G and PHA board member Karen Perna presented to a BBYO group at the EVJCC.



Holocaust survivor Bodo Schrader spoke at Desert Hills High school. The students presented him with handmade thank you cards.

Condolences

We're holding the memory of Esther Basch, a longtime member of PHA, close to our hearts. Born on May 28, 1928 in Czechoslovakia, Esther was liberated on April 14, 1945. She passed on that very same day 80 years later. Affectionately known as "The Honey Girl" by the American soldiers who freed her, Esther never stopped sharing her story in order to inspire love, forgiveness, and the power of remembrance. We knew her for her fierce resilience, quick wit, and joyful spirit. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.

May her memory be a blessing.

