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PHOENIX HOLOCAUST ASSOCIATION

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CAFÉ EUROPA

Dear PHA Members and Friends,

I hope these summer months have been easy on you. Personally, I'm looking forward to Fall. I know the triple digits will be here with us for a while but, with school beginning, I know we are closer to getting to cooler nights.

At PHA we have been busy getting ready for a full calendar of events in the coming months. We will have a back-to-school event for teachers later this month and we will have a Speakers Series beginning in September.

I hope to see many of you, our members and friends, at the Jewish Community Day with the Diamondbacks - August 10. There is still time to get tickets!

Please stay cool in the meantime!

All the best,

Eva Flaster, President

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Please be informed that there will be no Café Europa held during the month of August. We will resume our Café Europa event on September 14. Additional details will be provided in our next newsletter.



THE MOLLY BLANK FUND

OF THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION

Phoenix Holocaust Association has been awarded a grant from the Molly Blank Fund of the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix for Holocaust Education for Middle and High School Students.



We are thrilled to announce that the Phoenix Holocaust Association has been nominated for the Jewish News Readers' Choice Non-Profit category. We truly appreciate all of our supporters and invite you to cast your vote for us by clicking this link: <https://readerschoice.phoenixcjp.org/>

DONATIONS

For Café Europa

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A Tribute to PHA

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SPEAKERS BUREAU

We are pleased to announce that starting in August Holocaust survivor Dirk van Leenen will be speaking at libraries across Arizona. Dr. van Leenen, who survived the Holocaust in the Netherlands, has written five books and shared his experiences at schools, libraries, and senior centers. It is commendable that he will have the opportunity to share his story with such a wide audience.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Thoughts of a Jewish World War II Veteran. Friday Aug 8, 2025 @ 10 am.

Dr. Gerald Weiner, born in 1927, grew up in Pittsburgh, PA during the Great Depression and can vividly remember the events leading up to World War II, and his involvement in the United States Navy, prior to VJ Day. Please join us as Dr. Weiner will recall and state his opinion on many of the historic events that unfolded during WWII & the Holocaust.

RSVP: <https://azjhs.org/event/ww2-veteran/>

We're excited to be a part of Jewish Community Day with the Arizona

Diamondbacks at Chase Field! Aug 10, @ 1:10 pm. This annual event brings together hundreds from across our Jewish community for a day of baseball, pride, and connection. **Holocaust Survivor Kathy Gross to throw the first pitch!** Other highlights will include: National Anthem: Performed by the Jewish Community Choir, Kosher Food Truck and Community Area: Organized by the Center for Jewish Philanthropy. ***If you're a Holocaust survivor and would like to join us for Jewish Community Day at the Diamondbacks, we'd love to offer you free tickets! Just reach out to Leslie Feldman at lesliefeldman.pha@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!**

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Holocaust survivor Ilse Grant. Ilse passed away on June 19 at the age of 97. Ilse was a longtime member of PHA and recipient of the 2020 Shofar Zakhon Award.

May her memory be a blessing.



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

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