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Dear PHA Members and Friends,

September always signifies renewal for me. Partly, because this is the beginning of the school year, and also because it is the beginning of the new year on the Jewish calendar. The High Holidays are a time for reflection and for repentance. It is a time for growth, a time to find ways to improve who we are, and to set goals and make plans for the year ahead.

With Labor Day behind us, most vacations are over. I don't know about you, but as we enter the Fall season, I hope that the heat of the summer may soon be over as well. This Fall, we will bring many programs your way. There are two events on September 10th. In the evening, we will begin our Speaker Series with "Introduction to Jewish History" presented by ASU Professor, Dr. Stanley Mirvis. In the morning, we will present "Sharing the Gifts of Freedom" presented by Holocaust survivor, Hanna Zack Miley. The details for these programs and many others are in this newsletter.

I look forward to sharing a wonderful year with our community.

Eva Flaster, President
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Dear PHA Community,

As our calendar moves ever closer to 5786, my family and I send you all our warmest wishes for a sweet and healthy new year. Growing up, I would always beam with pride when my grandparents told me that they shepped nachas from even my seemingly smallest accomplishments. In my role as PHA Executive Director, I shep nachas from so many of you - from our survivors who bravely share their testimonies with local schoolchildren, from our Board and other volunteers who dedicate so much time to our worthy organization, and from our generous donors who sustain us. This is the most fulfilling and meaningful work of my career. In the coming year, please know that I derive deep pride from our mission and remain resolved in working together to inspire people to learn from our history and to honor it by speaking out against antisemitism and injustice today.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,

Leslie Feldman
Executive Director

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning Program

Help us get PHA's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning Program started by sharing information about children in your family who were killed during the Holocaust.

For more information on the is amazing program see attached flyer.

During this High Holy Day season, we appeal to our friends and supporters for your support.

Your contributions to PHA will enable us to continue offering services to local Holocaust survivors, bring renowned Holocaust speakers to the valley, and train hundreds of teachers throughout Arizona to implement Holocaust curriculum in their classrooms. Thank you in advance for considering PHA during the upcoming days of awe. To a good and sweet year ahead!

Contribute your tax-deductible High Holy Day gift at <https://phxha.com/support>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Introduction to Jewish History: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. Featured speaker Dr. Stanley Mirvis. PHA proudly invites you to kick off our speaker series with "Introduction to Jewish History." This presentation will offer valuable insight into areas of Jewish history where further understanding may be desired. **RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/introduction-to-jewish-history/>**

Sharing the Gifts of Freedom: Featured speaker Holocaust Survivor Hanna Zack Miley. Wednesday, September 10, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Watch from home or at the East Valley JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road Chandler, AZ. **RSVP: <https://www.evjcc.org/generations-after/>**

Online Author Discussion with Award-winning author Mark Hass: Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 1 PM. Mark Hass will discuss his acclaimed historical novel, *The Days Before Tomorrow*. National Indie Excellence Award for New Fiction, *The Days Before Tomorrow* is a gripping coming-of-age novel set in Eastern Europe between the World Wars. When violence shatters their world, siblings Wolchi and Leja embark on a perilous journey that exposes the depths of history and humanity. **RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/author-discussion/>**

Café Europa

Sunday Sept 14, 2025 @1 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel 10460 N 56th St,
Scottsdale, AZ



Speakers Bureau



2G Holocaust survivor Ettie Zilber spoke to students at Saguaro High School in Ashley Crose's Holocaust and Genocide Studies class.



2G Holocaust survivor Sandor Lubisch spoke to over 600 students at Heritage Gateway Academy High School in Queen Creek, AZ.



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PHA would like to recognize the children of Beth El Hebrew School for their contribution of 44 backpacks filled with essential supplies to the Vista Colina Shelter, in tribute to the legacy of Past President of PHA Joan Silver. This significant act of generosity not only aids families in need but also reflects a profound commitment to community service. We invite all to consider participating in this noble cause next year, ensuring the continuation of this impactful initiative.