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**October 2025**



**Tishrei 5786**

### Dear PHA Community,

Welcome to the year 5786. If you celebrated the High Holidays, I hope it was a meaningful observance. For me, this time of year is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to remember deceased family members and preserve their memories. As a Holocaust Association it is a time to remember events that took place during the Shoah.

Here are some events that took place around this season:

- In late September of 1941, the Nazi Einsatzgruppen murdered almost 34,000 Jews at Babyn Yar (Babi Yar) on the outskirts of Kyiv. The ravine continued to be used as an execution site for another two years, mostly for Jews but also for prisoners of war and other regime perceived enemies. The exact number of dead is not known.
- Around Rosh Hashana in 1943, the Jews of Denmark were warned that the Nazis were planning a deportation action. The Danish Resistance, with the aid of many local civilians, assisted most of the Jews in escaping by sea to neutral Sweden. More than 7000 Jews were saved. As a result, the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust in Denmark was less than 100. It's the lowest death toll of Jews in any of the Nazi occupied countries.

Stay tuned for information about our January 2026 International Holocaust Remembrance Day event which is related to the rescue of the Danish Jews. In the meantime, a sweet and peaceful new year to all.

Shana Tova,  
Eva

### Upcoming Events

**You Are My Sunshine: The Remarkable Survival Story of Pauline Staman – A Daughter's Perspective.** Oct 10, 2025 @ 10:00 AM Featured guest: Cindy Kleiman, daughter of Holocaust survivor Pauline Staman. **RSVP: <https://azjhs.org/event/sunshine/>**

**Online Author Discussion with Award-winning author Mark Hass.** Sunday, Oct 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM. Mark Hass will discuss his acclaimed historical novel, *The Days Before Tomorrow*. **RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/author-discussion/>**

### Save the Date

**Echoes from the Night of Broken Glass.** Nov 9, 2025 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kristallnacht survivors and descendants of survivors will be sharing how their families experienced and survived the Night of Broken Glass in November 1938. *Co-sponsored by PHA and AZJHS.* **RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/echoes-from-the-night-of-broken-glass/>**

**Fractured Childhoods.** Nov 10, 2025 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In partnership with Scottsdale Community College's Anthropology Department and Arizona State University Jewish Studies, PHA invites you to our speaker series event, "Fractured Childhoods: A conversation with Holocaust Survivor Hana Miley and Indian Boarding School Survivor Dr. Ramona Klein." **RSVP: <https://phxha.com/events/fractured-childhoods/>**

**'I Am Here Because of Them' Honoring a Legacy: My Grandparents' Holocaust Survival.** Nov 12, 2025 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. A presentation by Leslie Feldman, Executive Director of Phoenix Holocaust Association. **RSVP: <https://www.evjjc.org/generations-after/>**



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

### Café Europa

**Sunday, October 19, 2025 @ 1 PM**

Beth El Congregation 1118 W Glendale Ave, Phoenix.

**Please see flyer for details.**

### Speakers Bureau



Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen shared his powerful testimony with an audience of over 80 attendees at the Payson Public Library, offering a moving reminder of the importance of remembrance and education.



In September, educator and PHA board member Ashley Crose welcomed two impactful guest speakers to his Holocaust/Genocide Studies class at Saguaro High School: 3G speaker Adena Bernstein and Holocaust survivor Rise Stillman. Their powerful stories brought history to life for students and deepened their understanding of the Holocaust.

### Donations

#### For Café Europa

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#### A Tribute to PHA

Jeff Chasan

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In Memory of Asher Ben Alter Y"Chiel

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### Condolences

Condolences to the family Benjamin Lesser. Benjamin was a Holocaust survivor and founder of The ZACHOR Holocaust Remembrance Foundation. Benjamin died on September 23 at the age of 96.

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 @856.504.4961 or [justinabello.pha@gmail.com](mailto:justinabello.pha@gmail.com)