



Tevet - Shevat 5786

January 2026

Dear PHA Members and Friends,

I hope the new year brings us all meaningful experiences with our family and friends and with the health to enjoy them. If you have not voted for our slate of officers and directors yet, please be sure to vote. You can also vote in person at the January Café Europa on January 11th at Congregation Beth Israel and join us there as we welcome our 2026 Board of Directors.

I'll tell you about two of the events coming this month. On January 8th, our own Kim Klett will be in conversation with Rachael Cerrotti about her book *We Share the Same Sky*. Rachael's book tells the story of her grandmother's survival during the Holocaust, which included being rescued in Denmark by neighbors who assisted the Jews to escape a Nazi planned round-up by ferrying them to Sweden. The story is amplified by our commemoration for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which will present Lois Lowry whose book, one of the first books for children about the Holocaust, *Number the Stars*, details the story of Danish bravery in the face of Nazi plans to destroy the Jews of Denmark. It is a feat accomplished by local people. The commemoration is on January 26th.

Happy New Year! And see you soon,
Eva



Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen will share his story during post-show conversations following *The Diary of Anne Frank*, playing at the Herberger Theater January 17-31.



Holocaust survivor Dr. Michael Markson shared his remarkable story alongside Tony Fusco, Education Director of the Arizona Jewish Historical Society, at Chanukah in Carefree.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day Featuring Author Lois Lowry Monday, January 26, 2026

In Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in partnership with the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix and PJ Library Phoenix, we are honored to welcome Two-time Newbery Medal Awardee author Lois Lowry who will discuss her motivation for writing *Number the Stars* and the impact that it has had on Holocaust education.

Two Program Times Available at 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM

\$36/ticket for non PHA members

\$18/ticket for PHA members

Holocaust survivors and Students are Free

RSVP: phxha.com/events/lois-lowry/

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Online Book Discussion *We Share the Same Sky*: Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM MST.

Featuring award winning author Rachael Cerrotti. Discussion Moderated by Kim Klett.

Register: azjhs.org/event/we-share-the-same-sky-book-discussion/

Destruction and Renewal: My Parents' Story of Survival and Resilience: January 14, 2026 at 10:30 AM MST. A presentation by Eva Flaster, President of Phoenix Holocaust Association.. The program will be held at the East Valley JCC with an option to join virtually. Register: www.evjcc.org/generations-after/

Documentary Film Screening of *For the Living*: February 3, 2026, from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM MST. ASU West Valley Campus. This film follows 250 cyclists from 12 countries as they retrace Holocaust survivor Marcel Zielinski's 60-mile journey from Auschwitz to Krakow. Registration is free.

Register: phxha.com/events/for-the-living/

Save the Date for the 2026 Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration
3:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Beth El Congregation.

Café Europa
PHA Annual Meeting & Board Installation
January 11, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
Please see enclosed flyer for details.

You are listed as a member of PHA. Members are eligible to vote for the 2026 Board of Directors. You can vote by mail, email, phone or attend the Annual Meeting and Café Europa (January 11) and vote at that time. See enclosed ballot.

2025 memberships expired on
December 31, 2025.

Please renew your membership at:
phxha.com/support

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A Tribute to PHA
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Pauline Staman

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Ronald & Jeffrey Siegel

Lori & Peter Wolff

In Memory of

Gerta Klein

Stuart Siefer

In Memory of

Rip Grossman

Debbie & Bruce Menditch

In Honor of Tyler

Feldman on Her Bat

Mitzvah

Emily Mallin

In Memory of my

Grandfather, who was

Murdered in the Shoah

Adela Weinstein

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