



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 Cerotti 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 Cerotti. 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.**

Tevet - Shevat 5786

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

DONATIONS

For Café Europa

Charlotte Adelman
Jeff Cain

A Tribute to PHA

Marvin Aal
Center for TOX Services

Chana Anderson

Susan Brosse
Sherry Cohen

Stephanie Davis

Nancy & Ike Feiges

Susan Fischer
Eva Flaster

Charles Gealer
Roz & Seth Goldberg

Mary Anne Hines
Harold Hoffman

Ruth Rotkowitz
Jane Salk

Hannah Sperber
Jennifer Sosnow

Lois Sugar
Peter Van der Walde

Helaine Wasser
Holocaust Education

Katrina Berne
Elizabeth Blackburn

Sheryl Bronkesh
Pamela Gilbert

Renee Karson
Irwin Malamud

Nancy Stevenson
Ettie Zilber

Giving Tuesday

Ruth Callahan
Margaret Cassidy

Carol Sapin-Chasan

Stephen Cohen
Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center

Christine & Gary Leva

In Memory of Holocaust Survivor

Ethel Jankelewicz
Toby Messrie

In Memory of Holocaust Survivors

Sam & Tonia Helberg
Tom Helberg

In Memory of Pauline Staman

Julie Benario
Saraly Whitefield

Gary & Lisa Serbin
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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