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Café Europa
 Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026 at 1:00pm.
 Please see enclosed flyer for details.

Save the Date
 2026 Community-wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm
 Beth El Congregation

phxha.com/events/yom-hashoah-2/

Dear Members and Friends,

Since 2005, January 27th has been designated by the UN as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was selected because it is the anniversary of the day that Auschwitz was liberated in 1945. It is one of the days on which we honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. This year, PHA was pleased to welcome Lois Lowry to our community to speak to us about her book, *Number the Stars*, which tells the story of how Denmark saved nearly its entire Jewish population from the Nazis. It was great to hear about her writing process and to see over 500 people take part in both sessions. I was pleased to see many familiar faces there and also to see so many people who were attending their very first PHA program. What made this event super special was the large number of children who attended and then waited patiently in line to have their books autographed

This month, we look forward to co-hosting a February 3rd film screening at ASU West of *For the Living*, which is a documentary about an annual cycling ride from Auschwitz to Krakow which commemorates the journey of a Holocaust survivor who traveled that same route. February is also full of films brought to the Phoenix area by the Jewish Film Festival. Opening night is February 12th and the festival continues until March 1st and includes many Holocaust related films.

I hope to see you at some of these events.

Eva Flaster, President
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In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we welcomed acclaimed author Lois Lowry for a powerful evening of reflection and remembrance. Thank you to our partners, volunteers, and 500 community members who joined us in honoring memory and recommitting to education and empathy.



Another successful 26 Phoenix Holocaust Association Luncheon Gathering—an afternoon of connection, conversation, and community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Loneliest Child in Terezin: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM MST A Virtual Presentation by Holocaust Survivor Marge Rich. **Register:** www.evjcc.org/generations-after/

Film Screening of Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire: Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Harkins Chandler United States • 2024 • Documentary • 88 minutes • English • Director: Oren Rudavsky. Followed by Q & A with Director Oren Rudavsky. Co-sponsored by the Phoenix Holocaust Association and the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center. **Purchase tickets:** gpjff.org/events/eliewiesel/

Making the Unbearable a Bit More Bearable: The Work of Forensic Anthropologists and Archaeologists in Bosnia: Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. In partnership with Scottsdale Community College's Anthropology Department and Arizona State University Jewish Studies, PHA invites you to our next speaker series event, Making the Unbearable a Bit More Bearable: The Work of Forensic Anthropologists and Archaeologists in Bosnia. **Register:** phxha.com/events/speakerseries/



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 me, Justina Bello @ 856-504-4961 or justinabello.pha@gmail.com