



**2026 COMMUNITY-WIDE
YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION**

**81 YEARS AFTER LIBERATION:
HONORING THE 6 MILLION JEWISH LIVES
LOST IN THE HOLOCAUST**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
BETH EL CONGREGATION, PHOENIX, AZ**



Phoenix Holocaust Association

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for our Yom HaShoah Commemoration. Your presence gives profound meaning to this gathering as we remember, reflect, and honor the lives lost in the Holocaust.

Eighty-one years after the end of World War II, the responsibility of remembrance rests with each of us. We honor the resilience and courage of survivors, and we commit to carrying their stories forward.

The Phoenix Holocaust Association is deeply grateful to our volunteers, board members, staff, supporters, religious leaders, participants, and all who have helped make this commemoration possible.

We invite you to deepen your connection by becoming a member of PHA. Your support sustains our educational programs, community events, and ongoing efforts to preserve the memory and lessons of the Holocaust for future generations.

Together, we remember. Together, we stand united against hatred and indifference.

With gratitude,



Sheryl Bronkesh, PHA Past President and Commemoration Chair



Opening Music: Arranged by Hannah Creviston

Piano by **Hannah Creviston**, *Clinical Professor, ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre*

Chanson by Erwin Schulhoff

Tempo di Blues by Dick Kattenburg

24.V.1945 Sám – Sám (Alone – Alone) and *Nový život (New Life)* by Karel Berman

About the composers

Erwin Schulhoff was an Austro-Czech composer and pianist. He was one of the figures in the generation of European musicians whose successful careers were prematurely terminated by the rise of the Nazi regime in Germany. He died at age 48 in 1942 in the Wülzburg concentration camp.

Dick Kattenburg was a Dutch Jewish composer who was murdered at Auschwitz at the age of 24 in 1944.

Karel Berman was imprisoned at Terezín in 1941. The young Czech bass refused to let the Nazi camp silence him. He conducted choirs, directed operas, premiered new works, and composed music that bore witness to the horror around him. He survived Auschwitz and a death march, returning after the war to build one of the most distinguished operatic careers in post-war Czechoslovakia.

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PHA Mission As a partnership of Holocaust survivors, their descendants and the larger community, we honor the memory and legacy of the survivors and victims, promote awareness of the Holocaust, provide education of this and other genocides, and contribute to tikkun olam, repair of the world.

PHA Vision As a unique, regional resource for Holocaust education and remembrance, PHA promotes human dignity by inspiring people to speak out and take action against hate, bigotry, intolerance, and discrimination.

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Program

April 12, 2026 25 Nissan 5786

Procession of Survivors

Mark Curtis, *12 News Anchor*

Please rise as you are able

National Anthem

Masters Men's Choir, adult extension of the Phoenix Boys Choir
Under the direction of **Herbert Washington**
Accompanist, **Mary Price**

Welcome

Sheryl Bronkesh, *Phoenix Holocaust Association
Past President and Commemoration Chair*

Invocation

Rabbi Anemone Nitzan Stein-Kokin
Beth El Congregation

Shofar Zachor Awards

Presented by **Leslie Feldman**, *Phoenix Holocaust Association Executive Director* to:
Lori Redman, *Chandler High School*
Childsplay, *Board President, Tasha Cycholl*

Survivor Remarks

Mark Olsky, *Holocaust Survivor*

Inscription of Hope
by *Z. Randall Stroope*

Masters Men's Choir

Zog Nit Keynmol
Partisans Hymn

Cantor Dannah Rubinstein, *Congregation Or Tzion*
Cantor Tanya Greenblatt, *Temple Chai*

Candle Lighting

Mark Curtis, *12News Anchor*

Dr. Albert Celozza, *Executive Director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement*

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Talli Dippold, *Executive Director, Arizona Jewish Historical Society and the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center*

Stanley Mirvis, PhD., *Director of Jewish Studies, Arizona State University*

Holocaust Survivors:

Charlotte Adelman

Michael Markson

Mark Olsky

Eleanor (Mickey) Oremán

Rise Stillman

Marion Weinzweig

Dirk van Leenen

Assisting are great-grandchildren of Holocaust survivors:

David Breslow Weigel

Leaya Dolev

Ani Ma'Amin

arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Masters Men's Choir

El Maleh Rachamim

Cantor Sarah Bolt, *Beth El Congregation*

Holocaust Mourner's Kaddish

Rabbi Aviva Funke, *Hillel at ASU*

Closing Words

Eva Flaster, *Phoenix Holocaust Association President*

Hatikvah

Israeli National Anthem

Cantors

Israeli Scouts, Shevet Shemesh

Please rise as you are able

Survivors leave the sanctuary

Holocaust Mourner's Kaddish

<i>Auschwitz</i>	יִתְגַּדֵּל
<i>Lodz</i>	וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ
<i>Ponar</i>	שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
<i>Babi Yar</i>	בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ
<i>Maidanek</i>	וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
<i>Birkenau</i>	בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן
<i>Kovno</i>	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
<i>Janowska</i>	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב
	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Y'hei sh'mei rabah m'varakh l'alam u-l'almei almaya.

<i>Thereisienstadt</i>	יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח
<i>Buchenwald</i>	וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם
<i>Treblinka</i>	וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
<i>Vilna</i>	וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
<i>Bergen-Belsen</i>	שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא
<i>Mauthausen</i>	בְּרִיךְ הוּא,
<i>Dachau</i>	לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא
<i>Minsk</i>	תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא
<i>Warsaw</i>	דְאָמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא
	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

What is the Shofar Zachor Award?

Each year, the Phoenix Holocaust Association presents the Shofar Zachor Award to an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions to the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide awareness. This award is named for the ram's horn, or shofar, which is both the horn of remembrance and a call to service. Zachor is the Hebrew term for an ethical duty to remember. Thus, the award symbolizes a call to action to remember the Holocaust.

Over the years, recipients of the Shofar Zachor Award have made positive impacts by keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive and encouraging the next generation to be upstanders who use their voices for good.

Childsplay

Childsplay is honored to accept the 2026 Shofar Zachor Award for contributions to the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide awareness in Arizona. The productions of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *No Going Back* are so important to Childsplay, and the community, in their exploration of the themes of identity, resilience and hope, perhaps now more than ever. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Phoenix Holocaust Association for giving us this award, as well as the actors, directors, writers, production artisans, and teaching artists on the front lines who make these productions and associated education programs possible. We also want to thank Sally Ginn for bringing *The Diary of Anne Frank* production to us. We would also like to thank our many past sponsors including the Burton Family Foundation, the Marco Foundation, and the Halle Foundation for supporting the production. Likewise, thank you to Dirk Van Leenan, Holocaust survivor, for putting a face to the horrors of the Holocaust. Our two productions and associated education programs that extend the learning are reaching nearly 10,000 middle school students each year. We're excited to bring the productions back one more year in 2027. Thank you, again, so much for this recognition.

Tasha Cycholl, *President of the Childsplay Board of Trustees*



Lori Redman

Lori Redman has dedicated over 30 years to education, both in the United States and abroad. She joined the Chandler Unified School District seven years ago as an English as a Second Language teacher. In 2021, she transitioned to history—her true passion—and moved to Chandler High School, where she teaches World History, U.S./Arizona History, and Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

In 2022, Lori led the effort to establish a Holocaust and Genocide Studies course within the district, with the first section launching in July 2024. She is an active member of the Phoenix Holocaust Association and played a key role in building a partnership between the organization and Chandler Unified School District to expand Holocaust education. This success also created new opportunities to collaborate with other departments at Chandler High School, fostering interdisciplinary approaches to Holocaust instruction.

Lori has also collaborated with the Martin Springer Institute to bring its traveling exhibit, *Through the Eyes of Youth: Life and Death in the Bedzin Ghetto*, to both Chandler High School and the Chandler Center for the Arts, reaching more than 1,500 students and community members. Continuing her commitment to this work, she earned an Advanced Certificate in Holocaust Education from Yeshiva University in 2025.

Lori currently serves on the Phoenix Holocaust Association Education Committee and as Vice President of the Arizona Council for Social Studies, where she continues to advance Holocaust and genocide education.

Acceptance Remarks by Lori Redman

Thank you for this incredible honor.

Teaching the Holocaust should not only be about facts and figures; it must honor those who were lost and the resiliency of those who survived. “Never forget” is more than something to say, it is a commitment to critical thinking, empathy, and active citizenship.

I share this award with my students, whose curiosity and willingness to grapple with difficult truths give me hope for the future. It is through their questions and reflections that this history stays alive and relevant.

Most importantly, I hope to empower my students to recognize injustice and to have the courage to stand against it. Thank you for supporting this mission and for this meaningful recognition.



YOM HASHOAH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



In Memory of local Survivors who died in the past year:



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PAULINE STAMAN



IMRE ZWIEBEL



ELLY ORRIN



BODO SCHRADER

**In lasting memory of all our family
who were murdered in the Holocaust,
the Rosenbloom, Minarsky and Rosenberg families.**



**For my parents, Sally and Bery Rosenbloom, and for
my grandfather, Ralph Minarsky, your legacy lives on...**

**Judy and Mark Searle; Erin, Jacob and Marigold Proud; and
David, Naomi, Ariella, Adira and Benjamin Searle**

**In remembrance of the six million lives lost in the
Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, may their
memory inspire us to stand against injustice and
intolerance.**

-Marta and Robert Bello



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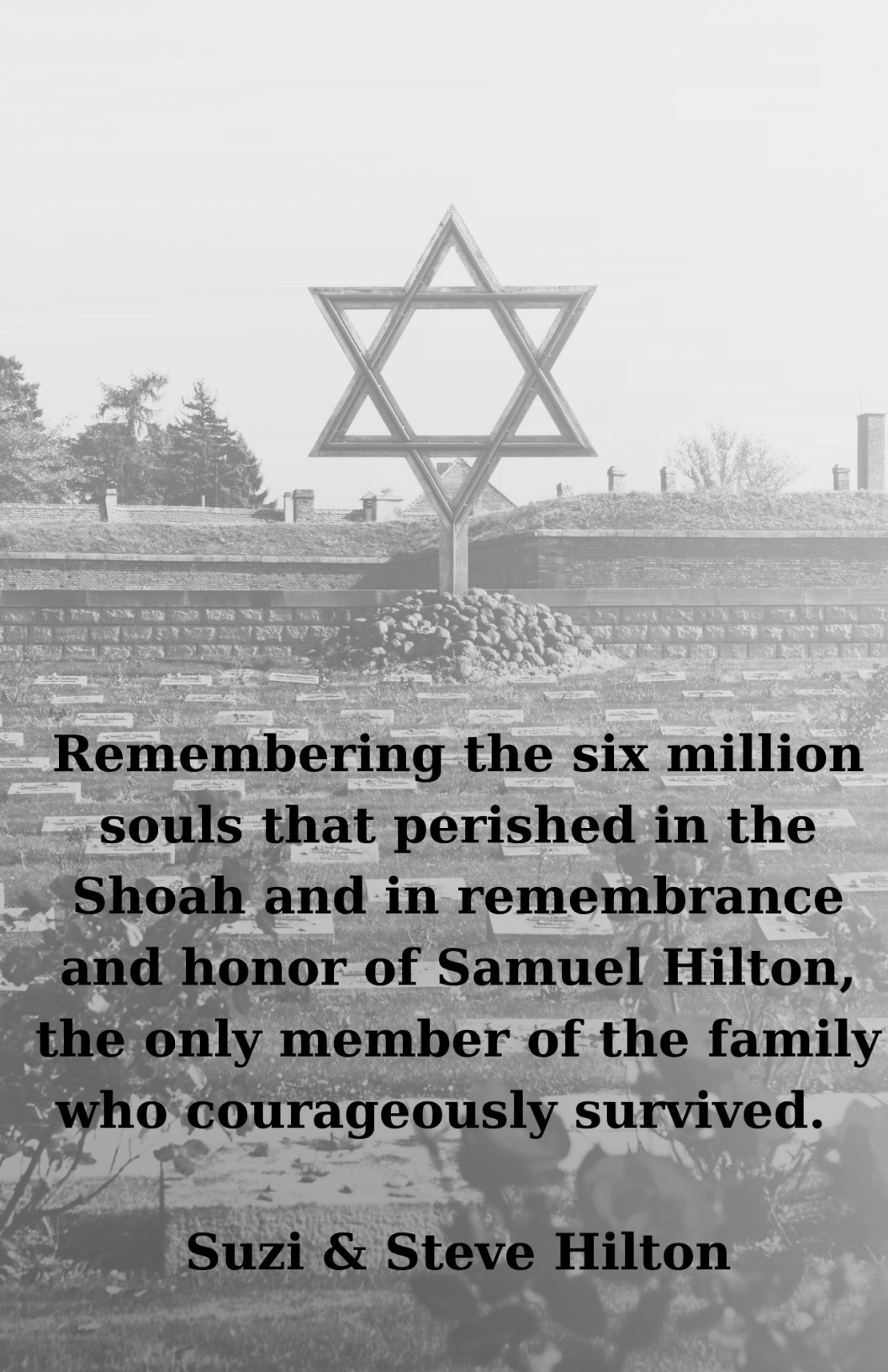
Your Voice in Israel

In loving memory of my parents
Israel Moshe and Lola Kader
and Fishel, Gitel, and Claudine
who perished in the Shoah with all
Kaders and Wassermans
-David & Pat Kader



Claudine and her mother Zipporah





**Remembering the six million
souls that perished in the
Shoah and in remembrance
and honor of Samuel Hilton,
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NEVER FORGET AND NEVER AGAIN





**As we remember the events of 81 years ago,
we know we can not be complacent.**

**The words "Never Again" take on new
meaning when reflected through the lens
of modern antisemitism. We must
vigilantly guard our rights and freedoms
and work to ensure that we are safe and
our communities are safe.**

**We support the mission of the
Phoenix Holocaust Association and are
glad we can partner with them for our
Holocaust Speaker and Lecture.**





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The Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix proudly stands with the Phoenix Holocaust Association in honoring the memory of the six million and all who suffered.

We remain committed to remembrance, education, safeguarding our community and the promise of “Never Again.”

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Beth El remembers the six million lost in the Shoah
and honors our members who are survivors:

Charlotte Adelman and Marion Weinzweig

Learn about our Czech scroll,
on permanent loan from Memorial Scrolls Trust:
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In honor and memory of the Mendel,
Neufeld, and Simonsohn families

-Monique and Linda Mendel and family



NEVER FORGET

NEVER AGAIN



In Remembrance, In Reverance,
and in Song, the Phoenix Boys Choir
Offers This Tribute to Honor the
Memory of Those Whose Lives Were
Lost in the Holocaust.

We sing for those who cannot.

We remember so that the world does not forget.

We lift our voices in hope so that compassion, dignity & peace will endure.

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Chanukah in Carefree stands with the **Phoenix Holocaust Association** in solemn remembrance of the six million Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust and in our shared responsibility to carry their memory forward. On this Yom HaShoah – and always – we honor Survivors and their families and affirm our commitment to combating hatred, prejudice, and antisemitism in all its forms.

As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary in 2026 (December 4-11, 2026), Chanukah in Carefree is honored to announce that the Phoenix Holocaust Association is our **2026 Spirit in Giving** recipient. The Association will lead our program on **December 10, 2026**, continuing a tradition they have upheld since 2019 by bringing a Holocaust Survivor to share their story and remind us to choose light in the face of darkness. On that night they will collect 100% of the proceeds from our Silent Auction and Raffles, to help support their vital work.

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We honor the six million
Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust
and pray for a world where dignity,
justice, and peace prevail for all.

In memory of Melvin and
Ruth Katz.
May their memories be a
blessing.

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**In loving memory of my mother, Ann,
sister, Magda, and brother, Jenö.**

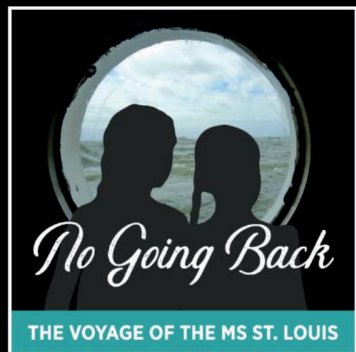
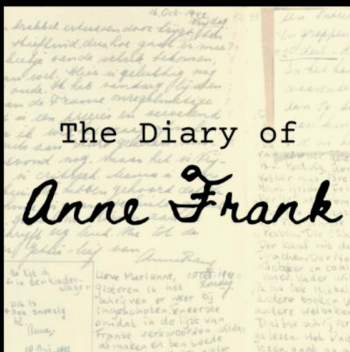
Clara Grossman



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Grateful for this recognition

2026 Shofar Zachor Award Recipient



**In memory of Solomon and Clara Feiges,
David Martin Feiges, and Ida Feiges.**

—Nancy and Ike Feiges



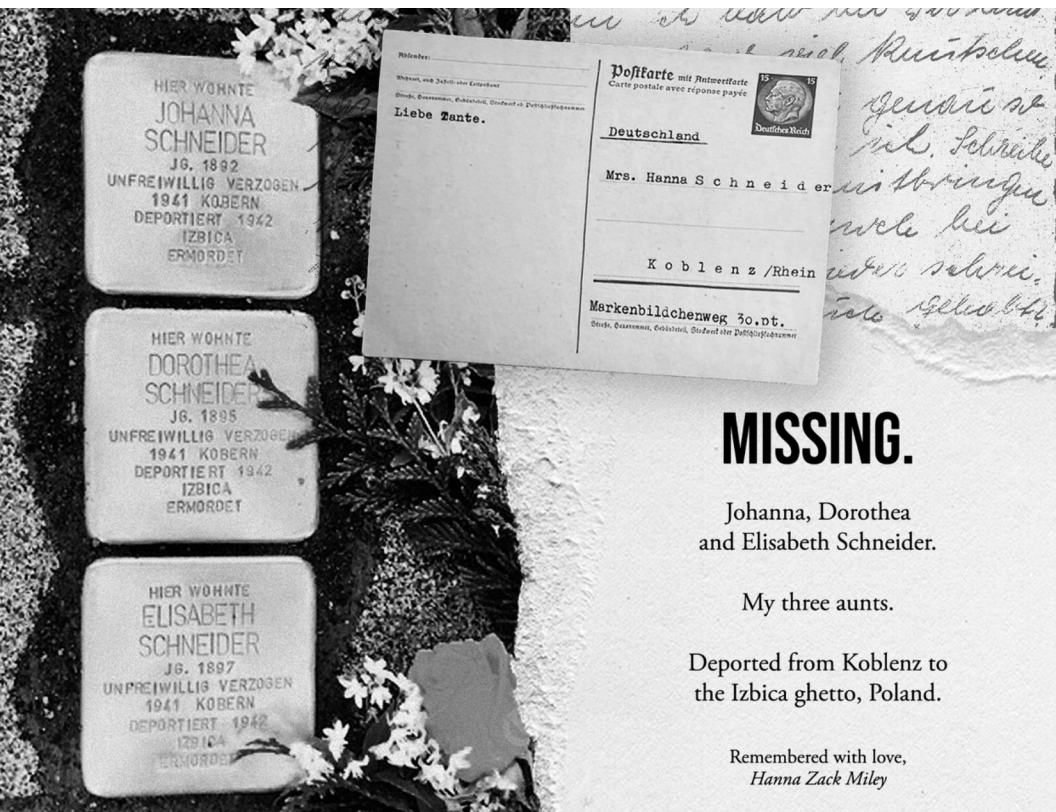
**In loving memory of our parents, Charlotte and
Martin Kalus. The most wonderful and loving couple.
We miss you every day.**

-The Cropp and Kalus families



In loving memory of the Cimmerman,
Bronkesh, and Pasma family members
who were murdered in the Shoah.

Sheryl Bronkesh and
Emily Bronkesh-Buchbinder



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SCHNEIDER
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JG. 1895
UNFREIWILLIG VERZOGEN
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My three aunts.

Deported from Koblenz to
the Izbica ghetto, Poland.

Remembered with love,
Hanna Zack Miley



**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO PERISHED.
HONORING THOSE WHO SURVIVED.**



**REMEMBERING THE
6 MILLION
THROUGH EDUCATION**



Hilton Family
**Holocaust
Education Center**

**THROUGH REMEMBRANCE,
WE PRESERVE THE FACES, STORIES,
AND HISTORY THAT MUST
NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.**

**WE HONOR THEIR MEMORY
TODAY AND ALWAYS.**



**In loving memory of Frieda and Solomon
Radasky, whose strength, bravery, love,
and will to live inspire us always.**

Leslie, Andrew, Tyler & Olivia Feldman



Commemorative Listings

The Karson and Mann families commemorate our loving parents and grandparents, Frieda and Irving Mann. You are missed every day.

– Renee Karson

In memory of the Sidrer and Santocki families, Kovno, Lithuania/Grodno, Poland/Belarus, who did not survive & those who did and are gone - parents, great/grandparents, aunts and uncles.

– Ettie Zilber

In memory of my brave, resilient and generous survivor father, Morris Friebaum, and in memory of my family - Frajbaums, Grynbergs, Auerbachs and Birenbaums. You have not been forgotten.

– Janice Friebaum

In memory of my parents who miraculously survived the Holocaust, Charles and Jean Flaster. I cherish all my loved ones who perished in the Flaster, Nordon, Zins, and Blumensohn families. May their memories be a blessing.

– Eva Flaster

In memory of my Blumenthal and Wolf family members who emigrated from Germany to begin again in the US.

– Karen Zubkoff Perna

In honor of Alina Lechowitz.

– Arthur Rothstein

In honor of Betty and Otto Schimmel, who did so much to educate students about the horrors they experienced. They are truly missed.

– Kim Klett

In loving memory of my courageous grandparents, Meyer and Hadassah Linder; remembering them and the family members they lost, whose lives and legacies were cut short. Never forget, never.

– Einat Orlev Dolev

In memory of my grandparents, Rebecca and Seymour Adelman, who bravely survived the Holocaust but lost much of their family in the concentration camps.

– Jennifer Sosnow



Six million lives. One shared responsibility.

Through remembrance, education and action.



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In honor of the six million family members, friends and neighbors who perished in the Holocaust, as well as those who survived. The JTO is proud to support the Phoenix Holocaust Association and the work they do in educating the community.

Never forget. Never again.

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