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**2026 HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR DAY CELEBRATORY GALA**

When: June 14, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Ballroom at Congregation Beth Israel  
 10460 N 56th Street, Scottsdale, AZ

**Please see attached flyer for more info.**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

One of the busiest parts of our year has passed, and now, we look forward to the next half of 2026 with more special programming. I am proud of our many achievements, and I certainly welcome a little summer fun.

But before we decamp for the beach, we have another event on our schedule to honor our local Holocaust survivors. On June 14th we will gather with survivors and their family and friends to honor their survival and strength. This special celebration is funded by grants we have received and commemorates Holocaust Survivor Day. We will send you pictures of this celebration in our next newsletter.

You are very welcome to join us for our summer fun event, the Café Europa ice cream social on August 2nd. We look forward to seeing you then and hope you enjoy a happy summer in the meantime.

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**KJZZ Story on Holocaust Remembrance Wins Regional Murrow Award**

KJZZ host Phil Latzman won the Radio Television Digital News Association's Region 3 Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Sound for his feature on our 2025 Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The moving story highlighted our collaboration with the Phoenix Symphony and their performance featuring the music of Gideon Klein, a Czech composer murdered in Auschwitz in 1945. Holocaust survivor and PHA board member Hanna Miley is prominently featured in the award-winning news story. You can read the award-winning piece at: [phxha.com/newsroom/2/](http://phxha.com/newsroom/2/)

Phoenix Holocaust Association proudly congratulates our **Executive Director, Leslie Feldman**, on being recognized in Jewish News' **"2026 18 Under 50,"** honoring individuals making a meaningful impact across the Valley's Jewish community.

Through her leadership, dedication, and passion, Leslie continues to strengthen Phoenix Holocaust Association and expand our mission of Holocaust education and remembrance. We are proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition and grateful for the impact she continues to make in our community.



Last month, students in Ashley Crose's class at Saguaro High School had the powerful opportunity to hear from Holocaust survivors Dr. Mark Olsky and Marge Rich.

Dr. Olsky, who was born on a train to Mauthausen, was also recently featured on CBS 60 Minutes. Marge Rich spoke about surviving the Theresienstadt (Terezín) labor camp alongside her beloved teddy bear, which remains her closest companion today.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jewish Community Day with the Arizona Diamondbacks: Sunday, August 9, 2026.. Gates open at 11:30 AM.** Phoenix Holocaust Association is proud to once again participate in this exciting event. The day will include community activities, special ticket opportunities, and a ceremonial first pitch thrown by local Holocaust survivor Sam Wagman.

**Tickets: [phoenixcjp.org/diamondbacks](http://phoenixcjp.org/diamondbacks)**

**DONATIONS**

**For Café Europa**

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**A Tribute to PHA**

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**In Memory of Don Schon**

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**In Memory of Sheila Cohn**

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**In Honor of Edie Wade's 90th Birthday**

Edie Wade

**In Honor of Karen Kanefsky**

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Do you have any good news or announcements to share. Maybe you noticed an oops or typo? Please contact Justina Bello @ at 856-504-4961 or [justinabello.pha@gmail.com](mailto:justinabello.pha@gmail.com)

