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### Dear Members and Friends,

As the school year has ended and since the summer is here, it is a suitable time to reflect on the programs and events that have opened our hearts and minds. Looking at a few of these programs, I am heartened to see that our efforts reach many different groups within our community. I hope some of these programs have been meaningful to you.

For ten months throughout the year, we invite our Survivors to Café Europa, a luncheon which allows them to socialize and catch up with each other. We welcome community members and students to attend Café Europa and get to know the Survivors. This last month, utilizing a special grant, we were able to provide Survivors with something special, an evening event, a gala which included their family and friends.

Our biggest events are the community-wide Yom HaShoah commemoration (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. These programs honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and allow the broad community to hear from speakers and survivors and bear witness to what hate can do. The hope is that by remembering and learning, our community will exercise our shared responsibility to prevent such atrocities.

The Speakers Bureau is a joint effort with the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center and provides speakers, mostly our local survivors, to present their stories to students and educators throughout the Valley. Over the past year, both in-person and over Zoom, we have presented to almost 14,000 students, educators, and individuals. Other significant educational offerings include our biannual educators conferences which give local teachers important resources to bring back to their classrooms. We offer one conference in the Fall and one in the Spring.

For our members, we have held book talks, educational programs, and social events.

Thank you for attending our programs and supporting our efforts with your donations. We look forward to more opportunities to share experiences together. We have more to do. Please join us and have a wonderful summer!

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### Upcoming Events

**Jewish Community Day with the Arizona Diamondbacks: Sunday, August 9. 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](https://phoenixcjp.org/diamondbacks)**

**PHA's Young Leadership Committee Launch Party: Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 AM.** Join us for a conversation with a local educator and a Holocaust survivor in an intimate setting. Open to young professionals of all backgrounds—no prior knowledge needed. \$18 PHA members | \$36 non-members (location shared after registration)

**RSVP: [phxha.com/events/young-leadership/](https://phxha.com/events/young-leadership/)**

Socialization ("Café Europa") programs for Jewish Nazi victims have been supported by a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.



### Café Europa

There will be no Café Europa gathering in July. Instead, please join us for our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 2, at Beth El Congregation. The Ice Cream Social is dedicated to the memory of Paul and Pauline Staman.

**More details will be coming soon—we hope to see you there!**



### Holocaust Survivor Gala

Thank you to everyone who joined us on June 14 for an unforgettable evening honoring the resilience and legacy of our local Holocaust survivors.

**Watch the Gala Tribute Video and view more photos on our website: [phxha.com/gallery/](https://phxha.com/gallery/)**

### Donations

**For Café Europa**

Jeff Cain

**A Tribute to PHA**

Helene Cass

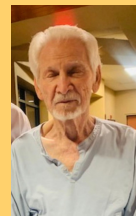
Paul and Pauline Staman Trust

Helaine Wasser

**In Honor of Marc Kay's Birthday**

Deborah Wiss

### Condolences



Condolences to the family and loved ones of Henry Jacobowitz, who passed away on June 7, 2026, at the age of 97. Born in Czechoslovakia and a proud U.S. Army veteran, Henry lived a long life marked by strength and service.

**May his memory be a blessing.**



Condolences to the family and loved ones of Holocaust survivor Susan Faludi, a longtime member of the PHA community, who recently passed away. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Susan was a cherished presence at many of our monthly Café Europa luncheons, and she will be deeply missed.

**May her memory be a blessing.**

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)