

August 2026

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Dear Members and Friends,

August has arrived, symbolizing abundance, harvest, and the transition towards Fall. It is the height of the summer season which I hope has been great for you and it marks both the return to school and the approach of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah.

It is also a time to finish our planning and launch our programs for the 2026–2027 year.

Our Café Europa – Ice Cream Social kicked things off, and as you can see below, it was fun, meaningful, and well attended. We have many more programs and events coming up. One of the extraordinary events this month will be Jewish Community Day with the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday, August 9th. Local Holocaust survivor Sam Wagman will be throwing out the first pitch. And he has been practicing. Join us there and stay tuned for more!

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Our annual Phoenix Holocaust Association Ice Cream Social brought together 13 Holocaust survivors for a special afternoon of connection and community.

Held in memory of Pauline and Paul Staman, the gathering also included survivors creating handprints for the new Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center—a lasting tribute to their resilience and legacy.



Upcoming Events

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/

Donations

For Café Europa

Jeff Cain

Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix

A Tribute to PHA

Kathy Gross

Helaine Wasser

In Honor of Marilyn Urdang's Birthday

Robin and Chuck Malk

In Memory of my mentor, professional role model, and long time friend, William Friedman

Gary Friedlander

In Honor of Leslie Feldman on being recognized by the Jewish News for her stellar leadership of PHA

Zaneta and Ron Ruff