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November 2026 **Cheshvan/Kislev 5787**

Dear Members and Friends,

This month we commemorate the 88th anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass). On November 9 and 10, 1938, the Nazi government orchestrated intimidation and violence against the Jewish populations of Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland. Government officials, police, and fire departments were ordered to allow the violence and not to interfere. There was widespread destruction and plunder; the streets were covered with broken glass from the smashed windows of Jewish-owned stores. 1400 synagogues were burned, and more than 26,000 Jewish men were arrested and taken to concentration camps for no reason except that they were Jewish. Many Jews were injured, and some Jews were killed. It marked a major escalation in Nazi aggression against the Jewish community. Many historians consider that night as the beginning of the Holocaust.

Please join us on November 10th to hear from one of our survivors from Austria, Julie Gutfreund, who will share her memories of that night with us at Pardes Jewish Day School. Rabbi Bonnie Koppell will also share details that evening about Temple Chai's recent mission to Germany to return Judaica that was stolen from a German synagogue during Kristallnacht.

Through remembrance, through personal stories, we deepen our understanding of our history and resilience. I hope it carries us forward in confronting antisemitism and ongoing challenges.

As always, you are welcome to join us at Café Europa on November 15th. And as always, it's a great way to share a meal and talk with survivors, descendants, and friends.

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❤️ Our October Café Europa brought together survivors, community members, 2Gs, and 3Gs for an afternoon of connection. We also celebrated and thanked survivor and PHA Board Member Hanna Miley for her many contributions. She will be greatly missed!

Café Europa

Sunday, November 15, 2026 @ 1:00 PM.
See attached flyer

PHA recently hosted a Speakers Bureau breakfast to thank our survivor and descendant speakers for keeping Holocaust stories alive. Thank you to AZ Humanities for your support**!**

Donations

For Café Europa
Jeff Cain
A Tribute to PHA
Gary Serbin
Ellen Shamah
Helaine Wasser
Rosenbluth Family Foundation
Holocaust Education In Honor of My Friends Gail and Mel
Monique Mendel
Holocaust Education
Sandor Lubisch
In Honor of Janie Hydrick for all your love, compassion and endless work and energy you bring to ADPJC
Marion Weich
Chanukah in Carefree
Tech 4 Life
In Support of PHA's Speakers Bureau and Holocaust Education efforts
Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation

Upcoming Events

Commemorating the 88th Anniversary of Kristallnacht
November 10, 2026 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Phoenix Holocaust Association and Pardes Jewish Day School invite you to a meaningful evening commemorating the 88th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Hear the powerful story of Holocaust survivor Julie Gutfreund and learn from Rabbi Bonnie Koppell about a journey of remembrance and restoring history.
Register:phxha.com/events/kristallnacht/

PHA is honored to be the 2026 Spirit in Giving Recipient at Chanukah in Carefree. December 10 at 5:30 PM. As the featured nonprofit on the 7th night, PHA will receive 100% of silent auction and raffle proceeds. The evening will feature Holocaust survivor Dr. Mark Olsky, whose remarkable story was featured on 60 Minutes. **More Info visit: chanukahincarefree.com**

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and loved ones of Rilla Kae Knight, a founding member of Phoenix Holocaust Survivors' Association who took great pride in her involvement with the organization. Her contributions to PHA will be remembered.

May her memory be a blessing.

Claims Conference ועידת התביעות
Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

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