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NATIONAL TRIBUTE FOR SHEILA POLK

U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TO HONOR COUNTY ATTORNEY



Sheila Polk addressing the Conference of Chief justices in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2009.

Trust is the cornerstone of the American Justice System. Although it is not perfect, our legal process with its checks and balances provides the foundation of fairness in our great country. The system works because the citizens believe those entrusted to uphold the Constitution will do just that. For the past five years, Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, has dedicated much of her time and energies to ensure that our unique legal system maintains a steady moral compass, worthy of the public's trust. In recognition of those efforts, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is honoring Polk with a Tribute Dinner on Sunday, February 27, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona.

What began as an educational trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. in March of 2006 to experience a seminar entitled "Law Enforcement and Society: The Lessons of the Holocaust" has now become a professional crusade for Polk. Impressed by the unique ability of the Holocaust to highlight the importance of ethics in the justice system, Polk, in conjunction with USHMM, the Jewish Community Foundation, and the Hecht Family, spearheaded the development of ethical leadership programs for prosecutors and judges. To date these programs have included:

- Summer 2007, Tucson, Arizona – The USHMM presented "Prosecutors and Society: The Lessons of the Holocaust" to the Arizona Prosecutors Annual Conference.
- Summer 2008, Tucson, Arizona
- The USHMM presented "How the Courts Failed Germany: Justice in the Nazi Era", at the Arizona Annual Summer Conference for Judges.
- Summer 2009, Santa Fe, New Mexico – The USHMM presented the main educational program for the Conference for State Supreme Court Justices, exposing the Supreme Court judges from all fifty states and the six U.S. territories to this program.
- Fall 2009 and 2010 – The USHMM presented the judges' course to the entire judiciary of the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, New York, and Maryland, with presentations pending for more than twenty additional states.
- Spring 2010 – The Arizona Supreme Court and the USHMM presented a half-day seminar throughout the State of Arizona on April 30th in commemoration of Law Day. This course was viewed by web cast at multiple sites throughout the state, including each county court house. Over 2,000 lawyers, judges, and court personnel participated in the program. This program will be expanded to other states in 2011.
- Fall 2010, Chicago, Illinois – On October 22nd, Kirkland and Ellis, an internationally recognized law firm with more than 1,500 lawyers, sponsored the Inaugural Chicago Lawyers Lunch, featuring the USHMM topic: "Ethics, Law, and the Holocaust."
- Fall 2010, Yavapai County – Currently, Polk is collaborating with the law enforcement agencies of Yavapai County and the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy to institute an ethics course for our communities' police officers, correctional officers, and sheriff deputies.



Polk at the podium of the East Conference Room of the U.S. Supreme Court in March of 2006, prior to meeting with Justice Ginsburg.

The recognition Polk will receive from the Holocaust Museum is well deserved. Our community, the state of Arizona, and our nation is indebted to Polk for her passion, dedication, and sacrifices to improve our justice system. For information about the Tribute Dinner, please contact the Holocaust Museum at (866) 998-7466. ★



“DEEDS OF GIVING ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.”



MADALYN ZAMBRANO:

AN EVERYDAY HERO BRINGING WARMTH TO OTHERS

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Once again I am overwhelmed by the diversity of the deeds of good found in the pages of this Legacy newsletter. Our Everyday Hero is a local teenager driven to provide a warm coat for students who have none. Our front page features a local public official whose passion for ethics is spreading throughout our state and nation. And on the inside page is the story of a Foundation trustee raising funds for medical supplies and emergency vehicles for the State of Israel.

As diverse as these individuals are in age, profession, and religion, they share one common trait: they care about others. But more importantly, they have acted upon the belief that they can make a difference and what a difference they are making. As we enter the traditional holiday time of year, I hope you will remember those less fortunate and that you, too, will try to make a difference.

David S. Hess, M.D., President

Please know that your comments and feedback are welcome and can be sent by email to info@jcfgp.org.

To the casual observer, Madalyn Zambrano seems like your typical 14 year-old teenager. She is popular, being the president of the freshman class at Chino Valley High School; she is athletic, being a star on the track team and a member of the basketball team; she is smart and industrious, being a straight “A” student and a member of the Future Farmers of America. But what is really special about this extraordinary teenager is her caring heart.

Two years ago on a cold winter morning, Madalyn noticed that some of her classmates at the middle school in Chino Valley were not wearing winter coats as they arrived at school. Saddened by what she had seen, Madalyn became determined to remedy that situation. With the help of her mom, Carrie, and her friends at school and church, Madalyn devised a plan to collect donated jackets to distribute to anyone who would be facing this winter without proper clothing.



From the right, Everyday Hero Madalyn Zambrano and her mom Carrie during the Jacket Drive.

Her infectious enthusiasm was contagious as her “Jacket Drive” took shape and captured the attention of many in the community. Using her Facebook page, Twitter, word-of-mouth, and self-produced business cards, Madalyn was able to recruit volunteers who have canvassed local neighborhoods asking people to donate their unused coats, blankets, and jackets - the effort produced over 200 jackets. After personally sorting the jackets by size and

gender, Madalyn distributed the children’s jackets to CASA and on a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon, the remaining jackets were distributed to the homeless in downtown Prescott.

Not forgetting the original reason behind the “Jacket Drive”, Madalyn has contacted the administrators of all of the schools in Yavapai County, with the intent to distribute hundreds of jackets and coats to students in need of clothing. If you would like to help Madalyn in her quest to insure that no one is cold this winter, visit www.heightsoutreach.com for more information.

Isn’t it truly amazing what can be accomplished when just one person cares and decides to do something positive to help others? The Jewish Foundation is proud to name Madalyn as its “*Everyday Hero*”; her caring heart will warm others this winter!



AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM HONOR JAY AND KAREN BYCER



Karen and Jay Bycer pose with a bloodmobile in front of the Magen David Adom Headquarters in Israel.

On November 1, 2010 at the Tempe Center for the Arts, AFMDA honored Jay as a Distinguished Leader at the Annual Judaic Cultural Orchestra's (JCO) performance: *A Night out with the Oscars*. Jay has served on the national board of AFMDA, and is credited with creating the JCO of Phoenix and for organizing its annual performance to raise funds for MDA. Its five concerts have raised over \$150,000 for MDA. When interviewed by the Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, Jay said: "I have witnessed firsthand the courageous work of the volunteers of the MDA, and applaud the organization's efforts to save lives." *To learn more about AFMDA please visit, www.afmda.org.* ★

The Jewish Community Foundation is proud to announce that the Arizona Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA) have recognized Foundation board member Jay Bycer and his wife, Karen, for their long history of support for the Israeli emergency services organization. Founded in 1940, Magen David Adom (MDA) serves as Israel's pre-hospital emergency medical organization and its National Blood Center, but its funding is entirely through donations. The American Friends of Magen David Adom is an American organization that provides emergency vehicles and supplies to MDA.



Jay Bycer poses with the emergency ambulance donated to Israel by the Arizona Friends of Magen David Adom.

PHOENIX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES REDISCOVERED MASTERS SERIES

The Phoenix Symphony in association with the OREL Foundation, the Center for Jewish Studies at Arizona State University and with resources from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will present **The Rediscovered Master Series**. Through a series of concerts, lectures, and films, the music of composers who were killed by the Nazis, were forced to leave Nazi-occupied Europe, or whose music was suppressed by the Nazi regime will be performed, studied, and celebrated.

The Phoenix Symphony and its associated institutions hope this innovative educational project will ensure that hatred will never prevail and war will never triumph. The educational series that began on October 6, 2010 will run through May 21, 2011. *To learn more about this exciting educational and cultural opportunity, visit www.phoenixsymphony.org or call (602) 495-1999.* ★



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PRESCOTT PJ LIBRARY PROGRAM CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

Launched in the Fall of 2009, the PJ Library program of Prescott is now one year-old, having enrolled more than twenty kids in its inaugural year. Designed to create treasured Jewish memories with your children or grandchildren, the nationally recognized PJ Library currently provides free, high quality children's books and CD's to Jewish families in over 100 American communities. For children ages 6 months to eight years enrolled in the program, PJ Library will mail a monthly gift of a Jewish book or CD as well as a reading guide to enhance the family's experience. And the best part is the program is free to all Jewish families in the quad-city area that enroll their children.



To obtain more information or to enroll your child in this wonderful program visit the Jewish Foundation's web site at www.jcftp.org or call 717-0016. ★

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