



# LEGACY

## NEWSLETTER

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## FOUNDATION CALL FOR GRANT APPLICANTS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY



*Standing on the left in 2014, Grants Chair, Michelle Falick, presents Sue Rutherford, Executive Director of T.I.P, a check for new computers.*

For over 5000 years the concept of charitable giving has been an integral part of Jewish life and belief. For more than 225 years, the desire to improve the common good and help one's neighbor has been the fabric of American democracy. With this dual heritage in mind, the Jewish Foundation has supported local charitable organizations for the past fifteen years that provide necessary services to the community's needy, underprivileged, or homeless as well as supporting education and the arts.

Each year the Foundation provides funding to community organizations through its grants application process. Grant applications for 2015 are accepted until April 3rd with the recipients being named in late May of 2015.

To assist those interested in applying for a grant, the general guidelines of importance to the Grants Committee include:

- Organizations requesting funding must be an IRS recognized direct 501(c) (3) charitable organization.
- The organization and program requesting funds must provide its benefits and services to the quad-city area of Yavapai County.
- Grants for new or substantially improved programs are given priority over those seeking support for established programs.
- Programs that promote community partnerships and benefit a broad spectrum of the community will be given priority.

- There must be a demonstrated need for and clear benefits of the program.
- There must be a demonstrated source of continued funding if the program is to be continued beyond the grant period.
- Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$7,500

If your organization is interested in applying for a grant, more details can be found at [www.jcftp.org](http://www.jcftp.org) or contact the Grants Chair, Michelle Falick, at the Foundation at 771-3737.



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

## THE FUTURE OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

For the past nine years the Foundation along with local organizations and businesses have sponsored a *Days of Remembrance* event to honor those who perished during the Nazi reign of terror from 1933 to 1945. Audiences have heard dramatic stories of courage, survival, and sorrow, as Holocaust survivors from around the country have been featured speakers for the event.

But, just as the WWII veterans are passing from our earth, so too are the survivors of the Holocaust. Survivors with an independent memory of the events of the Holocaust are now in their 80's and many suffer from medical conditions that prevent them from traveling or even speaking at events. The Foundation has known there would come a time when it would no longer be feasible to plan a community-wide event because of such uncertainties. Thus, it is with much sadness that the Foundation announces that it will no longer be sponsoring a community-wide Holocaust Observance each spring.

Instead, the Foundation has turned its attention to a new initiative: *Lessons From The Holocaust*. Historians and Holocaust scholars have been actively studying how the various segments of German society failed in their basic responsibilities and how those failures contributed to the atrocities of the Holocaust. These groups included the politicians, the military, the judiciary, the medical profession, the journalists, the industrialists, the police, and others. As outlined in the article on the facing page, the Foundation is at the forefront of bringing the *Lessons From The Holocaust* to the 15,000 police officers that serve throughout Arizona. In the future, the Foundation hopes to work with its partners to develop and disseminate *Lessons* for other segments of our society.

In 2013, at the 20th Anniversary Commemoration of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, CBS News interviewed Elie Wiesel. During the interview Wiesel said: **“The contents of the Museum are, in a strange way, the last gift of the dead to the living. We leave you our story, and now it’s up to you to do something with it in order to save mankind.”** The Foundation believes the *Lessons From The Holocaust* initiative may just be that ‘something.’

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*This issue of Legacy reflects the continuity, the change, and the progress of the Foundation’s programs and initiatives. Continuity is reflected by the announcement of the Foundation’s 17th Annual Community Grant Cycle – a program that benefits local service organizations assisting the needy.*

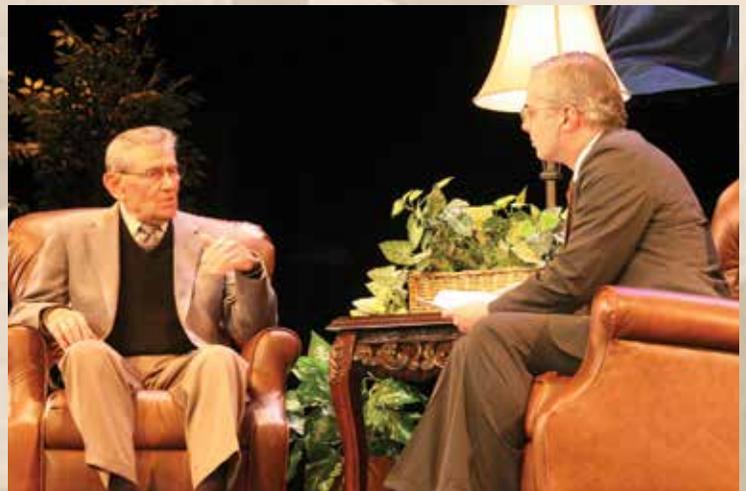
*Change is reflected in the Foundation’s announcement it will no longer be sponsoring an annual community-wide Days of Remembrance Observance. Instead, the Foundation will foster programs designed to disseminate the Lessons From The Holocaust.*

*Progress is reflected by the update on the “What You Do Matters” program developed by the law enforcement professionals of Yavapai County. Beginning in May of this year, the program will be available to all police officers in the state of Arizona.*

*Once again, I want to thank those who have provided time, energy, effort, and funding to make these programs possible and to make our community and state a better place to live.*

David S. Hess, M.D., President

*At the Days of Remembrance event in 2010, on the left, Leon Leyson, the youngest of Schindler’s Jews on stage with Rabbi Billy Berkowitz.*



# WHAT YOU DO MATTERS: LESSONS FROM THE HOLOCAUST

## NINE YEARS OF STUNNING RESULTS



*City of Cottonwood Chief of Police, Jody Fanning, studies one of the 'What You Do Matters' posters.*

The very first Leadership Mission sponsored by the Jewish Foundation occurred in March of 2006 when a group of law enforcement and civic leaders from greater Prescott traveled to Washington, D.C. to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) to participate in a program entitled: *Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust*. What has happened in the ensuing nine years is nothing other than extraordinary.

As one of the leaders who participated in the 2006 trip, Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, quickly recognized the value the program could have for judges, prosecutors, and sworn law enforcement officers in Arizona. Knowing it would be impractical to send the state's 800 judges, 1,000 prosecutors, and 15,000 sworn officers to Washington, D.C., Polk set out to reproduce the programming in Arizona. Over the past nine years, Polk has collaborated with the USHMM, the Jewish Foundation, the law enforcement agencies of Yavapai County, the City of Cottonwood, the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST), and Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) to accomplish the following:

- In 2007, the staff of the USHMM traveled to Tucson to present the course to those attending the Arizona Prosecutors Annual Summer Conference.
- In 2008, the staff of USHMM presented the program,

*How the Courts Failed Nazi Germany: Justice in the Nazi Era*, to 800 Arizona judges at their Annual Judges Summer Conference in Tucson.

- The staff of USHMM successfully presented the judges' program to the Chief Justices of the fifty states and six territories of the United States at the 2009 Annual Conference for State Supreme Court Justices held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- With a \$1.0 million gift from Jewish Foundation trustee Don Hecht and his wife, Susie, USHMM has been able to expand the judges' program - reaching more than 10,000 state judges and staff over the past 4 years. It is expected that all fifty states will offer this program to their judges by 2016.
- In 2010, Polk turned her attention back to Yavapai County and began to strategize how the original program she had seen at USHMM in 2006 could be brought to Yavapai County. Working with Doug Bartosh, City Manager of Cottonwood, Polk created a program called: *What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust*. Using law enforcement professionals instead of USHMM educators and historians, and using portable posters instead of the USHMM's permanent exhibits, Polk developed a program that allowed police officers and prosecutors to experience the *Lessons from the Holocaust* without traveling to Washington, D.C. First presented in February of 2012, *What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust* has been taught to law enforcement professionals throughout Yavapai County.
- For the past twelve months, with the support of AZPOST and APAAC, Polk has spearheaded the training of twenty-four facilitators who will begin teaching the program, *What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust*, to Arizona's 15,000 sworn law enforcement officers.

The Foundation would like to thank the people and organizations that have made this project possible. Our community and our state is fortunate to have this type of educational programming available to the members of the criminal justice system.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE GOES STATE WIDE

## PJ LIBRARY PROVIDES FREE JEWISH BOOKS FOR KIDS IN PRESCOTT

**H**ave you ever wanted a better way to create treasured Jewish memories with your children or grandchildren? Have you wanted a way to introduce them to the richness and depth of our Jewish heritage? For the past six years PJ Library has been doing just that in our community! And it's free!

The Jewish Foundation has partnered with the nationally recognized **PJ Library**, to provide free, high quality children's books and CD's to Jewish families in the greater Prescott area. For children ages 6 months to seven 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 Foundation's web site at [www.jcftp.org](http://www.jcftp.org) or call 771-3737.



*A mother and her son read the PJ Library book, The Vanishing Gourds, A Sukkot mystery.*

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