

# VIOLINS OF HOPE

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## MOTHER-OF-PEARL KLEZMER VIOLIN



This hand-made violin, more than 120 years old, is among the most visually striking instruments in the collection. Its craftsmanship reflects the highest standards of violin making, with fine detail evident throughout its structure and finish.

The instrument's defining feature is a Star of David, carefully inlaid in mother-of-pearl. The luminous material catches light with every movement, creating a striking centerpiece on the back of the violin. This symbol connects the instrument not only to Jewish tradition but also to the klezmer musicians who carried music into weddings, celebrations, and community gatherings.

The violin's age and condition preserve a direct link to its time of creation, offering modern audiences the opportunity to encounter both the artistry of its maker and the cultural heritage it represents. Today it stands as a reminder of the beauty, skill, and devotion invested in instruments that gave voice to Jewish life.

