

# VIOLINS OF HOPE

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## KLEZMER VIOLIN

Star of David on back



Klezmer violins were at the heart of Jewish musical life in Eastern Europe.

Klezmer, a tradition dating back centuries, combined local folk influences with Jewish liturgical and celebratory music, and the violin became its leading voice.

With its wide expressive range, the instrument could imitate laughter, weeping, or even the human voice itself, making it central to weddings and community gatherings.

This vibrant tradition was nearly extinguished during the Holocaust, as many musicians and their communities were destroyed. Yet some violins survived, carrying with them the memory of a culture interrupted but not erased, and today they continue to bear witness to the endurance of Jewish music and identity.

Together, the Violins of Hope share one message:

Remember me. Remember us. Celebrate life for those who perished, for those who survived, and for all people.

