

# Violins of Hope



This educational opportunity is centered around music played on instruments recovered from the Holocaust. The music is surrounded by the lessons learned from the tragic outcomes of all types of hate crimes, ranging from bullying to genocide. It juxtaposes humanity's ability to create beauty with humanity's ability to destroy. It contrasts beauty with evil.

Across the globe, Northern Arizona is the first semi-rural/rural area that will host this opportunity. 1,800 high school students from Coconino County, Hopi, and Navajo high schools will have the opportunity to attend the Violins of Hope on February 28 and March 1, 2019. The student program will take place at the Coconino Center for the Arts. The 45-minute sessions will be video recorded and include:

- Welcome by Rabbi Mindie Snyder,
- Presentation about the events surrounding genocide, slavery and discrimination,
- Video on one survivor's recollections from the Holocaust,
- Several pieces played on the recovered instruments by professional musicians,
- Presentation by Flagstaff Police Department on its dealings with hate crimes,
- Wrap-up by Pastor Adam Barnhart.

The Adult Program will be held at Shepherd of the Hills on February 28, 2019 from 7PM – 8:30PM. This program will be streamed live, video recorded and include:

- Welcome by Rabbi Mindie Snyder and brief talks by Mayor Coral Evans and Marty Haberer (CEO – Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix),
- Video on one survivor's recollections from the Holocaust,
- Presentation by Esther Schon, a teacher and child survivor of the Holocaust,
- Concert played on the recovered instruments by professional musicians and, a vocal soloist,
- Presentation by Sheriff Jim Driscoll and Chief Kevin Treadway on hate crimes,
- Wrap-up by Pastor Adam Barnhart.

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