

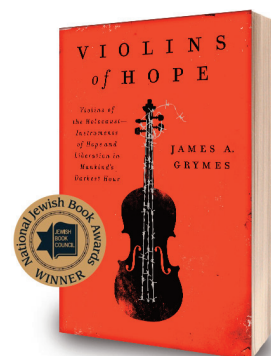
Announcing The HERC Book Discussion Reads for Fall 2019

Violins of Hope by James A. Grymes

When: Thursday, September 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Midtown Reader
1123 Thomasville Road



(From a review in Goodreads) A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, *Violins of Hope* tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and the Israeli violin maker dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life.

The violin has formed an important aspect of Jewish culture for centuries . . . But during the Holocaust, the violin assumed extraordinary new roles within the Jewish community. For some musicians, the instrument was a liberator; for others, it was a savior that spared their lives. For many, the violin provided comfort in mankind's darkest hour, and, in at least one case, helped avenge murdered family members. Above all, the violins of the Holocaust represented strength and optimism for the future.

In *Violins of Hope*, music historian James A. Grymes tells the amazing, horrifying, and inspiring story of the violins of the Holocaust, and of Amnon Weinstein, the renowned Israeli violinmaker who has devoted the past twenty years to restoring these

instruments in tribute to those who were lost, including 400 members of his own family. Juxtaposing tales of individual violins with one man's harrowing struggle to reconcile his own family's history and the history of his people, it is a poignant, affecting, and ultimately uplifting look at the Holocaust and its enduring impact.

Other events surrounding the *Violins of Hope*: James Grymes will be the featured speaker at this year's HERC Dinner on October 10. See the information about how to acquire tickets for the dinner and to hear him speak elsewhere in the newsletter.

In addition, to honor Mr. Grymes and the *Violins of Hope*, the FSU Symphony Orchestra will present a concert entitled, "Violins of Hope" on Sunday, October 13 at 3:00PM in the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. General Admission. Tickets are \$10. Seniors and non-FSU students are \$7, and FSU students are free with ID. The box office is closed until September 3.



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