

# The World has Lost Another Light

The world has lost another light. Romanian-born Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor, who founded the Candles Museum in Indiana and devoted her life to Holocaust awareness, was 85 when she passed away on July 4, 2019, during a visit to Auschwitz.

Eva was ten years old when the Russians liberated Auschwitz in January 1945, and she is spotted in the Russian photos of the children that they found there. Eva and her sister Miriam were among the multitudes of children experimented on by Dr. Mengele. After liberation, Eva and Miriam went to Israel and joined a kibbutz made up mostly of orphans. They both joined the Israeli army in 1952. Eva studied drafting and

Miriam became a nurse. In 1960, Eva married an American tourist and concentration camp survivor, Michael Kor. They settled in Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1993, Miriam died from the consequences of



Mengele's experiments. Eva survived and devoted her life to Holocaust awareness. The 1978 TV mini-series, "Holocaust" motivated Eva to speak of her experiences in

order to bring the story of Mengele to an international audience. She also wanted to find other twin survivors of Mengele. To facilitate both of these goals, she founded the Candles Museum in Terre Haute and dedicated her life to Holocaust education.

In 1993, Eva met with Hans Munch, a Nazi doctor who was the only person acquitted at the

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## Marcel Spiegler Passed Away on July 6th at 92 Years Old

Barbara has been spending the last few weeks caring for her father in South Florida. He passed away on July 6, 2019.

Marcel Spiegler was a survivor of Fascist antisemitism in Romania, Nazi ghettoization, and three years of slave labor in a

concentration camp.

After the war, he and his father went to Budapest, from which he fled the Communist regime in 1947. In 1951 he came to the U.S. and was drafted into the army during the Korean War. After discharge, he earned his

Master's Degree and in 1957 was married.

Barbara will tell you the amazing details of his story in a future newsletter. May he rest in peace and his life and resilience never be forgotten. May his life be remembered for blessing.



# Eva Mozes Kor ~ 1934-2019

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Krakow War Trials in 1947. Munch was credited with saving the lives of many Jewish prisoners by coming up with schemes to keep them from the gas chambers.

This meeting was life changing for Eva. She later wrote, "In my desperate effort to find a meaningful 'thank you' gift for Dr Munch, I searched the stores, and my heart, for many months. Then the idea of a Forgiveness letter came to my mind. I knew it would be a meaningful gift, but it became a gift to myself as well, because I realized I was not a hopeless, powerless victim. When I asked a friend to check my spelling, she challenged me to forgive Dr Mengele too.

At first I was adamant that I could never forgive Dr Mengele but then I realized I had the power now...the power to forgive. It was my right to use it. No one could take it away. On 27 January 1995, at the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I stood by the ruins of the gas chambers with my children – Dr Alex Kor and

Rina Kor – and with Dr Munch and his children and grandchild. Dr Munch signed his document (acknowledging) the operation of the gas chambers while I read my document of forgiveness and signed it. As I did that, I felt a burden of pain was lifted from me. I was no longer in the grip of hate; I was finally free.

The day I forgave the Nazis, privately I forgave my parents whom I hated all my life for not having saved me from Auschwitz. Children expect their parents to

protect them; mine couldn't. And then I forgave myself for hating my parents. Forgiveness is really nothing more than an act of self-healing and self-empowerment. I call it a miracle medicine. It is free, it works and has no side effects."

To answer those who criticized her for forgiving the Nazis, she responded, "I believe with every fiber of my being that every human being has the right to live without the pain of the past." To this she added, "The moment I forgave the Nazis, I felt free from Auschwitz and from all the tragedy that had occurred to me."

In a video recording of her last visit to the Auschwitz, Eva said "Forgive your worst enemies".

**Eva Mozes Kor will be honored and the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz will be commemorated in January at the first film of the 2020 HERC Film Series. We will be showing a documentary of the life and message of Eva Kor on January 23, 2020 at 7:00pm at All Saint's Theatre in Railroad Square. Admission will be free, as usual. Donations are always appreciated!**



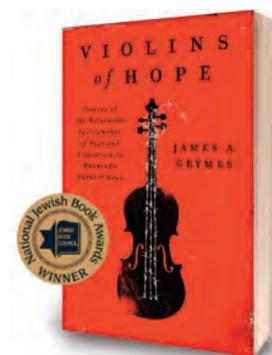
# Announcing The HERC Book Discussion Reads for Fall 2019

## *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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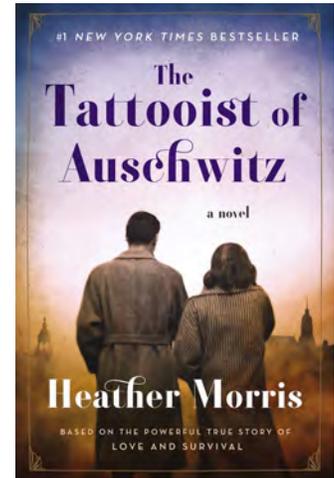


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## Announcing The HERC Book Discussion Reads For Fall 2019

### *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris



**When:** Thursday, November 14, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Midtown Reader  
1123 Thomasville Road

(From Goodreads) In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *Tätowierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for more than two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism – but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her. A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.



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# ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

*Stand Up, Speak Out – Make the World a Better Place*

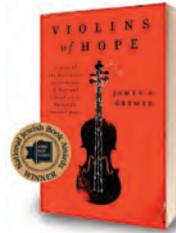


Guest Speaker  
**James Grymes**  
Author  
*Violins of Hope*



*Honoring*  
**Senator**  
**Bill Montford**  
*Legislative Award*

*National Jewish  
Book Award*



**Instruments of Hope and  
Liberation in Man's Darkest Hour**

*When:* **Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
*Time:* **Reception 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM**  
*Where:* **Goodwood Carriage House**  
1600 Miccosukee Road  
FREE Parking at the Goodwood Museum & Gardens

***Honorary Chairs: Judy and Steve Winn • Emcee: Gil Ziffer***  
***Fundraising Event In Support of Holocaust Education***

**\$100 per person – Limited Space**

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# ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

## *Sponsor Opportunities*

## Thursday, October 10, 2019

**NEW LOCATION:** Goodwood Carriage House • 1600 Miccosukee Road

### TITLE SPONSOR – \$10,000

- Event is named for Sponsor with listing as dinner sponsor on invitation and on marketing materials
- Two tables – Twenty dinner tickets
- Photo-op with guest speaker
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**Individual Tickets are \$100.00 each**

**RESERVATIONS DEADLINE OCTOBER 4, 2019**

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# Membership Form

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I am interested in information on these HERC committees:

Book club \_\_\_\_\_ Film Series \_\_\_\_\_ Holocaust Remembrance \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

- Attend programs, films, and scholars' lectures – at reduced rates or no charge
- Receive notice of ongoing programs and invitations to special events
- Borrow from our extensive collection of Holocaust books, media, research files, and curricula
- Affirm your personal commitment to our mission and help us reach our goal

HERC is making a difference in our community, but we cannot continue to do so without your support. We urge you to join us at whatever membership level is most comfortable for you.

### HERC OFFERS VARIOUS LEVELS OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: Please select a membership level.

\_\_\_\$36 (Life) This membership level is for individuals and helps purchase a DVD, book, or periodical for our school Resource

\_\_\_\$54 (Tolerance) This membership level is for individuals and helps purchase a DVD, book, or periodical for our school

\_\_\_\$100 (Peace) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps provide for a student outreach program

\_\_\_ \$250 (Courage) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps buy a set of books for a school classroom

\_\_\_ \$500 (Remembrance) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps to sponsor a speaker for Professional Learning Opportunities.

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