



# Giving Voice to the Voiceless

A presentation for students and teachers about restoring silent voices, and finding our own.

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**Alys Stephens Center, Jemison Concert Hall  
1200 10th Avenue South, Birmingham**

**9:30 am-10:30 am, Grades 6-8**

**12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Grades 9-12**

In this unique presentation, students and teachers will be introduced to the stories and the music of violins rescued from the Holocaust.

The violin and its music have always been central to Jewish life. During the Holocaust, the graceful and uplifting sound of the violin inspired hope, even in the darkest times.

In 1996, Amnon Weinstein, an Israeli luthier, began collecting violins that had belonged to victims of the Holocaust. He did this to honor the age-old Jewish tradition of violin music, as well as to break the personal silence of his own family about relatives who had perished during the Holocaust.

Although most of the musicians who originally played these instruments were silenced by the Holocaust, their voices and spirits live on through the violins that Amnon and his son Avshi have lovingly restored and now call the "Violins of Hope."

Today, some 70+ years after the Holocaust, these violins are giving voice to the voiceless. Their music resonates with hope.

This program will showcase these beautifully restored violins, as well as the stories of their survival. Students will hear first-hand from Avshi Weinstein about his family and especially about his father, Amnon, and the amazing life's work they have undertaken together. Avshi will weave the story of each precious violin, and as the violins are played, students will be inspired to find their own voices, to speak out for the voiceless, and to learn from the past in order to build a brighter future.



*Avshi and Amnon Weinstein in their shop.*

**There is no charge for this event.  
Reservations are required by Monday, April 2.**

## COST

- This event is FREE.
- Transportation will be the responsibility of the participating schools.

## RESERVATIONS

- An online Reservation Form can be found on the website of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center: [www.bhecinfo.org](http://www.bhecinfo.org)
- Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 2.

## EVENT LOGISTICS

Logistics will be emailed to participants one (1) week prior to the event.