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2022 & 2023



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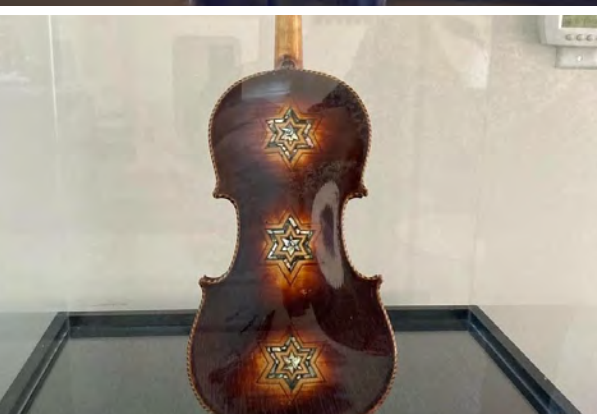
Thank you for all that we accomplished together during 2022 and 2023. **We couldn't have done it without your support!**



Following our inaugural year in 2021 in which we sponsored over a dozen Holocaust education programs, we kicked off 2022 with free live-screenings of **two Holocaust films** in partnership with the East Bay Jewish International Film Festival in March. This was followed by a **free touring Holocaust art and multimedia exhibit** for the public in Pleasanton and San Ramon Apr-Jun 2022, and a **free Holocaust talk** by Henry Michalski at the Firehouse Theater in June in Pleasanton.



For the rest of 2022, a team of over 20 volunteers helped us plan for **Violins of Hope East Bay**, which we hosted between Jan to Mar 2023, with over **60 events** which were attended by over **17,800 people**.



Violins of Hope East Bay was certainly the highlight for our young organization. The next pages describe some of our events during 2022 and 2023 and upcoming exciting programs that we are planning for 2024.



Thank you again for all your support!

Larry Lagin

Larry Lagin
President of EBHEC

About EBHEC

Our mission is to create a comprehensive resource in the San Francisco East Bay area to educate people of all faiths about the Holocaust and honor its victims. We also wish to promote a spirit of universal tolerance and peace, using the lessons of the Holocaust to serve as a reminder that genocide can happen at any time, at any place.

We are committed to preserving the memory of this horrific event by providing educational programs for residents of the San Francisco East Bay region.

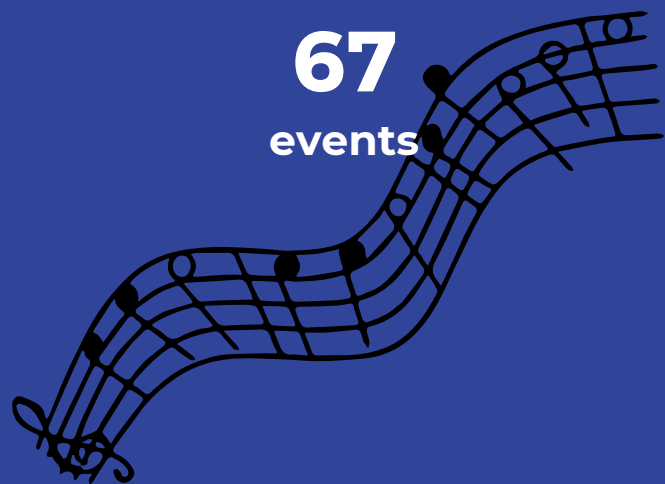
During 2023, over 17,800 people attended the 60 Holocaust education events of Violins of Hope East Bay that we sponsored!



Violins of Hope East Bay

17,800
attendees

67
events

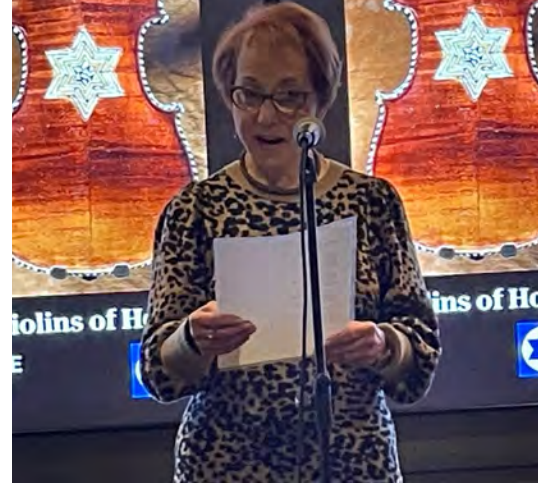




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EBHEC extraordinary year!



Violins of Hope Concerts

February 5, 6, & 7, 2023 at the Bankhead Theater, Livermore

Violins of Hope is a collection of restored violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. These instruments have survived concentration camps, ghettos, pogroms, and many long journeys to tell remarkable stories of injustice, suffering, resilience, and survival.

Performed by Livermore-Amador Symphony (LAS) and conducted by **Lara Webber** with special performances by violinist **Lindsay Deutsch** and cellist **Peter Bedrossian**, these concerts moved the community. **Avshi Weinstein**, co-founder of Violins of Hope, provided stories for several of the instruments.

Thank you for joining us on the journey through time and music with Violins of Hope!



Special Thanks to our Sponsors of Violins of Hope East Bay!

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Special thanks to Avshi Weinstein, co-founder of Violins of Hope, who presented moving stories about the Violins of Hope project, and several stories about the Violins of Hope instruments during **3 sold-out** concert performed at the Bankhead Theater in Livemore!



"We are so grateful to have been asked to create these concerts with you all, and the experience of Violins of Hope was extraordinary for our musicians along with the community as a whole. Thank you for trusting us and working with us."
—Lara Webber, LAS Artistic Director

3 concerts

1,400
attendees



It takes a Community!



Special Thanks to our Community Partners of Violins of Hope East Bay!

Asbury United Methodist Church

Contra Costa JCC

Chabad of Tri-Valley

Congregation Beth Emek

Dublin Unified School District

East Bay Jewish International Film Festival

Kol Shofar

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

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Temple Beth Torah

St. Raymond Catholic Church

SPARC

Temple Isaiah

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Livermore Cultural Arts Council

Congregation Beth David

Congregation B'Nai Tikvah





Violins of Hope Free Exhibits

January 31 - February 12, 2023

Over **1,700** people visited the exhibit at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The exhibit included information about the Violins of Hope project, its founders and a collection of the restored instruments along with stories of each violin. It also includes information about how music provided hope for Jewish musicians and occupants of ghettos and concentration camps during the Holocaust. Information about orchestras that were formed in many ghettos and concentration camps consisting of Jewish musicians.

13 days

1,700

attendees



3 Free Lectures

Feb 3, 6, and 8

People also attended **free lectures** by **Avhsi Weinstein**, co-founder of Violins of Hope, and **Rachelle Blaine**. Blaine, the daughter of Holocaust survivor Joyce Vanderveen, donated her mother's violin to Violins of Hope a few years ago.



100 attendees



Rachelle talked about her mother's experiences as a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust, and how she eventually became a Prima Ballerina in Europe and a television and movie star in Hollywood.





Free School Assemblies

Visiting artists and Violins of Hope Co-Founder

Between January 31 and March 3, 2023, we presented **47** free educational concerts during the daytime at middle schools and high schools in the East Bay. Featuring performances by Jewish Klezmer group Veretski Pass with special performances by violinist **Cookie Segelstein** and accordionist **Joshua Horowitz. Avshi Weinstein**, co-founder of Violins of Hope, also provided stories for several of the instruments.

47 assemblies

13,500
students and teachers





“It seems like my 16-year-old daughter is always on her cellphone and always is [on] TikTok, is bored in school, and doesn’t care about anything. Last night, she came home from school, and could not stop talking about how amazing the Violins of Hope stories told were at her school earlier that day. I had no idea she could actually show empathy!”

—Student’s parent



4 Extra Concerts

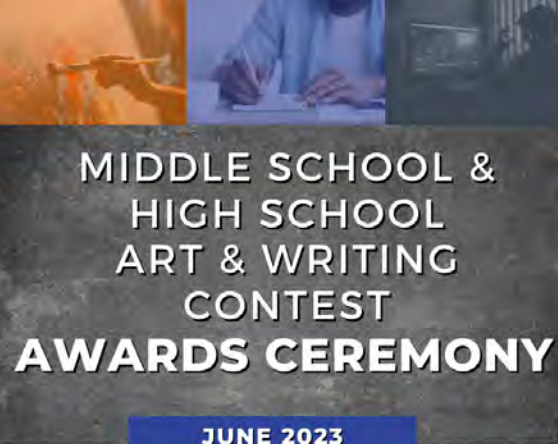
Feb 9, 26, 28 and Mar 5

in Cupertino, San Mateo, Roseville and Vacaville

4 concerts

800
attendees





Student Art & Writing Contest

2023

This year's contest was open to middle and high school students a was held in conjunction with our Violins of Hope school tour. The theme of the contest was the following:

Music is Message of Hope

Many thanks to those who participated and to those who supported this contest, including the San Francisco Jewish Community and Endowment Fund, EBHEC, and Rotary Clubs of Livermore and Pleasanton.

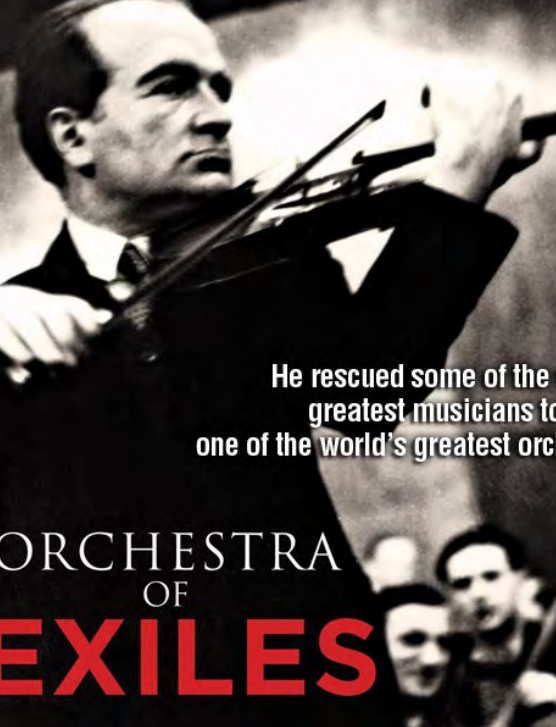
\$3,500 total prize money

3 categories

33 prize winners

13 schools



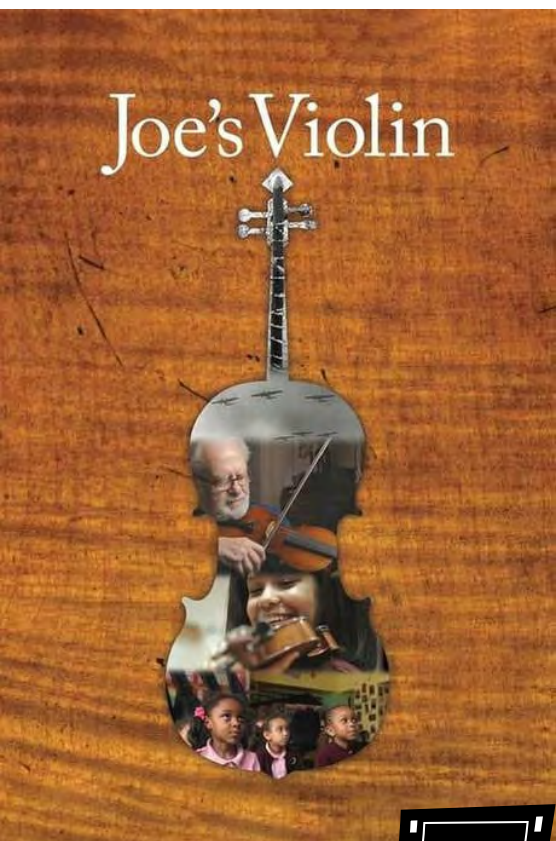


Holocaust Films

In 2022, we sponsored free showings of the student-friendly film *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* and the film *Persian Lessons* for adults at the Vine Cinema in Livermore.

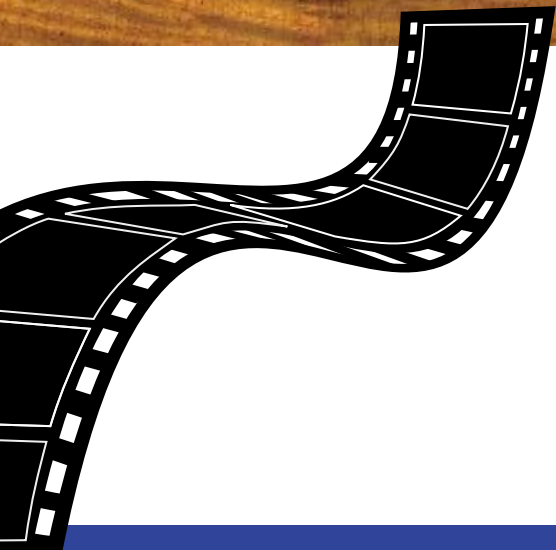
In 2023, as a special educational addition to Violins of Hope East Bay, we partnered with the **East Bay Jewish International Film Festival**, which streamed online the Holocaust film *Orchestra of Exiles* and presented *Joe's Violin* at the Vine Cinema in Livermore.

Many thanks to those students and teachers who attended. Special thanks to the San Francisco Jewish Community and Endowment Fund for their support.



2 films

300
attendees





Free "Music of the Holocaust" Assemblies and Workshops

*Coming Back to Schools
October 2023 through May 2024*

Starting in October 2023 and through May 2024, our goal is to present **at least 50** free educational assembly concerts during the daytime at middle schools and high schools in East Bay. These assemblies will again feature special performances by violinist Cookie Segelstein and accordionist Joshua Horowitz.

Working with orchestras of middle schools in the East Bay, our goal is also to also have them conduct **20** workshop sessions during the school year.

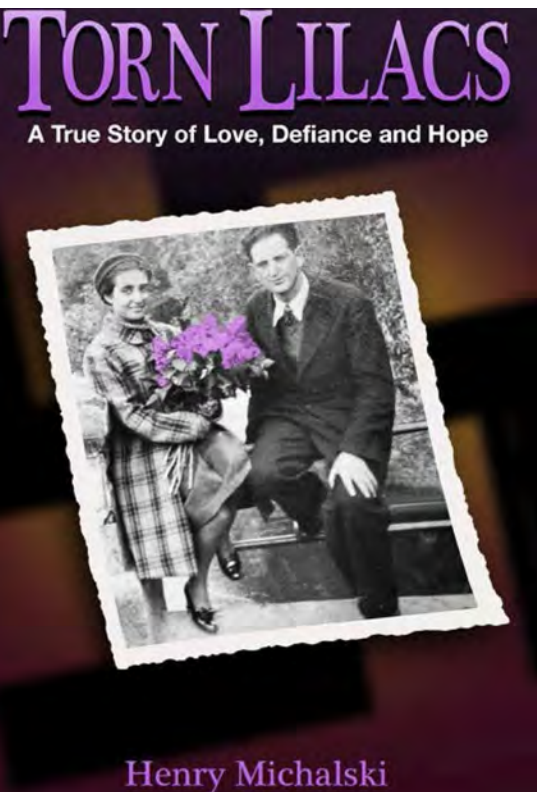
We are grateful for to the San Francisco Jewish Community and Endowment Fund, Contra Costa JCC and the California Arts Council for the support of these unique educational programs.

OUR GOAL

100

assemblies and
workshops

Other Programs



Free Holocaust Talk & Book signing

April - June 2022

In April 2022, we hosted a free Holocaust talk and book-signing given by Henry Michalski, author of "Torn Lilacs" at the Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton.

Free Touring Exhibits

April - June 2022

Between April and June 2022, our Holocaust touring exhibit was presented at the Harrington Gallery at Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton and at the Alcosta Community and Senior Center in San Ramon.



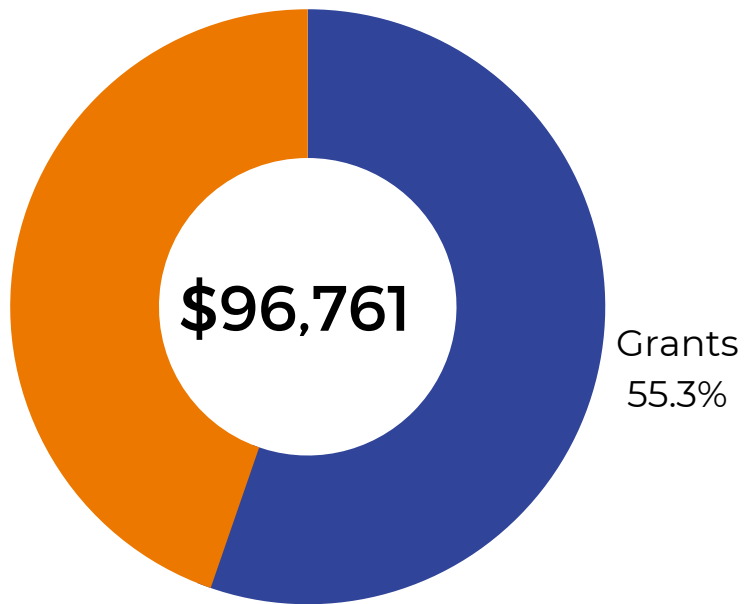
2022 By the Numbers

2022 REVENUE

We relied entirely on grants, sponsorships and donations.

Sponsorships & Donations
44.7%

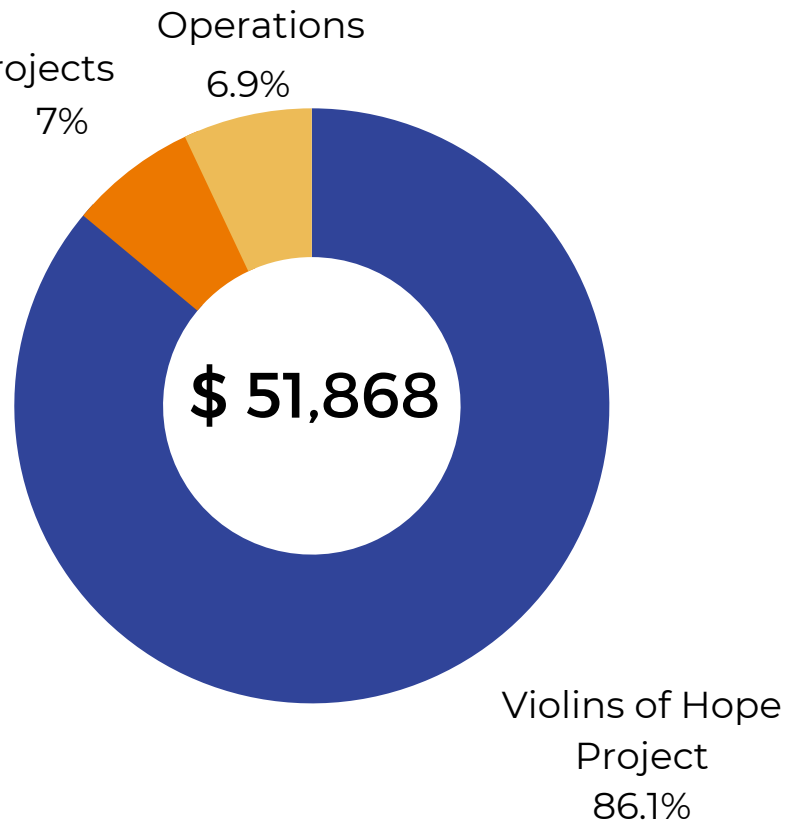
Note: Revenue includes some grants for 2023.



2022 EXPENSES

Our operational costs are low since we rely totally on volunteers.

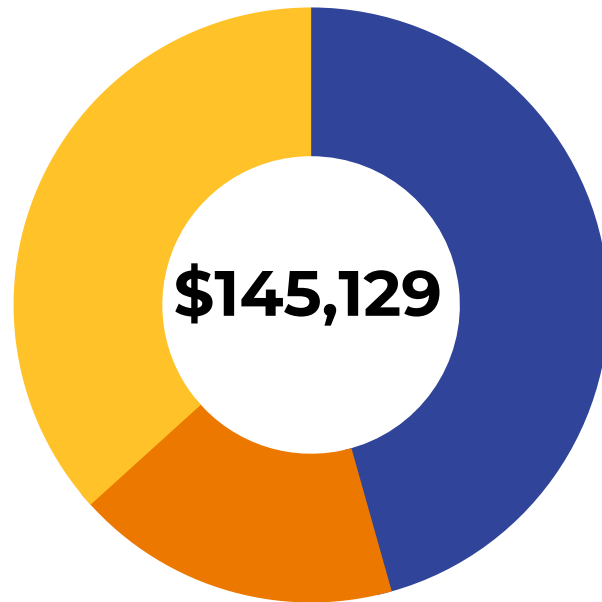
A large majority of our expenses are devoted directly to Holocaust education projects.



2023 By the Numbers*

2023 REVENUE

Ticket Sales
42.2%



Grants
43.5%

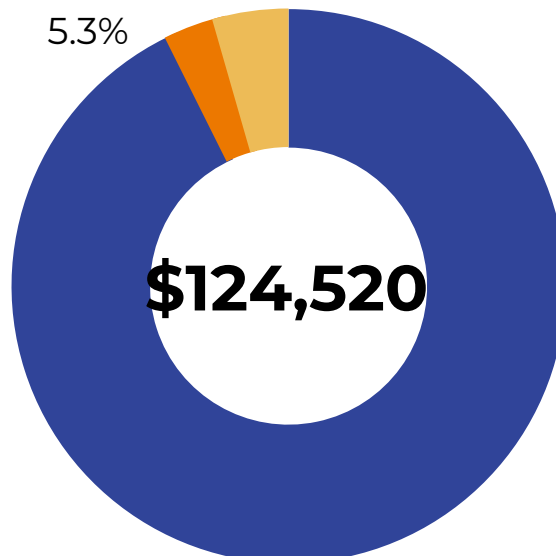
Ticket sales also contributed to revenue, besides grants, sponsorships and donations.

Note: Revenue includes some grants for 2024 fiscal year.

Sponsorships & Donations
14.3%

2023 EXPENSES

Other Projects
5.3%



Operations
7.0%

While keeping operational expenses low, a vast majority of expenses were devoted to supporting our Violins of Hope project.

\$124,520

Violins of Hope Project
87.7%



Leadership 2022/23

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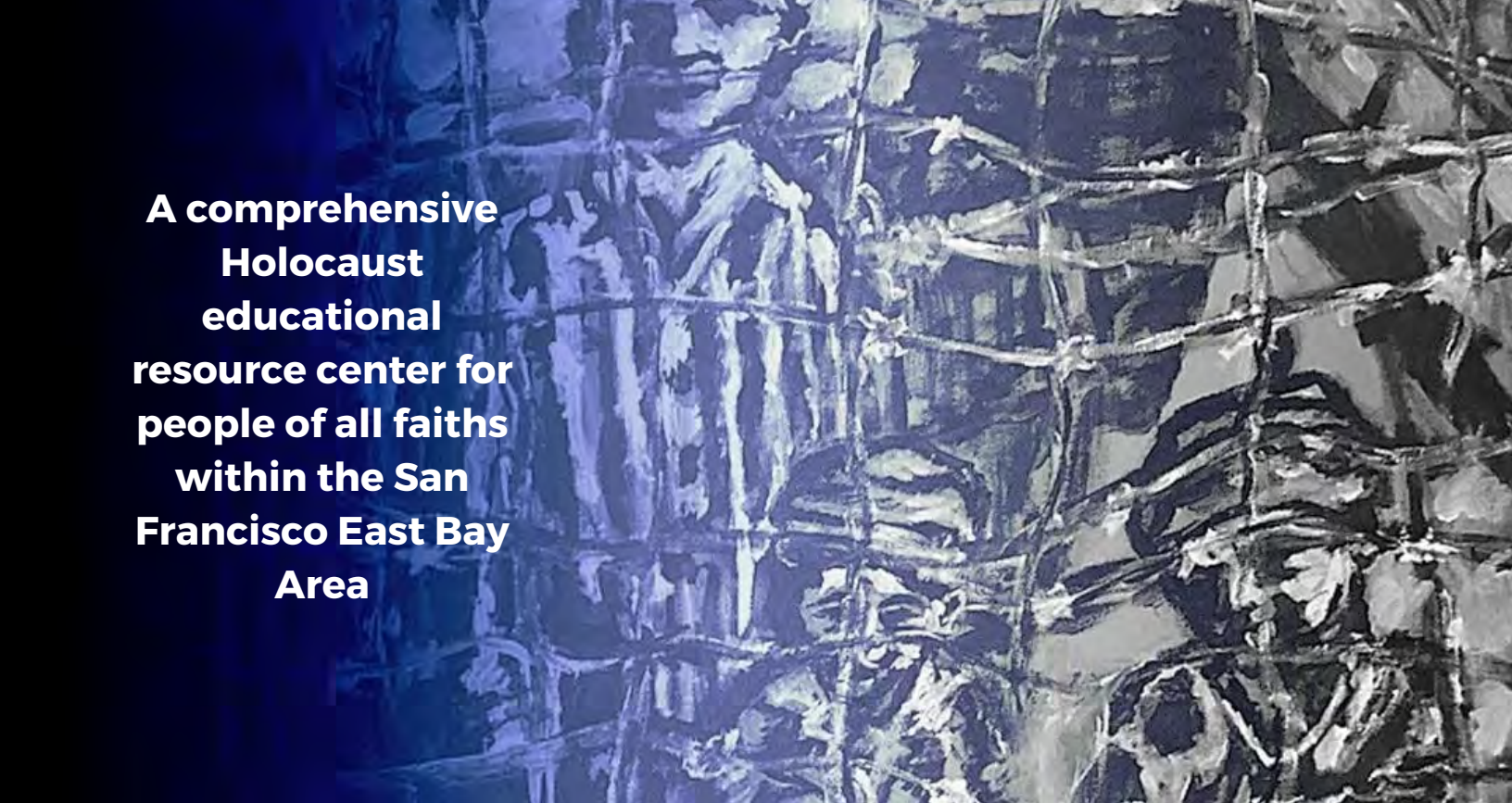
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