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To whom it may concern,

On Holocaust International Remembrance Day, we had the good fortune of hearing the story of Bram's Violin as told by David Groen in an extraordinary presentation. We learned how a violin belonging to David's uncle, Bram Rodrigues, found its way back to his family 76 years after he was murdered in Auschwitz.

In offering an educational and personal history of his parents' lives, leading up to the beginning of the Nazi occupation of Holland, and the events that took place in their city of Amsterdam, David masterfully conveyed with passion his commitment to letting people know how one person's tragic story can bring focus to the horrors of the Holocaust. Accompanied by 8 exceptional performances on the violin by Steffen Zeichner, the presentation had the audience humming and singing along and giving standing ovations for both David's words and Steffen's music.

After a powerful and emotional musical finale, David spoke with eloquence and genuine passion of how the harsh realities of the past need to be remembered in order to prevent a repeat of the devastation of the Holocaust. The response from those in attendance both during the event itself and in reactions in the days following only adds to why I recommend the Bram's Violin presentation and David as a lecturer at any location.

Sincerely,

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