

NOAM KATZ

Noam Katz is one of the most exciting voices in contemporary Jewish music. He has shared his high-flying energy and soulful melodies with Jewish and interfaith audiences throughout North America, Africa and Israel.



A longtime songleader at URJ Eisner and Kutz Camps, Noam has performed at the URJ Biennial, CAJE, BBYO International, Limmud - England, NFTY Convention, and countless summer camps and congregations. Currently, he is completing the rabbinic/ed. program at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles.

Noam's debut recording, *RAKIA*, is a collection of 12 original Hebrew and English melodies ideal for Shabbat and Havdalah. His second album, *MIREMBE, SALAAM V'SHALOM*, features guest musicians from Africa and the Middle East, and includes his Ugandan-inspired "Am Yisrael Chai." Noam's latest release, *A DRUM IN HAND*, blends elements of the prayer service with energetic hand percussion and rhythms from around the globe.

In 2003, Noam embarked on the most exciting journey of his life, spending three months with the Abayudaya Jews of Uganda. He has since shared their powerful story and music with audiences young and old, incorporating the message of Jewish unity and tikkun olam wherever he goes.

In any setting, Noam is committed to creating strong Jewish and interfaith community through the power of music. Invite Noam to your community today!

Booking Options

Noam Katz is a songleader, performer, prayer leader, educator, actor, and storyteller. He has shared his innovative programs and soul-stirring music with groups that range in age from 3 to 90 (and everything in between). No matter the age, Noam strives to create meaningful Jewish moments for every group. His unique music and leadership skills can be utilized in a variety of ways:

- Concerts (solo or full band)
- Artist/Scholar – in –Residence
- Worship services (Shabbat, Havdallah, weekday and festival)
- Song sessions
- Teen and family retreats
- Songleading workshops
- Educational programming

Some of the educational programs Noam has led in the past include:

1. **“Pearls of Africa: The Abayudaya Jews of Uganda.”** A musical and spiritual journey that celebrates the diversity of world Jewry. Participants will be introduced to the songs, photographs, and stories of the Abayudaya Jewish community of Uganda, with whom Noam lived and volunteered during the winter of 2003. The ultimate objective of this program is for participants to understand their essential place in the global Jewish community and find ways to ensure that this community remains unified through the collective work of our hands and our hearts.
2. **“Amen: May it be God’s will!”** A highly interactive program that traces the roots of the word “Amen”, a response we add to the end of our blessings and dreams for the future. Participants will create a personal “Amen” statement (through artwork or poetry) that reflects the blessings already present in their lives. Through individual reflection and group singing (songs of social justice), the program will inspire participants of all ages to take an active role in tikkun olam (healing the world). A great program for young children and their families!
3. **“From the Shtetl to Heavy Metal: the Evolution of Jewish Music.”** Intended primarily for teens and older, this program offers a glimpse of 3000 years of Jewish songwriting, from King David’s greatest hits (Psalms) and Solomon’s love ballads (Shir haShirim) to the contemporary Jewish music of Shlomo Carlebach (z”l), Debbie Friedman...and of course, Adam Sandler. Participants will wrestle with the question, “What is Jewish music?” as they sing favorites and learn new melodies to add to their camp or synagogue repertoire.

BOOK NOAM FOR YOUR CAMP, CONGREGATION OR COMMUNITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT TODAY!



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