

A life-giving pleasure: quality music at reasonable prices

Ensemble M'chaiya™

Chicagoland's Original Klezmer Band™ Since 1983

"It was great! M'chaiya added a wonderful Jewish element ... inspiring Jewish music!" - S. Hertzman, Jewish United Fund

With uplifting energy that puts your soles in touch with your soul, Chicagoland's first revival Klezmer band gets everyone's heart and feet dancing to Klezmer tunes set to Gypsy grooves, rhythmic Sephardic and swinging Yiddish songs, and energetic Israeli dance tunes. To make sure you are on the right foot, the band will teach and lead you through the fun yet simple line and circle traditional dances. World Music styles related to Klezmer are also available.

This acoustic band has a distinctive sound to match its eclectic repertoire and may be the only Klezmer band in the world using the highly expressive end-blown Bulgarian Flute as a main instrument alongside a Mandolin, Violin, Guitar, and various types of Percussion. Play yourself? Ask about joining us on a Klezmer tune!

Whether in America, Canada, or Europe, whether on a major festival stage or in a home for an intimate private party, the Ensemble M'chaiya gives substance to the meaning of its name, a "life-giving pleasure," by paying attention to you.

"Everybody loved the music and the dancing." - Mort Zuckerman, Jewish Cultural Council, Grand Rapids, MI

"... superb ... Your choice of music, as well as the spirit and beauty with which you performed the various pieces, made for a lovely program." - Rabbi Dov Taylor, Congregation Solel, Highland Park, IL

"Your music filled the room with warmth and joy. The musical quality was outstanding and yet did not drown out the conversation ..." - Aaron S. Davis

"The choice of music was excellent, in good taste, with appropriate volume (not too amplified) ..." - Dr. Edward Wasserman

"We thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your associates ... exceptional music and interactive performances and the 'reviews' from fans were wonderful!" - Barbara Lee Cohen, Productions USA, Inc. and the Chicago Bulls management

"... thank you so much for helping make our wedding our best day ever! ... I really, really appreciate you making it happen and going with the flow throughout the whole process." - Jen Kouba

"... excellent. Professional, easy to work with and enjoyed by all." - Lesa Ukman

"... wonderful, engaging performance! The students truly enjoyed it, ... [as they] were leaving the museum, I overheard them sing the songs you had taught them." - Amanda Friedeman, Spertus Museum

"... fun, attractive, and entertaining ... your short explanations ... brought the music to life ... Our members particularly enjoyed the dancing ... " - Lorna C. Kaye, Co-President, Congregation Chnesses Israel, Green Bay, WI

"You've got something very special there. ... I am left with the sense that not only do you love the music – but you understand it and respect it. What a M'chaiya!" - Aaron S. Davis



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