

Reviews / Quotes for The Levins Music and Albums

"Everyone needs this music." *Larry Kelp, KPFA 94.1 FM Berkeley*

Thank you Levins, for such an amazing concert. You kept the house rocking all morning long with your energetic music and lush harmonies. I was most amazed that you could engage an audience of such a wide age range... we laughed, we sang, we ALL had a great time! -Cantor Steve Hummel, The Santa Monica Synagogue

"The Levins have become luminaries on the Bay Area Jewish music scene. ...Above all, The Levins' harmonies recall the best of classic pop vocals... like The Beatles, James Taylor and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young."
- Dan Pine- j. / the Jewish news weekly of Northern California

"Ira, along with his wife Julia, began singing here in 2005 at our very popular young adult service called "The Late Shabbat". Ira performs his own material at our service, to the delight of all. He has a strong and honest quality in his singing that fills our sanctuary with amazement. His wife Julia often adds her gorgeous voice and talent to the mix and magic is created."
-Marsha Attie (Cantor in training)- Temple Emanu-el SF, CA

"As a highlight of the Yom Kippur mincha and Neilah services, Ira's wife and musical collaborator, Julia A. Bordenaro joined us on a piano, and the duet graced us with gorgeous vocal harmonies, leading the congregation on several original songs." -Rabbi Rosalind Glazer- Temple Beth Israel Judea SF, CA

Madlik Oti 2002

A blend of liturgy, worship and contemporary pop. A spark of originality to ancient melodies.
"Pure Rock and Roll Prayer." *Dan Pine, Jewish Bulletin*



Listen up People! Jewweek

"The CD shows Levin to be a musical cheerleader in the realm of Jewish worship. Singing in Hebrew and English, Levin lets it rip much as a gospel singer might, making spiritual connection paramount. Levin has a background in acting and song leading, and he brings both skills to bear on 'Madlik Oti.'" *Dan Pine, Jewish Bulletin*



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Wow, I am in love with the album! What a great job. Great songwriting, arranging – and very well rehearsed and performed. Very warm production. I'd love to hear it on a vinyl master – it sounds like it should have analog pops and clicks... *Joe Eglash- Oy songs*

"Its delicious. I really love it." - *Elana Jagoda* (Jewish Recording artist- SF Bay Area)

"This music does for Judaism what Bob Marley and the Wailers did for Rastafarianism."
- *Drake Powe/ Minneapolis, MN*

I LOVE your music!!! When I heard the first song and really listened to the lyrics, it made me cry-the songs are so beautiful and your message is everything that I believe about life-put to music!!! The harmonies and your voice and Julia's voice together sound like angels singing. You guys are the Jewish Grateful Dead!!! *Cindy Koch- Virginia*

My Friend Hafiz 2009



"WOW! Your CD is beautiful! So spiritual and the harmonies are so lush. I was singing along right away!"
Cantor Ilene Keys/ Temple Sinai; Oakland, CA

"Once again you have created a passionate and compelling collection" -*Craig Taubman; LA, CA*

"There is a great joy and love in the music of The Levins ensemble.. The Levins folk music speaks the universal language of hope and compassion. The artists masterfully combines numerous ethnic instruments such as tabla, ney, bansuri Indian flute and various percussion with piano, keyboard, cello, violin, guitar and gentle vocals.

As a result they create a very comfortable environment which harmonizes emotions and puts your mind in order. When you listen to this album you realize that the surrounding world is your good friend and we all are strongly connected in it. In conclusion I could assert that 'My Friends Hafiz' is just three-quarters of an hour of pure listening pleasure. This project is full of inspiring music of the open hearts." -*Serge Kozlovsky of Radio Magico*



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