



THE POWER OF MUSIC



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Music gives us the opportunity to increase a family's connection to Judaism in a very meaningful way. Are we doing that? Could we be doing more? Is the music we select and are the family programs we offer inclusive of the modern Jewish family? How can we build better connections for families through music?

1. Welcome!
2. How does music increase a family's connection to Judaism?
3. How can we build better connections with families through music?
4. Sing-Along
 - a. Songs that Build Community
 - b. Songs about Families
5. What songs have you found to be successful in creating community?
6. Closing Song



*Thank you for coming to our workshop today!
We are always happy to be a resource, so please feel free to contact us!*

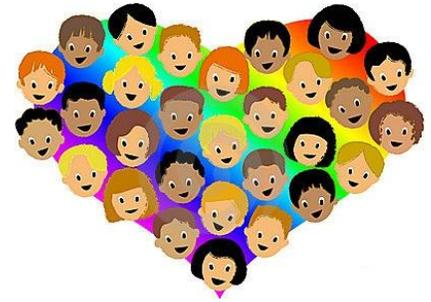
Songs That Build Community

Togetherness Song

by Fran Avni

How happy we are to be all together,
Close to each other like sisters and brothers;
How happy we are to be all together,
Let's sing a togetherness song.
Yeah, let's sing a togetherness song! (repeat this line to end song)

Hi-nei mah tov—, u-ma na-a-im, u-ma na-a-im, u-u-ma na-a-im,
Hi-nei mah tov—, u-ma na-a-im, she-vet a-chim gam ya-chad—,
She-vet a-chim gam ya-chad. (ya-la-la's, then English verse)



Hinei Mah Tov

by Judy and David Gershon

C'mon everybody, clap your hands (clap clap), say hello to all your friends!
C'mon everybody, we'll show you how, sing all together now,
Yeah, all together now!

Chorus:

Ya la la (clap clap) Ya la la (clap clap)
Ya la la la la la—
Ya la la (clap clap) Ya la la (clap clap)
Ya la la la la la la la! Yeah!
Ya la la la la la la la!

Hinei mah tov uma naim, shevet achim gam yachad!
Hinei mah tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad,
Yeah, shevet achim gam yachad! (chorus)

Sing After Me

by Tony Geiss and Sam Pottle; Hinei Mah Tov verse by Audrey Katz

Sing what I sing, sing after me, be my echo if you can be!

Verse One:

Sing tra la la (tra la la)
Mi mi mi (mi mi mi)
Ha ha ha (ha ha ha)
Hee hee hee (hee hee hee)

Verse Two:

Di di di (di di di)
Do do do (do do do)
Hi hi hi (hi hi hi)
Lo lo lo (lo lo lo)

Verse Three:

Hinei mah tov (hinei mah tov)
Uma naim (uma naim)
Shevet achim (shevet achim)
Gam yachad (gam yachad)

Pick a peck of peppers (pick a peck of peppers)

Fiddle diddle dee— (fiddle diddle dee—)

Be my echo (be my echo)

Sing what I sing (sing what I sing)

Follow the leader and sing after me (sing after me)

Bim bom bim bom bim bom (echo)

Yai dai dai dai dai (echo)

The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be!

'Cause your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends;
The more we get together, the happier we'll be!

Songs About Families



I Love My Family

to the tune of I Had a Rooster,
adapted by Lisa Baydush

I love my family, my family loves me,
My family's the best that there ever could be!
My family is special; it's one of a kind,
I'm glad to be in this family of mine!

Chorus:

F-A-M-I-L-Y

We spell it the same, no matter what kind;

F-A-M-I-L-Y

I'm glad to be in this family of mine!

I love my family, my family loves me,
My family is awesome 'cause it includes ME!
My family is special; it's one of a kind,
I'm glad to be in this family of mine! (chorus)

Under One Sky

by Ruth Pelham, adapted

Chorus:

We're all a family under one sky,
a family under one sky! (repeat)

We're people (echo),
We're animals (echo),
We're flowers (echo),
and we're birds in flight (echo);
We're amphibians (echo),
We're reptiles (echo),
We're insects (echo),
and fish in the sea! (echo) (chorus)

We're sisters (echo),
We're brothers (echo),
We're parents (echo),
and we're neighbors too (echo);
We're cousins (echo),
Aunts and uncles (echo),
Grandparents (echo),
and we are friends! (echo) (chorus)

With our Mishpacha

by Gemini O, Table of Life adapted by Sally Heckelman

We are singing with our mishpacha (2x)
Oh, what a song, with our mishpacha,
Singing with our mishpacha!

We are laughing with our mishpacha (2x)
So much joy with our mishpacha,
Laughing with our mishpacha!

We are playing with our mishpacha (2x)
Oh, what a game with our mishpacha,
Playing with our mishpacha!

We are working with our mishpacha (2x)
Oh, lend your hand to our mishpacha,
Working with our mishpacha!

We are learning with our mishpacha (2x)
So much wisdom in our mishpacha,
Learning with our mishpacha!

We are blessing with our mishpacha (2x)
Oh, what a bracha, with our mishpacha,
Blessing with our mishpacha!

A Family is a Family

by Skip West, adapted by Sally Heckelman

Some (x x) have a daughter (x x).
Some (x x) have a son (x x).
Some (x x) have many cousins (x x).
Some (x x) have none (x x).

Pre-chorus:

Some are very big and some are very small.
But it really doesn't matter, matter at all.

Chorus:

Because a family is a family
when there's love in the air.
Maybe a dozen, or maybe a pair.
A family is a family, whether twelve or two.
We could be a family, just me and you.
(repeat this line at end)

Some (x x) have a father (x x).
Some (x x) have a mom (x x).
Some (x x) have aunts and uncles (x x).
Some (x x) have none (x x). (pre-chorus, chorus)

Some (x x) have a sister (x x).
Some (x x) have a brother (x x).
Some (x x) have grandfathers (x x).
Some (x x) have grandmothers (x x). (pre-chorus, chorus)

Some (x x) have a puppy (x x).
Some (x x) have a cat (x x).
Some (x x) have a llama (x x).
Now what (x x) do you think about that (x x)?
(pre-chorus, chorus)

We Are a Family

by Jack Hartmann

We're big (we're big);
We're small (we're small);
We're young (we're young);
and we're old (we're old);
We're all different people
Living together with love... A-ha-va!

We laugh (we laugh);
We play (we play);
We learn (we learn)
Every day (every day);
We're all different people living together
with love... Together with love!

Pre-chorus:

And we (we) are (are) a (a) family (family)
Living (living), working (working)
Together (together), together (together)!

Chorus:

We are a family (family)
wherever we may go (go);
We are a family (family),
I can feel our love (grow),
I can feel our love grow!

We hug (we hug); we care (we care);
We help (we help); and we share (we share);
We're all different people living together
with love... A-ha-va!

We sing (we sing); we hope (we hope);
We dream (we dream); and we grow (we grow);
We're all different people living together
with love... together with love!
(pre-chorus, chorus)

There's a Brand New Baby

There's a brand new baby
at _____'s house (repeat 3x)
A tinok (et) in the family
And we all say mazel tov,
mazel tov to you!

All I Really Need

by Raffi

Chorus:

All I really need is a song in my heart,
food in my belly, love in my family;
All I really need is a song in my heart,
and love in my family. (repeat last two lines at end)

And I need the rain to fall
And I need the sun to shine
To give life to the seeds we sow
To give the food we need to grow (chorus)

And I need some clean water for drinking,
And I need some clean air for breathing,
So that I can grow up strong, and
Take my place where I belong. (chorus)

Thank You God

by Doug Cotler, inclusive lyrics

Thank You for the flowers, thank You for trees,
Thank You for our friends, and for our families!