

# 26th Jewish Music Festival

March 5 - 13, 2011

## Opening Night

Saturday, March 5, 8:00pm

### YEMEN BLUES

- Bay Area Premiere

Ravid Kahalani (veteran of Israel's renowned Idan Raichel Project) and his nine-piece band present a passionate mix of his Yemenite-Jewish musical heritage laced with blues, jazz, funk and West African grooves. An unforgettable experience that swings from the sublime to the ecstatic. *Kahalani is the most compelling rising star in world music today.*

- Dore Stein, host of Tangents Radio (KALW, SF/MultiCult, Berlin)

Co-sponsored by the Dr. Marvin and Ilene Weinreb Philanthropic Fund (Jewish Community Foundation of the Greater East Bay)

Freight & Salvage Coffee House  
2020 Addison Street, Berkeley  
\$25 advance / \$30.50 door

Tickets: [www.jewishmusicfestival.org](http://www.jewishmusicfestival.org) / 866.558.4253 • General information: 510.848.0237

\$2 discount on advance tickets for full time students / seniors (65+), and JCC East Bay members / Festival pass: \$90 - General / \$75 - Students/Seniors/JCC East Bay members

15% discount for groups of ten or more: 510.848.0237, x118 or outreach@jewishmusicfestival.org

Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm  
**GER MANDOLIN ENSEMBLE, 2011**  
Mike Marshall, Musical Director

The 1930s, pre-war spirit of the Jewish mandolin orchestra of Góra Kalwaria Poland (Ger in Yiddish), comes alive again through the vintage repertoire and virtuosity of world-class mandolinists Mike Marshall, Grammy-nominee Avi Avital, Radim Zenkl, Eric Stein (Beyond the Pale), Jeff Warschauer (Strauss/ Warschauer Duo), Chris Acquavella and more. Dedicated to the martyred members of the Jewish Mandolin Orchestra and the Jewish community of Góra Kalwaria.

Co-sponsored by Avner Yonai

Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 2020 Addison Street, Berkeley  
\$20 advance / \$25.50 door



Sunday, March 6, 8:00pm  
**VERETSKI PASS presents KLEZMER SHUL**

This virtuosic trio includes three of the leading figures on the international klezmer scene. Their recent composition, Klezmer Shul, captures the emotional power of liturgical song, drawing on jazz, avant garde, classical and folk elements to achieve a truly transcendent sound. It will be complemented with lush instrumentation inspired by Ottoman, Carpathian, Jewish and Rumanian musical traditions. Their unique synergy is not to be missed!

Co-sponsored by the Alliance for California Traditional Arts

Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 2020 Addison Street, Berkeley  
\$18 advance / \$22.50 door



Tuesday, March 8, 7:30pm  
**NOAH BENDIX-BALGLEY, VIOLIN**

An international award-winning violinist takes on rarely heard works from the Street, Petersburg Society for Jewish Folk Music, a turn-of-the-century movement inspired by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov that brought Jewish folk music into European classical form. Accompanied by Arkadi Serper, Piano

In association with The Crowden Music Center  
1475 Rose Street, Berkeley 510.559.6910

\$15 advance / \$20 door

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30pm

San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center, San Francisco  
415.557.4400 / FREE

Thursday, March 10, 2:00pm Matinee

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley / 510.848.0237  
\$12 advance / \$15 door

**Shabbat Events:**

Friday March 4, 8:00pm, **MUSICAL SHABBAT** with members of Yemen Blues  
Temple Beth Shalom, 642 Dolores Avenue, San Leandro / 510.357.8505 / FREE

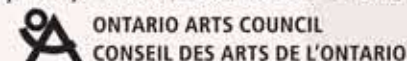
Friday March 11, 7:30pm, **SHIR HASHIRIM** The Song of Songs Minyan  
Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Mizrahi sacred music and poetry with Hazzan Richard Kaplan and a full ensemble of guest musicians. JCC East Bay [www.shirhashirim.net](http://www.shirhashirim.net) / FREE

Saturday, March 12, 8:00pm  
**DAVID BUCHBINDER'S ODESSA / HAVANA**

Founder of Canada's leading klezmer band, The Flying Bulgars, award-winning trumpeter and composer David Buchbinder teams up with the brilliant Cuban pianist Hilario Durán and a crew of Canada's top jazz and world musicians to present an explosive mix of two rich celebratory musical traditions. *A truly formidable array of fierce players who are not afraid to experiment... this is a band that is innovative [and] artistically fertile...* - eJazz News

Co-sponsors: Gaia Fund and Herbert & Edythe Kurz and Leonard Kurz, in memory of Ursula Sherman

Thrust Stage, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison Street, Berkeley  
\$18 advance / \$22 door



Sunday, March 13, 4:00pm  
**FESTIVAL FINALE DANCE PARTY**

Veretski Pass, Noah Bendix-Balgley, David Buchbinder and special guests will transport you body and soul in this high energy, all-ages klezmer dance party with Erik Bendix, a leading international instructor in Jewish dance.

Co-sponsored by the Sherman / Anisman Family in memory of Ursula Sherman

JCC of the East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley  
510.848.0237

\$10 advance / \$15 door

Special Fundraiser Event:  
Thursday, February 10, 7:30pm  
Support JMF's special projects and commission of new Jewish music.

**BEN GOLDBERG & MYRA MELFORD DUO**

An intimate preview of material from their forthcoming CD and Goldberg's upcoming Jewish Music Festival commission.

**FRANK LONDON (Klezomatics)**  
**GLENN HARTMAN (New Orleans Klezmer Allstars)**  
**& JOHN SCHOTT (John Schott's Dream Kitchen)**

Members of JMF's 2008 commission, The Ark Project, whose debut CD will be released in Spring, 2011.

Light refreshments catered by Arnon Oren of Oren's Kitchen

Suggested Donation: \$150 per person  
[www.jewishmusicfestival.org/donate](http://www.jewishmusicfestival.org/donate)  
RSVP/info: 510.848.0237, x126



Online advance sales end 24 hours before show time. Doors open a half hour prior to showtime. General admission.

**Related Events**

Wednesday, February 23, 8:00pm  
**DON BYRON PLAYS THE MUSIC OF MICKEY KATZ**  
Presented by Freight & Salvage Coffee House  
\$22.50 advance / \$24.50 door  
Tickets: 510.644.2020 or [www.thefreight.org](http://www.thefreight.org)

Sunday, February 27, NOON - 5:30pm  
**KLEZCALIFORNIA YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL**  
Part of JCC Sonoma County's Simcha Sunday Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa. Featuring workshops with Veretski Pass. 415.789.7679 or [www.klezcalifornia.org](http://www.klezcalifornia.org)

Thursday, March 10, 8:00pm  
**DAVID BUCHBINDER'S ODESSA / HAVANA**  
Club Fox, 2223 Broadway, Redwood City  
Presale: \$18 / \$15 for PJCC members / \$20 door  
For tickets call: 650.378.2702 or visit [www.pjcc.org](http://www.pjcc.org)  
Presented by the Peninsula JCC

**BEYOND THE PALE**  
2010 Canadian Folk Music Award winners for "Instrumental Ensemble of the Year" and "Pushing the Boundaries," Toronto's Beyond the Pale returns to the Bay Area with two shows of cutting-edge Klezmer-Balkan fusion.

Saturday, March 26, 8:00pm  
Subterranean Arthouse  
2179 Bancroft Way, Berkeley / 510.981.1281  
\$15-25 [www.subterraneanarthouse.org](http://www.subterraneanarthouse.org)

Sunday, March 27, 9:00pm  
Amnesia Bar  
853 Valencia Street, San Francisco / 415.970.0012  
\$10 [www.amnesiathebar.com](http://www.amnesiathebar.com)

Saturday, April 2, 8:00pm  
**Trinity Chamber Concert presents**  
**MCGUINNESS / PANKONIN / GARNER**  
Premiere of songs by San Francisco composer David Garner, performed by soprano Nanette McGuinness and pianist Kristin Pankonin, set to texts by Polish/German Jewish poet Mascha Kaleko.  
Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana Street, Berkeley  
510.549.3864, [www.trinitychamberconcerts.com](http://www.trinitychamberconcerts.com)  
\$10 students, seniors, disabled  
\$15 general

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