

Non-Jewish music

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Oct 2023 14:33

I'm interested to know what other people think about listening or stopping to listen to non Jewish music.

i personally have tried to stop a few time, but always ended up going back to it. I dont listen to women or anything overtly sexualized.

i mostly listen to rock (heavy metal, grunge, blues, gritty blues, punk, classic ect) and also play electric guitar.

there's very little Jewish music that fills that space, so whenever i try to listen to Jewish music, i feel like its not up to par.

it doesn't help that main stream Jewish music is musically inferior and mostly about chasunas (really guys?!? Cant sing about girls better sing about the chassan and kalla, they'll never suspect a thing...)

i also feel that non Jewish music helps me channel my emotions more than Jewish music.

so if anybody has anything to add, ways i can stop, or good Jewish music suggestions please let me know

[hillel slovak, Simon and Garfunkel, kiss, and disturbed do not count as Jewish, regardless of the nationality of the artists before you start posting that]

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Re: Non-Jewish music

Posted by foolie - 15 Oct 2023 14:38

You forgot Bob Dylan and Barbara Streisand

However try slogging your way through the 9 albums of the Rechnitzer Rejects series you might find some gems there. Please note that it's mostly poking fun at things and shouldn't be taken to seriously

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Oct 2023 14:48

Ill check them out and i forgot to mention Matisyahu just to get people angry...

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 15 Oct 2023 14:50

Check out Gershon Veroba's Variations albums too.

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by foolie - 15 Oct 2023 14:52

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Oct 2023 14:54

Ill check them out when i get a chance. I dont have Spotify anymore because there's way to much stuff on there and also some loopholes

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Oct 2023 14:56

[foolie wrote:](#)

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i forgot to mention im a huge Bob Marley fan too

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Oct 2023 15:14

I forgot to mention im driving today with a bunch of other guys so i dont have a choice but to listen to Jewish music. Kinda rough but maybe itll be good

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by foolie - 15 Oct 2023 15:21

Good luck with that

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 15 Oct 2023 15:49

Here's another one; Yochi Briskman's Metalish albums. Think Carlebach meets Metallica.

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Re: Non-Jewish music
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 15 Oct 2023 15:57

And if you like a more jazzy style, Teva by Moshe Antelis.

and don't forget Raya Mehemna.

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Re: Non-Jewish music

Posted by fighterwithfire - 15 Oct 2023 16:45

So much to say on this topic. I have some opinions based on my own experiences.

NOTE: Terms like "regular" movies, "non-Jewish" music, and "Goyish stuff" are obviously vague. I have therefore tried to be specific in clarifying what I am talking about when using those terms.

1) Not everyone is on the same level. It goes without saying that listening to women, foul language, overtly sexual (or even "just romantic" songs), or any other "music" that glorifies, promotes or condones ?????????? is ??????????. But seeing as how you don't seem to be talking about filth, just normal (for lack of a better term) non-Jewish music, I repeat: everyone has his own level.

During the roughest years/times of my life, I did find that there were occasions when Jewish music did not cut it for me and my mood, and I would turn to motivational artists (such as The Score and NF) to lift my spirits (the songs of those artists focus almost solely on motivation, emotional support and fighting through dark times). And I'd be lying to you if I said they didn't help-they did. But ?????? ?' ??????, I'm in a better place today than I've been at any other point in my life, and I no longer listen to Goyish music of any sort.

Why, you might ask? If those artists helped me through dark times, wouldn't that mean that such music is beneficial to listen to?

The answer is both yes and no. Which brings me to my second point.

2) Yes, I do believe that such music can be beneficial to those struggling with their own???? and ????????? (usually in areas of ?????????), as it speaks to where they're holding at that given time, and can provide a dose of motivation in ways that Jewish music does not (my personal theory for why this is the case is that real Jewish music speaks to the ?????, not just to the brain and heart, and since those fighting for ????????? often benefit more from music that speaks specifically to the brain and heart, such music brings more of a boost to them for the time being). Essentially, everyone needs to be spoken to on the level that they are presently on. Sometimes, that means that non-Jewish artists speak more directly to the challenges such people are facing than Jewish ones.

BUT, simultaneously, I believe that non-Jewish music of almost any sort-even those of "clean" artists (like the ones mentioned above)-winds up being a detriment to one's ???? and ??????? in the long run. This, I admit, is a purely subjective opinion. But I found that even once I was on the mend, on the way upwards and beginning to heal, I had a very hard time dropping non-Jewish music entirely, even though by my own admission, I no longer had the need for it.

To me, the explanation for this is simple.

3) As many of the ???? ???? point out, ??????? and ??????? are not merely different. They're polar opposites. Lack of ??????? leads to ???????, detachment from ??????? leads to ????????. It really is that simple. This isn't merely true with non-Jewish music, it's true with almost every area of Goyish culture (movies, modern-day novels, sports, etc.). In and of themselves, as isolated examples, these things are not harmful, but they act as a barrier towards growth in ????????. I say this as someone who was formerly a regular watcher of movies, a follower of all 4 of the major sports, and an avid reader of Goyish books. It just winds up being an ??? to the ??. It doesn't harm one's ???? directly, but it forms a barrier IN FRONT of the ???? that in the long run proves very hard to remove, and blocks ??????? and growth in the interim. This is why I find it so unfortunate that many people I know who are NOT (at least to my knowledge) struggling with any personal ??????? have no problem listening to Goyish music (sometimes even mainstream Goyish "music"), watching "regular" movies (which only have a "little bit" of language, no "explicit" nudity, "only one scene" of a couple in bed, etc.), and reading books/novels with profanity and often graphic descriptions of lewd and sexual acts.

When the ???? in ???? ?????? says "??? ?' ?????? ?? ????? ??? ??? ????? ?????? ?? ?' ?????? ??? ????? ??????", Chazal explain this to mean that ?' ?????? will be "???" our hearts, so to speak-He will uncover the foreskin that we ourselves have created over our hearts and ?????? to block ??????? from entering. Only once this outer layer is removed will we have the ability "????? ?? ?' ?????? ??? ????? ?????? ?????"-because then the barriers blocking us from growth and ???? will be gone.

Please forgive me if this sounds condescending or preachy (which I have no doubt it does). I'm not some ???? or ?? or ?????? who wants to tell and instruct everybody what to do and not to do, and believes anyone who doesn't agree with me is some lowlife or ???, God forbid. But I am a fighter who has been through some very, very difficult and dark times and seen many awful things, and based on my own experiences, this is what I believe to be true. We need to be more careful in what we allow ourselves to do, listen to and watch, and not use the excuse of "it's only fill-in-the-blank, it's not ??????" as justification for doing things that we know are not fit for our ???????.

In conclusion, everything is relative. Some people can benefit from clean, normal non-Jewish music that speaks to them based on the level that they're holding on (R' Kalish of Waterbury has actually discussed specific artists whom he recommends for those struggling in their Yiddishkeit). But it shouldn't become something that we all are ???? for ourselves. Otherwise, we're playing with fire.

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Re: Non-Jewish music

Posted by frank.lee - 15 Oct 2023 23:22

FwF, beautiful!!

Some more suggestions: Adaptations by aka pella is basically Other songs but with kosher words. Nice songs. Other aka pella albums. Nissim if you like rap. Ishai Ribo has some beautiful country songs, very inspiring. Nehorai Arieli. Waterbury ..

To add a bit, you can and should change. I used to think that whatever I listen to, watch, how I speak, it would not make an impact on my neshama, based on where I was, how I was acting.. meaning I was watching bit great kosher movies, and thought it was bit impacting me. Maybe I was right.

But when I stopped, after a short time I was a different person, I COULD NOT say the words I had said previously with ease.

It was a mind-blowing realization when that hit me.

Keep climbing.

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Re: Non-Jewish music

Posted by connected - 16 Oct 2023 16:02

I share your frustration with the Jewish music selection out there.

My interests are mainly Classical and classic film scores. (Go find this genre at the Rebbe's Tish.)

How about Country Yossi with all of his parodies?

Also, check out the latest Meilach Kohn for some good ol' jammin.

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Re: Non-Jewish music

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 16 Oct 2023 16:41

Thank you to every one who suggested and especially fwf for your insight. Im going to give this another shot. I wont listen to anything not Jewish this week. I dont want to commit to anything to big. But ill take it a week at a time

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