



Yahala Lachmish

Music | Piyyut | Prayer

Yahala Lachmish is a musician, cantor and payytanit, singer, conductor and actress. She holds a B.A in Composition from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance and is co-head of the Sephardic track of the Ashira Tehilot Program for Musicians and Cantors at the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem. Yahala has been on stage since childhood and now performs as a solo artist, in various ensembles (Tandu, Tahrir, Voca Shabbat and more) and with orchestras. She is musical director and co-head of Prayer in Jerusalem's Zion community, lectures and leads services at Midreshet Beit Prat (previously known as Ein Prat), teaches Biblical trope and leads workshops on piyyutim (Jewish liturgical poems).



Programs

Shir Umizmor

Introduction to Piyyut - for children

Short learning and singing experience as a bridge to Jewish and Israeli tradition.

From Jazz to Hijaz

Solo Performance

Yahala tells (and sings) her personal story as a jazz musician reconnecting to her Sephardi roots. During the performance, Yahala teaches the audience a piyyut.

Around the World

Interactive Workshop

Yahala teaches the audience piyyutim from a variety of traditions, examining their histories and meanings.
(Best for groups of up to 50 people.)

Where Piyyut and Prayer Mingle

Shabbat Services with Scholar/Artist in Residence

Yahala leads Shabbat prayers, bringing an Israeli multicultural mix joining together traditions from east and west, and introducing new piyyutim to the congregation.



Yahala shares

"My first experience as a Hazzan was quite coincidental. It was a very uplifting experience, and that was when I realized I want to be a part of a community. I joined one straight away, though it took a few years for me to deeply understand and embrace my place as a prayer leader. From the minute I started practising as a Cantor, it was a matter of time for everything to fall in place and for other roads to open and merge, and within a few months I found my voice in mizrachi prayer and realized that prayer for me takes many forms, whether in a synagogue or on stage, and ever since I have felt that this is the main road of my journey in life- building bridges between people through love, music and prayer."

Yahala in Action

- Yahala sings the piyyut *Ma Navu Aley* with Tandu Band - [Watch here](#)
- Yahala performs with the Israel Chamber Orchestra - [Watch here](#)
- Yahala and Tandu Band combining different worlds in a mashup - [Watch here](#)
- Yahala sings an Israeli classic to bring in the Shabbat - [Watch here](#)



Looking forward
to meeting you!

