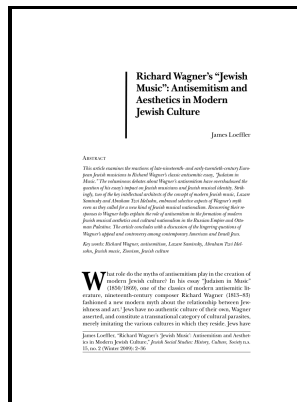


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The most widely spoken languages amongst Jews are English, as the first or second language of the five countries with the largest Jewish populations USA, Israel, France, Canada and Britain ; and Hebrew, revived as the native language in Israel in the form of Modern Hebrew and spoken to some degree worldwide in the contexts of Jewish religious education.

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Such are, for instance, the core writings on constructing cultural identity, both published in 1983: Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger's *The Invention of Tradition* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press and Benedict Anderson's *Imagined Communities* London: Verso. Secondly, and significantly, in Israel today there are two major religious delineations, each represented by a distinct Rabbinate and - the Sephardi and the Ashkenazi.

Jewish Music 101

Rejecting what it regarded as the human-centric and overly ascetic and elitist religious intellectualism of the Mishna in favour of spirituality, simplicity of faith and direct communion with God, it propelled devotional music to an even more central role of music in its ecstatic mystical worship. This makes sense, since over the centuries the Sephardi and Mizrahi Rabbinate were connected much more intimately with each other than either was connected with the Ashkenazi. Musically this entailed the spread of Gregorian chant.

An Overview of Jewish Music

Though local custom may influence the way in which this music is chanted, most singing follows traditional practice. Jewish Folk Musics Beyond devotional forms of traditional Jewish music, there are a vast variety of folk musics maintained, performed and developed amongst Jewish communities around the world. In many respects, Sephardic folk musics were far more immersed in the traditions of their hosts.

A Brief History Of Music In Worship

During these centuries, an extensive community of Jewish musicians who played the violin, harp, and flute also developed. These composers included , Erich Walter Sternberg , , and . The Esther recitations, for example, are sung during Purim, which commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people from the threat of genocide in Ancient Persia 4 thC BCE.

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