

Hello everyone,

### **Recap 4/29/21**

This past Thursday, we enjoyed learning from Klezmer musician, Leeav Sofer. Leeav is the founder of a band called “Mostly Kosher,” which puts a modern twist on the traditional klezmer music tradition. Klezmer music is a type of Jewish cultural heritage music originating in Eastern Europe, and is often reserved for joyous and celebratory occasions.

We started off the session with some music, specifically a “freylekh,” which is a type of dance tune. Leeav played the piano and we all sang “L’Chaim” (“To life”) together! He also introduced us to some other instruments that are traditional to klezmer music, including the clarinet, darbuka (a type of drum), and the accordion.

We learned about the Yiddish language, which is used in many Jewish communities today. The language originated in Eastern Europe and incorporates words from Hebrew. Leeav shared more of this language to us through a song and prayer called “Baruch Atah.” He also shared a Yiddish love poem with (called “The Wax Moth” in English), which he then set to piano music and sang for us.

Today Leeav and his band continue to share klezmer music traditions with the world by incorporating traditional rhythms and melodies into modern tunes such as “Ain’t No Sunshine” and “Wade in the Water.” You can find more of his music at the [Mostly Kosher website](#). You can also find out more about Leeav's work with the [Urban Voices Project here](#). Lastly, for those of you who missed last week's session, [the recording](#) is attached below!

### **This Week's Music Hour**

This week, we will be hosting a "Share & Tell" music hour. Everyone who would like to will have the chance to introduce themselves, share why they are a part of the group, and share any music they have been listening to, playing, or engaging with! Chrysa, Julianne, and Ellen Vigour will each be sharing a song or two with the group. Anyone else in the group is welcome to do the same :-)

Lastly, thank you to all of our new members who have been joining our CI Music Hour meetings! We appreciate your presence and are excited to continue expanding our community!

See you all later this week,

Julianne & Chrysa

