

# **Songs That Rock the Preschool Classroom**



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# **The WHAT, WHY and HOW of planning your music curriculum:**

- 1) What songs to include?**
- 2) Why these songs?**
- 3) How to make them POP?**

# **What songs to include?**

- **Hello/Friendship songs – the same each week**
- **4-5 theme songs**
- **Favorite Song – develop a list of favorites, print, laminate and put them in a bag so you can choose one to sing**
- **Goodbye songs – the same each week**

# Why these songs?

- **What purpose does this song serve?**  
Does it teach something? Is it a movement break? Is it just for fun?
- **Songs should relate to the theme in different ways.**  
Example for Rosh Hashanah:  
apples and honey; shofar; shanah tovah; creation
- **Songs should vary in tempo and engagement.**  
Examples: quiet/slow vs. rowdy/fast;  
using props or percussion vs. hand motions or movement
- **Can I re-purpose this song?**  
Example: Whole World for Creation, YK, Tikkun Olam, Earth Day

# How to make them POP?

- **What can you do with the song?**  
Props, percussion, movement, felt board, puppets, schtick, etc.
- **Adapt songs to meet your needs!**  
Change lyrics to suit your curriculum needs; make it a zipper song.
- **This is my FAVORITE part of the song!**
- **Put down the guitar!**  
Play a recording; lead hand motions/sign language.

# Boker Tov

by Mama Mac, adapted by Lisa Baydush

**Boker tov! Boker, boker to-ov!**

**Boker tov! Boker, boker tov! (repeat)**

**The sun is up, it's a brand new da-ay;**

**When we wake up, this is what we say:**

**Modeh (Modeh), ani (ani), l'fanecha!**

**Modeh ani l'fane-echa!**

**Give thanks (give thanks), give thanks (give thanks)!**

**Give thanks for toda-ay!**

**Modeh ani l'fane-echa (chorus)**



# Shabba Shabba

by Adam Bellows, adapted verses by Lisa Baydush



**Shabba Shabba Shabba, Sha-a-bbat Shalom! (3x)**

**Shabbat Shabbat Shalom!**

**Shabbat is coming/here so let's celebrate!**

**Play your instruments, you're sounding great!**

**Sing along to this happy song... Shabbat Shabbat Shalom!**

**Boker tov/Shabbat shalom, chaverim,**

**So glad you're here for our Shabbat Sing!**

**Clap your hands and sing along... Shabbat Shabbat Shalom!**

# I Like to Dance on Shabbat

by Jay Rapoport

**I like to dance on Shabbat, yes I do!**

**I like to dance on Shabbat, do you dance too?**

**I like to dance (DANCE!), dance (DANCE!), dance (DANCE!), dance...**

**I like to dance on Shabbat!**

*What else do you like to do on Shabbat?*





# **Shabbat's So Special To Me**

by Sally Heckelman

**Shabbat Shabbat shalom (3x)**

**Shabbat shalom!**

**A day of rest day, a day of peace,**

**A day with friends and families,**

**Shabbat's so special to me (repeat)**



# **Apples and Honey**

by Lisa Baydush

**Apples and honey, apples and honey,  
Apples and honey for a sweet new year! (repeat)**

**Dip an apple in some honey,  
Eat it up, it's oh so yummy!  
Dip an apple in some honey  
For a very, very sweet new year!**



# Shanah Tovah

by Lisa Baydush

**Shanah tovah, shanah tovah,  
Shanah tovah to you! (repeat)**

**Dip an apple in some honey  
For sweet new year!**

**Dip an apple in some honey  
'Cause Rosh Hashanah's here (chorus)**

**Blow the shofar -- toot toot toot...  
Eat a challah, round and yummy...**



# Throwin' My Sorrys Away

by Lisa Baydush

I'm throwin' my sorrys away today,  
I'm throwin' my sorrys away away!  
I'm throwin' my sorrys away today,  
I'm throwin' my sorrys away!



And I'm gonna make changes in the things I say, in how I act every day;  
I'm gonna try a little more to do the best I can;  
That's my New Year's plan! (chorus)

And tomorrow's gonna be a brighter day,  
I'm feeling the sunshine right away  
Let's make a plan to do what we can to start the New Year right! (2x)

# **G'mar Chatimah Tovah**

by Julie Jaslow Auerbach



**Open the book and write my name!**

**Open the book and write my name!**

**Open the book and write my name!**

**G'mar cha-ti-mah to-vah!**

**I'll be a friend to everyone...**

**I'll listen to my mom and dad...**

**I'll always try to do my best...**

# Build It Up

by Ellen Allard, adapted verse

**Build it up, build—it—up!**

**Build it up, build—it—up! (repeat)**

**Gonna build a sukkah build it up so high,**

**See the stars— up in the sky.**

**Shake the lulav, shake it here and there,**

**Shake it to show God is everywhere! (chorus)**



# I'm a Lulav

by Jill Moskowitz

Shake me up and shake me down,  
Shake me, shake me all around;  
Shake me here and shake me there  
'Cause God is everywhere!

I'm a lu— lu-lu, lu-lu-lav;  
I'm a lu-lu lu-lu-lav (repeat)

Willow here and myrtle there,  
Palm branch straight up in the air;  
Bring the etrog over here  
And together we'll say a prayer!



# Party in the Sukkah

by Lisa Baydush



**Gonna party in the sukkah;**

**Gonna party in the sukkah;**

**Gonna party in the sukkah;**

**Gonna party in the sukkah all week long!**

**Chorus:**

**Dance, dance, dance, dance 'n dance... (3x) *(wait a minute...)***



**Invite friends to the sukkah...**

**Shake the lulav in the sukkah...**

**Gonna eat out in the sukkah...**

**Gonna sleep out in the sukkah... yawn/snore...**



# March Along With Me

by Lisa Baydush

**Come march, march, march, march with the Torah!**

**March, march, march along with me!**

**Come march, march, march, march with the Torah!**

**Wave your flags and sing with me!**

**Chag Sameach, Chag Sameach! Happy holiday!**

**Chag Sameach, Chag Sameach! Simchat Torah's here today!**



# The Earth is Our Mother

traditional

**He-ey ya-na, ho-o ya-na, he-ey ya-na ho! (repeat 4x)**

**The earth is our mother,**

**We must take care of her (repeat)**

**The sky is our father...**

**The trees are our brothers...**

**The rivers are our sisters...**



# Adamah V'shamayim

by Gabi Meyer

Hey Ya, hey ya, hey ya, hey ya

Hey ya, hey ya, hey ya, ho (repeat)



Love the earth (echo), Love the sky (echo),



Heat of fire (echo), Drop of water (echo)



I can feel it in my body, in my spirit, in my soul!

Adamah (echo), v'shamayim (echo),

Chom ha'eish (echo), Tz'lil hama-yim (echo),

Ani margeesh zot, b'gufi-i, b'ruchi v'nish-mati!

# When Chanukah Is Here

by Lisa Baydush

**Chanukah, Chanukah, Chanukah is here;  
Chanukah, Chanukah, my favorite time of year!**



**I like the latkes,  
I like soufganiyot,  
I like chocolate gelt,  
and playing dreidel too!**



**I like lighting—the menorah,  
There are so many fun things to do!**



# **Eight Little Candles**

by Lisa Baydush

**1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8**

**1-2 3-4 5-6-7-8 (repeat)**

**8 little candles, shining, shining;**

**8 little candles, shining bright!**

**8 little candles, shining, shining;**

**Shining brightly for 8 nights! (chorus)**

**8 little Maccabees, marching, marching/brave and strong...Marching as they sing this song...**

**8 little dreidels, spinning, spinning/spinning 'round...Spinning dreidels, don't fall down...**

**8 little latkes, sizzling, sizzling/good to eat...Sizzling latkes, such a treat...**



# **We're Happy It's Tu B'shvat**

by Lisa Baydush

**Tu Tu Tu B'shvat!**

**Tu Tu Tu B'shvat!**

**Tu Tu Tu B'shvat,**

**The birthday of the trees! (repeat)**

**Reach up high, touch the sky,**

**Plant your roots below;**

**Reach up high, touch the sky,**

**And wave hello!**



# Tree Song

by Josh Miller (recorded by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh)

Chorus:

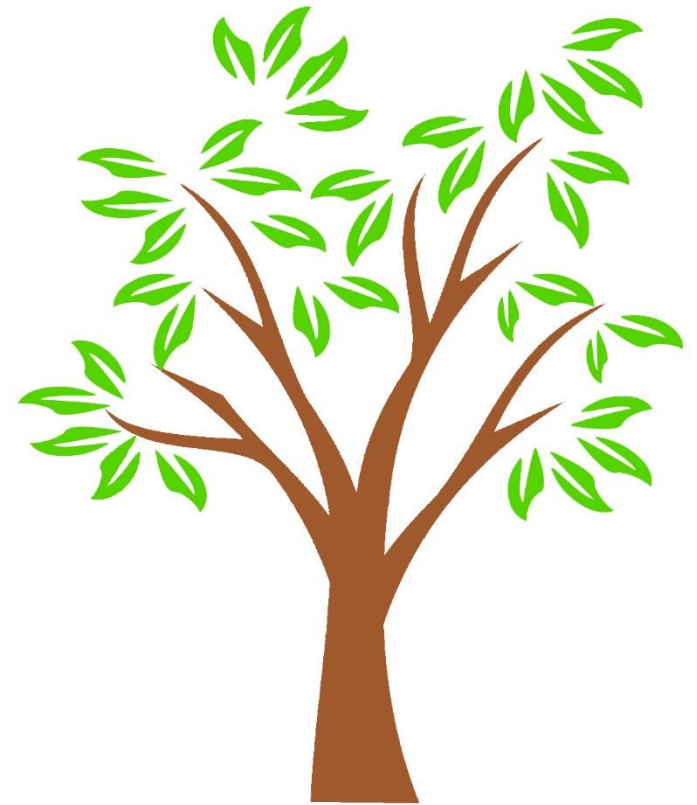
**We grow, we grow, we grow! (2x)**

**Tu-tu-tu-tu Tu-tu-tu-tu Tu-tu-tu-tu**

**Tu-tu-tu-tu Tu-tu-tu-tu tu, Tu B'shvat! (repeat)**

**—Tree! —Tree! —Tree!**

**—Tree! —Tree! —Tu B'shvat! (repeat)**



**Well I've got a friend (echo) who comforts me (echo);**

**I'm a kid (echo) and he's a tree (echo) (chorus)**

**On my birthday (echo) we eat a lot (echo);**

**On his birthday (echo) it's Tu B'shvat (echo) (chorus)**

# The Tree Song

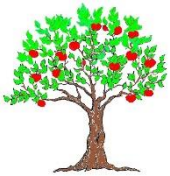
by Lorraine Lee Hammond



**This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree,  
In the springtime, the flowers bloom on me... They open! (2x)**



**This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree,  
In the summer, the breezes blow through me... I bend! (2x)**



**This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree,  
In the autumn, the apples grow on me... They drop! (2x)**



**This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree,  
In the winter, the snowflakes fall on me... It's cold! Brrrrrrr!**



# Plant a Seed

by Les Julian

**Dig, dig, dig a hole,  
and plant, plant, plant a seed,  
and watch, watch, watch it grow some food  
for you and you and you and you and you and me!**



# Purim's a Time

by Julie Jaslow Auerbach, adapted verses



**Purim's a time when we dress up and play,  
Dress up and play, dress up and play;  
Purim's a time when we dress up and play,  
A happy holiday!**

**Eat hamentaschen... a yummy holiday!  
Shake, shake our groggers... a noisy holiday!  
Read the Megillah... a happy holiday!**

# Rash Ra'ashan

adapted



**Rash, ra'ashan...** *shake your groggers and stop!*

**Rash, ra'ashan...** *shake your groggers and stop!*

**On Purim day, on Purim day!** (repeat)

(original: B'chag Purim, b'chag Purim)

**Shake, shake, shake, shake, shake your groggers,**

**Drown out Haman's name!** (repeat)

(original: Purim, Purim, Purim hayom, chag Purim hayom)

# Purim Parade

by Carol Boyd Leon, adapted

**We all are marching in the Purim parade!**

**We all are marching in the Purim parade!**

**We all are marching while we sing this song!**

**We all are marching along!**

**We all are dancing, jumping, playing...**



# Purim Purim

by Lisa Baydush



**Purim (snap), Purim (stamp 2x),**

**Purim (slap legs 4x), Purim (clap 2x)! (repeat)**

**In this tale, this crazy mixed up tale,  
there was a nice Jewish girl named Esther  
who became Persia's queen! (twirl and curtsy) (chorus)**

**...a foolish king, Ahashverosh (who likes to party!)**

**...a banished wife named Vashti**

**...a wicked advisor, Haman**

**...a proud Jewish guy named Mordechai**

# Megillah Megillah

adapted by Lisa Baydush



**Megillah, Megillah,**

**Who's coming out of the Megillah? (repeat)**

**(end with: WE KNOW who's in the Megillah!)**

**There's King Ahashverosh (Bless you/Thank you!)**

**He likes to come and join the fun,**

**And sing along with us! Oh... (chorus)**

**There's Esther, the Jewish queen (Go Esther x4)...**

**There's wicked wicked Haman (B000!)...**

**There's brave Mordechai (Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!)...**

**There's bold Queen Vashti (Yaaaay, Vashti)...**

# No No No No No

by Ellen Allard

Pharaoh, Pharaoh! What are ya doin'? What are ya doin'?

Pharaoh, Pharaoh, you gotta let my people go!

Pharaoh, Pharaoh! What are ya doin'? What are ya doin'?

Pharaoh, Pharaoh, no, no, no, no, no!

No more working in the hot sun,

No more slavery!

No more working in the hot sun,

No, no, no, no, no! (chorus)

No more heavy, heavy burdens...

No more hungry, hungry bellies...



# **Marching Across the Sea**

by Lisa Baydush

**We're marching, we're marching across the sea!**

**We're marching, we're marching across the sea!**

**Across the sea, where we are free,**

**We're marching, we're marching across the sea!**





# Miriam's Freeze Dance

by Eliana Light

**Shake, shake, shake your tambourine,  
Shake your tambourine with Miriam at the sea;  
C'mon and shake, shake, shake your tambourine,  
Shake your tambourine and freeze!**

**Dance, dance, dance all around,  
Dance now we are free;  
Dance, dance, dance all around,  
Dance all around and freeze!**



# The Colors of Yisrael

by Lisa Baydush

**Blue and white are the colors of my flag,  
Blue and white are the colors of my flag,  
Blue and white are the colors of my flag,  
The colors of Yisrael!**

**Kachol is blue,  
Lavan is white,  
Kachol v'lavan l'Yisrael (repeat)**



# **Travellin' to Eretz Yisrael**

by Ellen Allard

**We're travellin' along (3x) to/in Israel;**

**We're travellin' along (2x), we're travellin' to/in Eretz Yisrael!**

**Gonna float in the Dead Sea, ahhh! (3x)**

**We're travellin' in Eretz Yisrael! (chorus)**

**Gonna ride a camel, bumpity bump! (3x)...**

**Gonna climb Masada, oy, it's hot! (3x)...**

**Gonna pray at the Wall, Baruch Atah! (3x)...**

**Gonna eat falafel, yum yum yum...**

**Gonna celebrate Yom Ha-atzmaut...**

**Gonna fly back home, l'hitraot (3x)...**

We're travellin' along to Israel...



# Welcome to Israel!



Gonna float in the Dead Sea, ahhh!



Gonna ride a camel... bumpity bump!

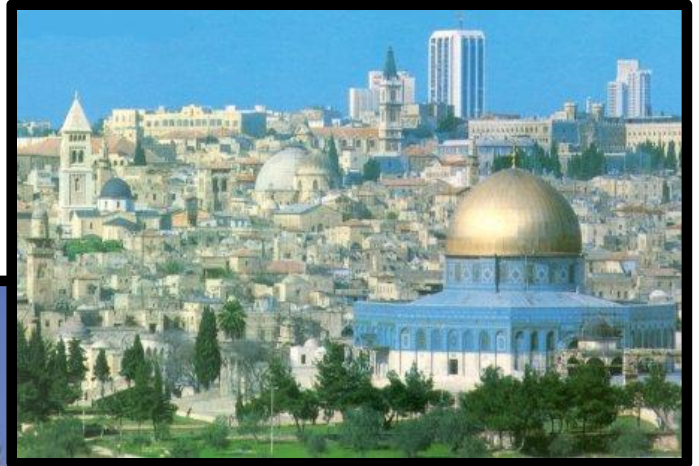


Gonna climb Masada; oy, it's hot!





Gonna pray at the Wall, Baruch Atah!





Gonna shop at the shuk...  
how many shekels?



Gonna eat falafel... yum, yum, yum!



Gonna celebrate Yom Ha-atzmaut!





# **It's Israel's Birthday**

by Lisa Baydush

**Celebrate and eat some cake,  
It's Israel's birthday;  
Celebrate and eat some cake  
For Yom Haatzmaut!**

**Wave your flags way up high!  
Blue and white in the sky!  
It fills me with pride...  
Am Yisrael chai!**



# Helping Hands

by Lisa Baydush

**Do a mitzvah with your helping hands today!**

**Do a mitzvah with your helping hands! (repeat)**

**My helping hands can pick up trash;**

**My helping hands can hug;**

**I like to use my helping hands,**

**C'mon, everyone!**

**My helping hands can turn off lights,**

**My helping hands can share;**

**I like to use my helping hands,**

**C'mon, show you care!**

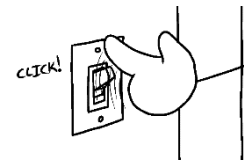


# Together We Can Change the World

music by Rita Gold, lyrics by Susan Shane Linder and Stephanie Shore and Ellen Allard,  
from Songs for Jewish Head Start adapted by Lisa Baydush

Together we can change the world, change the world, change the world;  
Together we can change the world, together we can do Tikkun Olam!

Together we work, together we play,  
We can make a difference every day! (repeat)



1-2: I can help you; 3-4: recycle more; 5-6: flip the switch;



7-8: do the tzedakah shake; 9-10: be a good friend

