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Celebrate Hanukkah with Mostly Kosher Live! A musical mashup bringing tradition to life



Palo Alto, CA—December 14, 2025—The Oshman Family JCC (OFJCC) in Palo Alto is thrilled to bring you a Hanukkah celebration like no other with *Mostly Kosher Live!*—the electrifying Los Angeles-based ensemble that reimagines Jewish tradition with fearless creativity.

Audiences are invited to join a boundary-pushing Hanukkah concert that blends klezmer, rock, jazz, Latin and folk into a bold musical feast. Led by the charismatic **Leeav Sofer**—named one of the *Jewish Journal's* “30 under 30”—Mostly Kosher delivers ravenous klezmer beats, fierce Yiddish refrains and a powerful message of social justice, unity and joy.

“This is more than a concert—it’s a dance-worthy, heart-fueled celebration of tradition and innovation,” said Sofer. “We’re honored to share the spirit of Hanukkah through music that connects communities across generations.”

Mostly Kosher has lit up stages across California and beyond, from the **John Anson Ford Amphitheatre** and **Skirball Cultural Center** to live televised broadcasts at the **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**, reaching more than half a million viewers. They are festival favorites at the **Silicon Valley Jewish Music Festival**, **Claremont Folk Festival** and **Ashkenaz Festival** in Toronto, and in 2017 became the **first Jewish**

the *Fresh Baked Disney* podcast.

In addition to their international acclaim, Mostly Kosher is deeply committed to social impact. Through the **Urban Voices Project**, they bring music and education to underserved communities across Southern California—including prisons, shelters and clinics—and mentor the next generation of Jewish musicians through the **Jewish Youth Orchestra**.

Their self-titled debut album earned international recognition from **World Music Network**, **Songlines magazine** and **BBC Radio**, while their award-winning music videos have screened at major festivals nationwide. In 2024, Mostly Kosher shared the stage with Grammy-winning klezmer legends **The Klezmatics**, debuting their rendition of Woody Guthrie’s “Hanuka Dance.” Looking ahead, the ensemble is preparing to release their highly anticipated Hanukkah album as part of a bright 2025–2026 season that includes performances in California, Texas and the East Coast.

For Calendar Editors

WHAT: Mostly Kosher—A Hanukkah Celebration Live Music Show!

WHEN: Sunday, December 14, 2025, 5:00 PM

WHERE: The Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall at the Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

REGISTRATION: Registration takes place at paloaltojcc.org/mostlykosher.

About the Oshman Family JCC

The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life serves the South Peninsula through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs. The OFJCC is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome and which fosters new personal and community connections through rich and rewarding experiences. The OFJCC provides a common ground for Jewish institutions, other local groups, organizations and individuals to work, learn and play together for the betterment of the whole community. The OFJCC's registered trademark is Live Fully®. For more information, visit www.paloaltojcc.org or call (650) 223-8700.

Tickets + More Information:

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