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Shabbat Shaboom

Fall 2011 Music

Ages: All Ages

Producer: Mama Doni Productions

CD Price: \$14.99



Review:

Mama Doni, a.k.a. Doni Zasloff Thomas, is a mom, educator, performer, songwriter, and lead singer in The Mama Doni Band, who have been producing "funky music with a Jewish twist," for some time now. Shabbat Shaboom is her fourth album of children's music that celebrates Jewish culture, in a surprisingly hip and infectious fun manner. Mama Doni seamlessly merges girl pop with real lessons in Jewish culture, coupled with a super fast and fluid delivery. Highlights include the funny and witty, pun-filled tribute to that most Jewish of breads in the Miami Sound Machine inspired "Challah Day." The congratulatory expression "Mazel Tov," is transformed into a radio ready romp that could give Brittany Spears a run for her money. Family is celebrated in the country hoedown "My Mishpoucha," while disco makes a comeback in "The Shabbat Queen," and what can one really say about "A Grape Juice Break Dance?" Other silliness includes "Synagoguergize" which transforms all the rising and sitting one does during temple services, into a kind of Jewish Jazzercise, while the expression made famous by Mike Myers "Fahklempt" is turned into a 50's style Doo Wop wig out. The album closes with two new melodic approaches to traditional Friday and Saturday Night blessings. This album not only instills pride in one's heritage, but also makes it very, very fun.

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