

Munchkin Music Madness! Shabbat Shaboom by Mama Doni

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Mama Doni has put together her best album yet! Before receiving this new CD, we listened to several of her songs on the mamadoni.com website and on her Youtube channel. My 18 month old particularly enjoyed the music and was dancing around to it.

Mama Doni's music is fun music particularly for Jewish kids, although I really think it's enjoyable to anyone. We are not Jewish, but we have a few Jewish friends and have been learning a bit about the culture and traditions lately because we have several Torah Observant friends.

Her newest album is Shabbat Shaboom.



We really enjoyed this CD! It is less cheese-ball than the other music of hers that we've heard. In this one, her voice really shines through and it's a breath of fresh air. My kids and I really enjoyed listening, particularly the sweet songs "The Friday Night Blessings (Mama Doni's New Melody)" and "The Saturday Night Blessings". The Introduction (Overture) and The Finale were hilarious and fun!

There's just so much range in the music. There's fun and silly, sweet and traditional, hip hop inspired, country inspired, dancing songs, and so much more!



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More about Mama Doni

Doni Zaslouff Thomas, aka Mama Doni, is the lead singer/songwriter in The Mama Doni Band. Doni's "wacky, Jewish indie-rock band for kids" won the Simcha Award for Inspiring Joy Through Music in competition with more than 100 bands from 15 different countries at the 2008 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam. Quirky, zany, offbeat, and unpredictable, The Mama Doni Band expands the horizons of traditional Jewish music with a contagious and unexpected blend of reggae, rock, disco, Latin, klezmer and "Jewgrass" – all woven together with a hip Jewish sensibility.

The original songs and stories on Shabbat Shaboom transport listeners to a place where the album's warmly sincere pop-rock title track happily melds with a Gloria Estefan-meets-Fiddler on the Roof conga line tune, "Challah-Day," where the reggae-influenced "Mazel Tov" meets a disco ditty, "Sabbath Queen." Shabbat Shaboom touches on such aspects as lighting candles, being with family (mishpocha), celebrating bat mitzvahs, and even the "workout" that Mama Doni mischievously terms "synagoguesizing."

Shabbat Shaboom marks the first Mama Doni CD to showcase the entire Mama Doni Band. Says Doni, "Shabbat Shaboom is really an evolution for us. It's a little less shticky than my previous CDs. Don't get me wrong, it's still fun! But this album has a slightly different vibe. It's more sophisticated musically than my earlier work, a bit more soulful, you might say."

The raison d'être of Mama Doni's presentation goes deeper than surface "shtick." What's important to Doni is the idea of giving children their own current and positive musical voice. Doni lays out her mission: "I want to share with kids of all ages and backgrounds the humor and richness that effervesces throughout Yiddish language and Jewish culture. Through my music I hope that they can access the joy in this culture in a new way and have a rockin' good time in the process!"

The inimitable Mama Doni brings her special brand of "funky music with a Jewish twist" to a new "Challah-Day" album, with the March 22 release of **Shabbat Shaboom** (Mama Doni Productions, \$15, run time 42 minutes, all ages).

MAMA DONI & THE MAMA DONI BAND in Performance

Highlights – Winter/Spring 2011

March 20	Museum of Jewish Heritage	New York, NY
April 3	Congregation Keneseth Israel	Elkins Park, PA
April 22	Friedberg JCC/Mid-Island YJCC	Oceanside, NY
May 10	Weinstein JCC	Richmond, VA
May 11	Simon JCC	Virginia Beach, VA

Buy It

You can buy individual mp3s on CDBaby (or you can buy the whole albums on MP3 OR CD). She has other albums for sale as well.

Who wants to WIN???

I have the privilege of giving away a copy of their Shabbat Shaboom! CD! :) If you would love some great kid music for your children (Jewish or not!), enter this giveaway! :)

US only. Please leave a new comment for each entry!

Mandatory Entry

Go to the Mama Doni and listen to the clips they have posted on their homepage (Click either Listen or Music Video). Come back and tell me your email address and which of the songs you liked the best!

Bonus Entries

- *Like the Mama Doni on Facebook
- *Follow Mama Doni on Twitter.
- *Tweet this giveaway (for example: "Enter to #win some great music from @mamadoni @JennsRAQ! www.jennsraq.com ends 4/3")
- *Earn an extra entry for each other giveaway of mine that you enter. :)

Ends 4/3.

- Jenn

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I liked them on FBI!
I think I liked Rasta in Pasta the best. They're actually coming to a synagogue near me. Maybe I'll take the kids!
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The whole family listened. We liked "Oy Vey" since it is a word that is often used in our house. "Jewperheros" was fun!
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