

# Ladino Music Group Aljashu to perform at 2012 Boston Jewish Music Festival

✘ I much enjoyed the musical group [Aljashu's first concert](#) three years ago at Boston's Berkeley School of Music and am pleased to report that the group will be performing at the 3rd annual Boston Jewish Music Festival (BJMF) on Monday, March 5th, at 7:30 pm, in Brookline.

The performance of Sephardic songs, in the Ladino language from the Spain of the 1400s, will take place in the chapel at Ohabei Shalom— the oldest synagogue in Massachusetts— whose name translates as “Lovers of Peace.”

It will feature vocalist Julia Madeson, Ali Amr on the rare 72-string qa'nun, Tev Stevig and Jussi Reijonen on ouds and guitars, Tareq Rantisi and Brian O'Neill on percussion, and Naseem Alatrash on cello.

In a letter to friends, Madeson writes, “It will be an exciting night of inspiring beautiful songs and intercultural exchange highlighting players from the Middle East in an opportunity to experience what is true between cultures and beyond borders.”

Tickets are available online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/218285> (\$15 in advance; \$20 at the door)

**YouTube video from the Berklee Performance Center last year.** Just go to YouTube music and type in Julia Madeson, or use

these links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9LImA2UhVc> for Una matika de ruda, the song that's a conversation between a mother and her daughter about budding love; also

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XGv1P1dVfs> for Morenika, the song wherein a young woman declares to her fiancé that she's a catch so he had better be nice to her since there are sailors, and even princes, with their eyes on her.

Directions to Ohabei Shalom:

Ohabei Shalom – *Lovers of Peace*

*1187 Beacon Street*

*Brookline, MA 02446-5499*

*(617) 277.6610*

At the intersection of Beacon & Kent Streets, it's convenient for both public transit and cars, with street parking on Beacon Street – both immediately to either side of the building, as well as on both sides of the Green line "C" train tracks and across the street.

If riding the T, take the "C" line Kent Street stop, it's right there.