

MAZEL TOV KOCKTAIL HOUR

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Releases Their Debut CD

SHOYN AVEK DER NEKHTN

Saturday, December 2, 7:00pm

Congregation Agudas Achim, [7300 Hart Ln, Austin, TX 78731](http://7300HartLn.com)

[October 13, 2017] – Mazel Tov Kocktail Hour (MTKH), an 8-year-old traditional Jewish music band in Austin, is releasing its first album, entitled *Shoyn Avek Der Nekhtn*, which translates as “Yesterday Is Dead And Gone.” The 10-piece ensemble presents an exciting and energetic take on Yiddish music, some of which has never been recorded in the modern era. The album was produced by renowned klezmer expert Sherry Mayrent of the Mayrent Institute and was recorded here in Austin by famed artist and engineer Brian Beattie. It features Austin-based jazz historian Rabbi Neil Blumofe on vocals.

The CD release party will be held in the gorgeous & acoustically-designed sanctuary at Congregation Agudas Achim and will feature the band, Sherry Mayrent, as well as a short talk by legendary Austin musician, formerly of the Bad Livers, Texas’ most prominent klezmer expert, Mark Rubin.

MTKH is as much a research project as it is a live band. Through its desire to pay homage to the hundreds-years-old traditions of the music, members of MTKH have studied klezmer performance from internationally prominent klezmer traditions. It has also sought to convey that knowledge to local musicians through free workshops and a community klezmer band which performs at the HONK-TX street band festival. MTKH instrumentation is unique, featuring accordion, flute, trumpet, clarinet, cimbalom, trombone, fiddle, and tuba. The star of the band is its Belarusian vocalist, Svetlana Saenger, who sings in multiple languages.

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MAZEL TOV KOCKTAIL HOUR CD RELEASE PARTY!



"The finest klezmer band this side of the Pecos"

December 2, 7:00 @ Agudas Achim 7300 Hart Ln
Special Guests! Dancing! Actual Mazel Tov Cocktails!

Doors @ 6:30 \$12 Admission

TICKETS: MAZELTOVKOCKTAILHOUR.COM