**Rick Recht - Biography**

Rick Recht is one of the most celebrated Jewish artists of our time playing family concerts, Shabbat Alive! services, religious school concerts, teen concerts, camp concerts, and tot concerts throughout the United States and abroad.  Recht is widely recognized as a pioneer of the Jewish rock music genre, elevating the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity among the masses. In addition to his role as an artist, Recht is regarded as a top Jewish educator and leader in the Jewish world.

Recht is the founder and executive director of [Songleader Boot Camp](http://www.songleaderbootcamp.com), one of the top leadership training programs in the North America. Songleader Boot Camp provides intensive leadership training programs for clergy, Jewish educators, religious school teachers, veteran and new songleaders, and Jewish camping staff at national and regional conferences. Recht also presents leadership training programs at congregations and conventions across the US.

Recht is also the founder and executive director of [Jewish Rock Radio](http://www.jewishrockradio.com) (JRR), the first high-caliber, 24/7, Jewish rock Internet radio station found at jewishrockradio.com and iPhone and Android apps. JRR broadcasts contemporary Jewish rock music, interviews with Jewish celebrities, and interviews featuring youth from communities around the world speaking about exciting experiences they have had engaging in Jewish life.

Recht is the national celebrity music spokesman for PJ Library and makes his synagogue home at United Hebrew Congregation in St Louis, MO where he serves as Artist-in-Residence. Recht has launched unprecedented tours playing at Jewish day and overnight camps from coast to coast including Ramah, URJ, BBYO, JCC and private camps garnering a feverish following among the national Jewish youth movements unseen in previous years.

“The stage is definitely my home,” says Recht. “The energy and voices of the audiences, whether they’re little kids, teens or adults, are indescribable. That’s the magic of Jewish music - the interaction, the singing, the dancing, and the powerful community connection. For me, it’s a dream come true to create and share in these powerful experiences.”

Highlights over the last several years include performances and leadership seminars at the AIPAC Policy Conference, NFTY National Convention, BBYO International Convention, URJ Biennial, USY International Convention, CAJE, Hillel Leaders Assembly, NAA Conference, BBYO International Staff Conference, CCAR Conference (Central Conference of American Rabbis), ACC Conference (American Conference of Cantors), URJ National Preschool Director’s Conference, and the national PJ Library conference. *Time* magazine listed Recht first in their feature about the top stars in Jewish music.

Rick has 10 top selling Jewish albums, including his latest hit album, *Halleluyah*. His two solo children's CDs, *Free to Be the Jew in Me* and *Look at Me*, have been nationally distributed to tens of thousands of Jewish preschool-age children through PJ Library. Recht has also produced several children’s compilation albums for PJ Library that have been distributed to hundreds of thousands.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Recht developed a strong Jewish identity attending Traditional Congregation, a conservative synagogue. In high school, Recht joined NFTY, where he was deeply influenced by Jewish music. After graduating USC (Los Angeles, CA) and Music Institute (Hollywood, CA), Recht hit the road touring nationwide from LA to New York playing at clubs, colleges, and amphitheaters. Recht has shared the stage with national acts such as the Guess Who, Chris Rock, America, Supertramp, Three Dog Night, the Samples, Vertical Horizon, Government Mule (Allman Brothers), and many more. After releasing two critically acclaimed secular albums, *Good Thing* and *Reality*, Recht returned to his Jewish roots with his debut Jewish album, *Tov*, in the summer of 1999.  His shift to Jewish music marked the birth of a unique blend of pop, radio-friendly music with Hebrew, Jewish text, and social responsibility.  Recht enjoys spending time with his wife, Elisa, and sons, Kobi and Tal.  
  
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