

Thank you for your interest in booking a recording session!

Below you will find general information about the studio and our most frequently asked questions.


PRICING INFO



RECORDING

Booking time to record in the studio is

\$75
PER HOUR



MIXING

Each song recorded has a flat rate mixing fee of

\$25
PER SONG



SOUNDTRACKS

PRICES VARY

More information below

Minimum booking is 1 hour. After the first hour, time is billed in 15 minute (¼ hour) increments.

It is VERY rare to record a full song in less than an hour, as the recording process generally takes longer than people expect.

We also do not recommend coming to record more than one song at a time, as people tend to lose focus and stamina and the song won't come out as good. It's usually best to focus on one song at a time and do it well.

Soundtrack prices vary a lot depending on the song and where we get it from. Many popular Jewish songs have soundtracks (also called playbacks) available online, with prices ranging from \$15-\$50. If a soundtrack is not available online, we can contact a singer or producer to see if it is available. Many times they are willing to sell the original instrumentals, and sometimes they will even send it for free! There are also a few Jewish songs with soundtracks available on iTunes for 99 cents, and some for free on YouTube.

For non-Jewish tunes, there are many karaoke tracks available online for free or for a few dollars.

Let us know what song you'd like to record and we will search for you to see if it's available and at what cost.

See page 3 for frequently asked questions about soundtracks.



GENERAL FAQs

How long does a song usually take to record?

This depends on many factors, but the average song generally takes between 1-3 hours. Some factors that affect the time it takes to record include:

- Prior experience singing/recording
- How long the song is
- How much harmony you'd like to do and how much experience you have with singing harmony
- How many people will be singing
- How particular you are about how things sound

If you have a budget and would like to stick to a set amount of time, we can help you stay on track with that while recording. Sometimes it may mean being a little less picky, recording people in groups (instead of recording each person on a separate track) or not doing harmonies (or not as many harmonies). **It's definitely possible to get a song done in 1 hour! As long as we know upfront, we'll be able to help you with that.**

If more than one person is recording, please make sure to plan out in advance exactly who is doing what parts. This will save a lot of time in the studio. Please also make sure to practice in advance, as it really makes a difference!

How far in advance do I need to book a recording session?

Weekday sessions are generally booked 1-2 weeks in advance.

Weekends book up faster and should be scheduled 2-4 weeks in advance.

During busier seasons (June, end of August, and December-January) please contact us 3-4 weeks in advance.

Even if you're not sure exactly when you want to come, let us know that you are interested in booking a session. That way we can pencil you in for the approximate week that you'd like to come and make sure to save you a slot. If you need a song done sooner you can always email or text us and we will see if we can fit you in, or put you on the waiting list if something opens up.

How long does it take to get the final song after we come to record?

Turnaround time is usually about a week from when you come record until we get you your final mix.

If you need your song sooner, let us know and we will try to rush it.

We're working on a family song and have some people in other cities who we'd like to record and mix into one song. Is that doable?

Yes! We've done this for people several times. Please contact us for more details and information.

I have a song I need recorded but I don't sing, or I'm not located in Baltimore. Can you sing it for me?

Sure! We have a few singers available to record for you. We can also add harmonies to any song you record for a small additional fee. Contact us for more details.

I have a lot of songs I want to record- can I create an album in your studio?

Right now, we can't commit to producing an entire album, as this is extremely time consuming, and the studio has limited hours per week. If you'd like to use our studio, we recommend starting with one song as a single and taking it from there. We have produced full albums this way, over a longer period of time.

We want to record a song for a special occasion, but don't know where to start. Can you help us write it?

Yes, we have a few writers and composers that we work with. Contact us for more information and pricing.



SOUNDTRACK FAQs

What if we can't find a soundtrack anywhere, and we are not able to get it from the singer or producer?

We can either create it for you, or have it created by one of the playback websites we work with. Cost ranges between \$75-\$175 for a synthesized soundtrack of a pre-existing song. The lower end of this price-range will **NOT** be an exact replication of the instrumentation of the song, whereas the higher end will be very close to the real instrumentation.

Can't you just take the vocals out of a song, so I can use the background music to record?

This is one of the most frequently asked questions- unfortunately, the answer is no. There are ways to distort the track so that singing is somewhat 'muted' and you can sing on top of it, but this also will distort the music and is not recommended unless you're really desperate. Cost for this service is around \$45 (price may vary depending on the song).

What if the key of the song/soundtrack we have isn't good for my voice?

No problem! We can change the key of any track, and will work with you to find the key that works best for you with the song you're recording.

What if I wrote my own song? Can you create a soundtrack for me?

This is a lot more complicated, but can be done! If you have the chords for the song it would definitely help the process and keep costs lower. Pricing ranges from \$150-\$350 and up (this does **not** include recording time or mixing).

If you would like a high-end professionally arranged track with a mix of recorded and real instruments, we have producers and arrangers we can recommend. Please contact us for more information on pricing.

I play piano and/or guitar- can I record my own track?

We don't recommend recording instruments here, as the studio isn't really set up properly for that. Also, playing piano and recording it properly for singing purposes, on a steady beat, is a lot harder than it seems. That being said, it's still possible and we can work with you if that's what you really want to do. Just keep in mind that it's generally a process that can take a few hours, and that's just for creating the track- before we get to recording any vocals.

