

## **Mazel Tov klezmer band**

The Mazel Tov klezmer band was founded in 2002 under the auspices of the Jewish Community of Cluj, initiated and conducted by professor Vasile Socea. It's goal is to show the beauty of Jewish music by including in its repertoire Yiddish songs, instrumental klezmer compositions but also Sephardic music, Ladino, Israeli and Hebrew songs.

Since its formation the band participates on several festivals such as Proetnica in Sighișoara, The Week of Tolerance in Tg. Mureș, Minority Summit in Rădăuți, The Multicultural Festival in Sebeș, Transilvanian Celebrations in Cluj. In 2008 the band also participated at the international festival named Klezmerfest in Odessa (Ukraine).

Besides, the Mazel Tov is permanently present on the stages of Cluj, Tg. Mureș, Bistrița and Arad to ensure the joy on Purim, Hanukah and other occasions also in Shiget, Șimleu-Silvaniei, Huedin.

The klezmer band continues to enlarge its repertoire and bring local klezmer and Jewish music to the attention of the public on klezmer concerts and several other events.