

## What an amazing concert!

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What a concert! Last night (Sunday), nearly 400 folks of all ages heard the fabulous Israeli trio HABANOT NECHAMA, one of Israel's most popular groups. It was the pre-concert of the BJMF, co-sponsored by Temple Aliyah and Temple Beth Shalom of Needham and the Israeli Consulate.

An outstanding show! These three women have amazing voices with terrific range and harmonies, singing everything from gentle love songs to reggae to silly, fun show stoppers. A strong contingent of Israelis were in the audience (including Consul General Nadav Tamir, who was grooving in the back of the room) who were obviously loyal fans (the person behind me sang many of the lyrics). But those who didn't know their music were enthralled. The audience rose to its feet as one at the end--and, of course, the women did an encore.

It was a memorable kick-off for the Festival, but also a signature evening of great Jewish music by three outstanding Jewish artists. Thank you Yael, Dana and Karolina!!

If you missed this, you missed something special. But don't worry--more is coming. Tickets will go on sale shortly and our mailer, with the whole schedule and ticket information, is at the printers now. Watch your mailbox--and be sure to sign up for our email newsletter which will have all the details. You can sign up right here on our web site. Don't be left out, 'cause this was just the beginning.

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