

# Meet Lily!

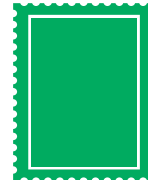


Shalom a todos! (Hello, peace to all!)

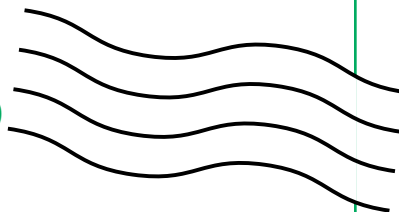
I'm so excited to share music from my community, the Sephardi Jewish people! I grew up moving often with my family, and in a way, that reflects how Sephardi Jews have migrated across many places over time. Some of the songs we'll sing together are ones I grew up hearing: songs that have traveled across the world, just like our people! I can't wait to introduce you to the Ladino language and share some of our beautiful music, stories, and traditions together.

Sana i rezia k'estes, (May you be healthy and strong,)

Lily



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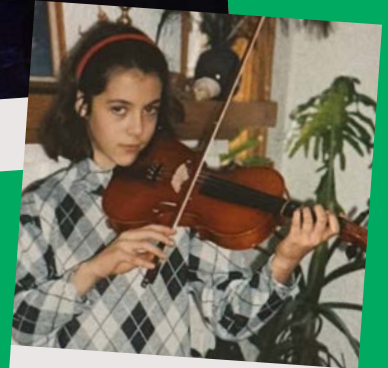
*Stuffed Grape Leaves*



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*Borekas*



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## We asked Lily ...

### Where did you grow up?

I grew up mainly in the US, but my family moved pretty often. I lived in seven different states before I turned 10! Moving around so much allowed me to meet people from lots of different cultures. I heard many languages and all kinds of music. It helped me understand how big and interesting the world is.

### When did you start making music?

I started singing when I was very little, and my family still sings together as often as we can. I heard the fiddle for the first time when I was five years old, and I wanted to play it immediately, but

I didn't get my first instrument until I was almost 11 years old! I was inspired by so much beautiful music from all around the world. All of it made me very excited to play and sing!

### What languages did you grow up speaking?

Because my family has been in the US for a few generations, I grew up speaking English, but I lived around a lot of people that spoke Spanish, so I often spoke Spanish as well. I have always sung in Ladino, and in ritual spaces, like in the synagogue, I used Hebrew to sing and pray.