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Middle East, Jewish music of Uganda, contemporary Jewish liturgical music. Identity construction and music in religious experience. Bio

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He holds rabbinic ordination and an M.A.H.L. from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Tufts University where he studied ethnomusicology in the Tufts interdisciplinary doctoral program.

He is the author of *The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship* (Oxford University Press, 2000) and together with photojournalist Richard Sobol, is co-author of *Abayudaya: The Jews of Uganda* (Abbeville Press, 2002). Rabbi Summit has also recorded, compiled, and annotated the CD *Abayudaya: Music from the Jewish People of Uganda* for Smithsonian Folkways Recordings. This CD was nominated for a Grammy Award for best album in the category of Traditional World Music. He has conducted research in the United States, Uganda, and Israel on music, identity, and religious experience as well as on technology and oral tradition.

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