**DJ Raphi**

**Raphael Nathan** (February 27, 1990), known professionally as **DJ Raphi** is an Israeli Content Creator, Recording Artist, DJ, Professional Dancer and Beatboxer ([1](https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Dancing-to-the-rhythm-of-Purim-584160?fbclid=IwAR1Gcoocv2m6Hj37qVL0a1jvPmR2EboPkS2YKjLS5KgGRAheGuqpZmv4QDU)) ([2](https://www.funinjerusalem.com/who-is-dj-raphi-bite-size/)) ([3](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-694830)) ([8](https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Four-men-come-together-to-form-Israels-newest-beatboxing-group-597398)) ([9](https://www.famousbirthdays.com/people/dj-raphi.html)) based in Jerusalem. ([4](https://jerusalem.mynet.co.il/local_news/article/s1axlozjkhttps://jerusalem.mynet.co.il/local_news/article/s1axlozjk))

He has achieved popularity on YouTube, ([4](https://www.israelhayom.co.il/article/699067?fbclid=IwAR3piTWoW3OVPtS5MMy5d_xtmeG_ZzvznsHamrCp_JyY9-zZoxq0oleYOXE)) ([5](https://ridgenewsblog.com/author/headmastersnewsletter/page/2/)) ([6](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-694830)) where his dance tutorials exceed 283 million views. ([10](https://app.thoughtleaders.io/youtube/dj-raphi)) ([11](https://www.thoughtleaders.io/blog/best-youtube-channels-for-kids))

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| DJ Raphi in 2023 | |
| **Born** | Raphael Nathan  February 27, 1990 (Age 34)  Johannesburg, South Africa |
| **Other names** | DJ Four Eyez - דיג׳יי רפי |
| **Alma mater** | Ono Academic College |
| **Occupations** | Content Creator - Recording Artist - DJ - Professional Dancer - Beatboxer |
| **Labels** | Premium Entertainment LTD ([30](https://www.beatport.com/label/premium-entertainment-ltd/116272)) |
| **Website** | [djraphi.com](http://djraphi.com) |
| **Youtube Information** | |
| **Channel** | [DJRaphi](https://www.youtube.com/c/DJRaphi) |
| **Years Active** | 2015- |
| **Genre** | Kids Content, Educational, EDM, Tech House |
| **Suscribers** | 617,000 |
| **Total views** | 283,000,000 |
| **Creator awards** | |
| **100,000 suscribers** | 2022 |

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## Early life

Raphael Nathan was born in Johannesburg, South Africa ([30](https://www.thoughtleaders.io/blog/how-an-award-winning-breakdancer-broke-into-youtube-kids)), son of Mickey Nathan, musician, ([10](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-694830)) ([14](https://www.kikar.co.il/_amp/singles-clips/s9xnmz)) and Naomi, educator and editor. ([11](https://www.sajr.co.za/bus-accident-victim-leaves-legacy-of-love-and-language/)) He immigrated to Israel with his family in 1998. ([12](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-694830)) They settled in Raanana. ([40](https://aurora-israel.co.il/dj-raphi-el-influencer-israeli-que-con-sus-bailes-es-furor-en-todo-el-mundo/)) His mother passed away in a traffic accident in 2022. ([13](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-721746)) ([11](https://www.sajr.co.za/bus-accident-victim-leaves-legacy-of-love-and-language/)) In 2023, Mickey Nathan recorded a song in memory of his wife. ([16](https://www.kikar.co.il/singles-clips/437032))

The migration brought economic problems for the family. Nathan had difficulties with learning the language and suffered from bullying at school. ([40](https://aurora-israel.co.il/dj-raphi-el-influencer-israeli-que-con-sus-bailes-es-furor-en-todo-el-mundo/)) He began taking drum lessons at the age of 10. Since he did not have his own drum kit to practice on at the time, he started developing his rhythmic ability by doing beatboxing. ([13](https://www.kipa.co.il/%D7%AA%D7%A8%D7%91%D7%95%D7%AA/%D7%94%D7%95%D7%A4%D7%A2%D7%95%D7%AA/%d7%94%d7%93%d7%99%d7%92%d7%99%d7%99-%d7%94%d7%93%d7%aa%d7%99-%d7%a9%d7%9e%d7%a8%d7%a7%d7%99%d7%93-%d7%90%d7%aa-%d7%94%d7%a2%d7%95%d7%9c%d7%9d/))

At the age of 14, Nathan participated in and won a vocal music competition held by the Israeli radio station 99 ESC FM, where he was presented by the broadcaster and DJ Yoram Vazana. Since the age of 16, he also trained as a breakdancer. ([14](https://www.inn.co.il/news/311691)) He then went on to win the Israeli National Beatboxing Championship in 2007. ([15](https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Four-men-come-together-to-form-Israels-newest-beatboxing-group-597398))

In 2010, during his service in the Israeli army, he participated in a breakdance video broadcasted by the official account of the Israeli Defense Forces, on the occasion of the celebration of Purim. ([16](http://www.jewishhumorcentral.com/2017/03/how-does-idf-celebrate-purim-by-break.html?m=1))

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## Career

Nathan co-founded the Kosher Flava crew ([16](https://www.kipa.co.il/%D7%AA%D7%A8%D7%91%D7%95%D7%AA/%D7%94%D7%95%D7%A4%D7%A2%D7%95%D7%AA/%d7%94%d7%93%d7%99%d7%92%d7%99%d7%99-%d7%94%d7%93%d7%aa%d7%99-%d7%a9%d7%9e%d7%a8%d7%a7%d7%99%d7%93-%d7%90%d7%aa-%d7%94%d7%a2%d7%95%d7%9c%d7%9d/)) ([17](https://www.jpost.com/arts-and-culture/music/breaking-the-mould)) ([28](https://www.jpost.com/magazine/personal-notes/real-israel-dance-troops)) ([29](https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/culture/2012-01-02/ty-article/breakdancing-spins-tel-aviv-on-its-head/0000017f-e697-dea7-adff-f7ff10b90000)) which went on to win the Israeli Street Festival breakdance competition in 2011 and 2012. ([18](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-694830)) ([28](https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/blogs/106886/israel-and-the-world-pt-15-weekly-news-from-israel/)) The Kosher Flava crew represented Israel at the Battle of the Year in France, ([19](https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/blogs/106886/israel-and-the-world-pt-15-weekly-news-from-israel/)) at the Notorious IBE festival in the Netherlands, and at the DOYOBE International Hip Hop Festival in Salzburg. ([27](https://www.salzburg24.at/news/salzburg/stadt/doyobe-2013-breakdance-wettbewerb-44187955))

In 2013, Nathan co-founded Kippalive, an acapella group. ([28](https://www.jpost.com/arts-and-culture/entertainment/acapella-group-kippalive-rock-the-x-factor-israel-330103)) The group appeared on Israeli X-Factor reality TV. ([19](https://www.kipa.co.il/%D7%AA%D7%A8%D7%91%D7%95%D7%AA/%D7%94%D7%95%D7%A4%D7%A2%D7%95%D7%AA/%d7%94%d7%93%d7%99%d7%92%d7%99%d7%99-%d7%94%d7%93%d7%aa%d7%99-%d7%a9%d7%9e%d7%a8%d7%a7%d7%99%d7%93-%d7%90%d7%aa-%d7%94%d7%a2%d7%95%d7%9c%d7%9d/)) ([29](https://www.jpost.com/arts-and-culture/entertainment/acapella-group-kippalive-rock-the-x-factor-israel-330103)) Kippalive went on to achieve online popularity with a series of viral videos that feature versions of pop songs reworked to reference Jewish themes. ([21](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/260709)) ([23](https://www.israelunwired.com/spreading-the-light-of-hanukkah-looks-something-like-this/)) ([30](https://www.newsweek.com/one-each-night-eight-hanukkah-songs-2015-404489))

Nathan has recorded numerous tracks as DJ Four Eyez. He is regularly featured on the Battle of the Year soundtrack, ([24](https://www.funinjerusalem.com/who-is-dj-raphi-bite-size/)) He also provided a track for *Breaking Brooklyn* (2018), a motion picture released by Lionsgate. ([25](https://www.filmaffinity.com/en/film438560.html)) ([26](https://botysoundtrack.bandcamp.com/track/breaking-brooklyn))

In 2015, Nathan began creating content on YouTube under the name DJ Raphi. In March 2020, during the Covid-19 Pandemic, his video The Cha Cha Slide Dance had an extraordinary impact, surpassing 40 million plays ([33](https://app.thoughtleaders.io/youtube/dj-raphi)) ([34](https://www.youtubecreatorshub.com/how-dj-raphi-got-to-700-thousand-daily-views-with-dance-and-a-positive-message/))

In the year 2021, DJ Raphi was featured in the Jewish Festival Tzama, where he introduced his dance instruction videos to the orthodox jewish community. ([29](https://collive.com/this-niggun-comes-with-dancing-instructions/)) In 2022, he performed twelve times in a row in front of 60,000 at the same festival people from all over the country which occured in the ICC in Jerusalem. ([20](https://www.inn.co.il/news/530563)) That event is named “Tzama” and is known as the biggest Jewish Music festival in the world with famous singers such Ishay Ribo, Avraham Fried and Natan Goshen. ([21](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/tzama-jewish-music-festival-travels-from-jerusalem-to-tel-aviv-583686)) ([22](https://www.israelhayom.co.il/article/823975))

In 2023, his video celebrating the 75th anniversary of Israel's Independence became the focus of antisemitic comments. ([37](https://www.jns.org/confronting-antisemitism-in-the-digital-age/)) His activity as a DJ was momentarily interrupted in during the Israel–Hamas war ([40](https://www.thoughtleaders.io/blog/how-an-award-winning-breakdancer-broke-into-youtube-kids)) DJ Raphi contacted the Sderot municipality and got permission to organize this uplifting moment for the evacuee children from Southern Israel in December 2023 ([31](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-777630)) ([32](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/381599))

He currently resides in Jerusalem, with his wife and two children. ([40](https://aurora-israel.co.il/dj-raphi-el-influencer-israeli-que-con-sus-bailes-es-furor-en-todo-el-mundo/))

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