

POP star and record label owner Rachael Sage was born on November 21.

Born in Port Chester, New York, to Jane and Stuart, Rachael has a sister, Elizabeth.

Rachael, who shot to fame after her songs were used in the television show *Dance Moms*, graduated in drama from Stanford University.

Earlier this month, Rachael released her EP *Joy*, which featured Chanukah songs *Tchatchkes & Latkes* and *Hanukkah in the Village* as well as Yiddish song *Umrú Meine* and a cover of *Joy to the World*. Rachael has released 13 albums – her most recent being last year's *Choreographic*.

1. Best and worst things about your job?
I love my job and, as challenging as it can be, I prefer not to kvetch about any aspect of it because I feel so blessed to be able to do what I enjoy.

The best thing about it is being able to transport people to somewhere more uplifting and inspiring for the time I have with them at a show ... and to be able to do that in one room, together with strangers is a kind of miracle to me.

2. Favourite musician?
Elvis Costello.

3. Favourite film?
A Little Romance.

4. Sports team?
No interest in sports, sorry! But I love watching Olympic figure skating and gymnastics.

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
I have no idea and I wouldn't trade that element of surprise for anything.

6. Last happiest moment?

MY LIFE IN 20-ish QUESTIONS

RACHAEL SAGE

Having breakfast with my boyfriend.

7. Last time you cried and why?
My friend's mother passed away recently and I cried for her loss and pain.

8. Last book you read?
Winged Victory.

9. Last film you saw?
Lady Bird.

10. Favourite TV show?
Law & Order SVU.

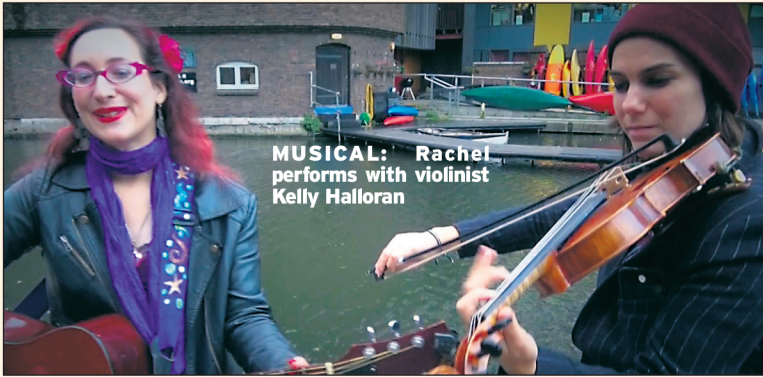
11. Favourite holiday destination?
I don't really go on holidays because I tour so much. So that would be just being home in New York City! I did enjoy touring in Italy last year though. That was a pseudo-holiday because we ate so well!

12. Favourite dish?
Pesto lasagna at Quartino in NYC. I take everyone I love to try it because it's that good!

13. Favourite drink?
Soy chai latte.

14. Earliest memory?
My parents took me to the Jewish community centre when I was two and we heard an Israeli band. Afterwards, the lead singer picked me up and hugged me and the photo that was taken was in our local paper. I totally remember it happening, and how much I was riveted by the concert.

15. Of what are you most proud?



MUSICAL: Rachel performs with violinist Kelly Halloran

Being compassionate. I really do try and, hopefully, I have been a good listener and helped some people get through some tough moments and stay on a positive path.

That's the role I try to play generally, and I really can't imagine anything else being as meaningful as just being someone others can look to for empathy and, when applicable, guidance.

16. Most embarrassing moment?
I wet the bed at summer camp. It was pretty humiliating, but how ridiculous that that should have been such an embarrassment.

17. Hero/heroine?
Carole King. A genius with a heart of gold who had united people everywhere with her heartfelt music. I met her once at a fundraiser for environmental conservation and she seems like a supermensch too!

18. How would you like to be remembered?
As someone who helped others to get through this crazy life a little easier. I'd like to be remembered for the impact of my heart.

19. What's top of your bucket list?
To go to Australia or New Zealand.

20. Who in history would you most like to meet?
Janis Joplin.



21. Something people might not be aware of about you.
I don't drive.

22. Describe yourself in 140 characters (or fewer).
I am a NYC Jewess who believes in the unity of all people and animals and things and I use music and art to underline this elusive, but ultimately undeniable truth.

23. What does being Jewish mean to you?
It means I have every possibility to change the world for the better because Judaism and our people's legacy gives us every tool to do so from the Torah to the idea of tikkun olam to all our great traditions that stretch the heart, mind and soul.

I feel that as a Jew, there is no excuse to not be a light in the world to others. It means I have been given very powerful tools to be a good human being.

24. Sum up your career in three words.
Hard work, luck.

25. Best advice you've been given?
To make music that I love foremost and to ignore too much unelicited advice.