

AHAVAT CHAYA'I

(Israeli Circle Dance)

TRANSLATION: Love of My Life
SOURCE: Sefl Aviv
MUSIC: Israeli Folk Dances: Old Favorites YEDI
FORMATION: Circle in a Simple hold (V position)

METER: 4/4, 2/4

PATTERN

Meas Count

Part A (Face center)
1 1 Step Right to Right
2 Hold
3 Step Left across Right
4 Cross hands in front of body and Snap fingers
2 1-4 Repeat Meas. 1, Part A
3 1-4 Yemenite Right with Hop
4 1-3 Take 3 Steps in RLOD - CW: Left, Right, Left
4 Touch Right beside Left
5-7 Repeat Meas. 1-3, Part A
8 1-2 Step-Hop Left, Turning a 3/4 turn to Left (CCW, end facing LOD-CCW)

Part B (Face LOD - CCW)
1-2 4 Debka Steps forward in LOD; Right, Left, Right, Left
3-4 Repeat Meas. 1-2, Part A
5-8 Repeat Meas. 1-4, Part B

Interlude (Face center)
1-2 2 Yemenite Steps: Right, Left
3 1 Step Right back, arms come up
2 Shift weight forward to Left, bring arms down to W hold

Part C (Face center, hands in W hold)
1 1 Step Right diagonally forward across Left
2 Step Left forward beside light
3 Step Right diagonally forward across Left
4 Hold
2 1-4 Repeat Meas. 1, Part C, opposite footwork and direction
3 1-4 Repeat Meas. 1, Part C
4 1-3 3 step turn to Right, moving away from center; Left, Right, Left
4 Hold
5-8 Repeat Meas. 1-4, Part C

Part D (Face center, hands in a Simple hold)
1-2 4 Debka Steps forward, toward center, Right, Left, Right, Left
3 1 Leap Right to Right
2 Step Left across Right
3-4 Step-Hop Right in place
4 1-3 Turn 1&1/2 turns to Left, moving out: Left, Right, Left, end facing out
4 Hop on Left
5-6 4 Debka Steps forward, away from center; Right, Left, Right, Left
7 1-4 Yemenite Right with hop
8 1-2 Balance; Right and Left
3 Pivot on Right 1/2 turn to Right, Step Left beside Right, end facing center
4 Hold

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