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SOURCE:

STEPS COMPILED AND DANCE CHCCEOGRAPHED BY TEWFEK WAADI FOR STAGE PRESENTATION AT LOS ANGELES' 1970 NATIONAL LEBANESE CONVENTION AND LEARNED

BY TOM BOZIGIAN THAT SAME YEAR

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FORMATION:

Mixed line dance utilizing Kurdish hold with fingers interlocked, arms nested and elbows bent, dancers closely knit side by side, and leader twirling handker-chief, knotted. Dancers facing slightly diag LOD througut unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: Dance is described in sequence from beginning to end.

2/4 meter	PATTERN
Measure	INTRODUCTION
1-8	Moving LOD, step=stamp with slight plie L over R (ct 1) step R to R (ct 2) step L behind R (ct 3) step R to R (ct 4) Continue grapevine type Introduction step doing 16 counts in all.
	BASIC STEP
1 2	Moving LOD, step L over R (ct 1) step R to R (ct 2) Repeat meas 1
3	Turning slightly more LOD, stamp L beside R, no wt (ct l) turning RLOD, step L in place (ct 2)
4	Stamp R beside L, no wt (ct l) turning LOD again, step R in place (ct 2). Do Basic Step 4 times in all at this segment
	CENTER STEP
1	Facing and moving ctr, leap slightly on L with plie as R raises behind and across L (ct l) leap R in place as L heel touches fwd (ct 2) step L where heel touched as R raises behind (ct &)
2	Continuing fwd, step R ahead of L (ct l) touch L heel ahead of R (ct 2) stamp sharply on L where heel touched with plie as R raises sharply behind (ct &).
3	Moving bwd now, step R (ct 1) step L (ct 2)
4	Continuing bwd, step R (ct l) stamp L beside R, no wt, (ct 2 Do Center Step 4 times in all at this segment followed by 2 more of Basic Step.

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	IN PLACE STEP
1	As hands continue grasped and arms raised, leap slightly
	fwd on L with stamp and plie as R raises behind (ct 1),
	leap slightly bwd on L as R heel touches fwd (ct 2)
	leap slightly R beside L as L heel touches fwd (ct &)
	Note: With slight variation, this is a typical Middle Eastern
	Hop-Step-Step in place.
2-4	Repeat meas I four more times
5	As arms are lowered, step-stamp on both ft with plie (ct 1)
testional and	hop on L in place as R raises behind (ct 2), touch R toe
	behind and across L (ct &).
6	Leap on R in place as L heel extends, and tou ches fwd (ctl)
	hop on R in place as L knee raises (ct 2) stamp L beside
or spannings an	R, no wt (ct &)
7	Turning RLOD, step-stamp L beside R (ct 1) hop on L as
	R knee raises up (ct 2) step-stamp R across L (ct &)
8	Turning to face ctr, step-stamp L in place (ct l) hop on
	L as R knee raises up (ct 2) step-stamp R beside L (ct &)

Do: IN PLACE STEP only one time at this segment.

NOTE: To continue and finish dance in sequence;

4 Center Steps
2 Basic Steps
1 In Place Step
4 Center Steps
End with 3 Basic Steps adding extra stamps in this manner--step-stamp R in place (ct 1) stamp L beside R (ct &)

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