MUSIC: Traditional DANCE: Shlowo Bach Shlowo Bacher

# MAMA LO RAITI (Mama, I never saw such a beautiful girl)

FORMATION: Circle, facing center, holding hands.

## PART I

- Yemenite step to the right side: step on the right foot, come back on the left foot, then touch with the right heel in front of the left, and then touch with the right toes in front of the left. Hop on the left foot, step back on the right, step back on the left, and step forward on the right. Reverse 1-8 starting with a yemenite step to the left side. Except on the last count, count 16, you cross with the left foot in front of the right instead of stepping forward on it. 1 - 4
- 5 8
- 9 16

#### PART II

- Cross with the right foot over the left and hold. Step back on the left foot, step to the right side with the right foot, then touch with the left heel in front of the right, and then touch with the left toes in front of the right foot.

  Hop on the right foot and step back on the left.
- 7 8

#### PART III

- Step forward on the right foot (knee slightly bent), step backward on the left, atep back on the right (bending backward, and knee slightly bent), and step forward on the left.

  MOVING INTO THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE

  Turn CW into the center of the circle, completing 2 turns, starting on the right foot, and ending facing the outside of the circle.

  Sway in place to the right, left, right, and left. Repeat 1-8 so that you will finish facing again the center of the circle.

  Repeat 9-12. 1 - 4

- 21 24

## PART IV

- 1 4 Cross with the right in front of the left foot. step back on the left, step to the right side with the right, and cross-bend with the left in front of the right.
- Step back on the right, and step to the left side on
- 11 12 13 18 19 22
- Step back on the right, and step to the left side of the left foot.

  REPEAT 5-8 OF PART III.

  Sway in place to the right, then left.

  Repeat 1-6

  Repeat 7-10 so that you will finish back facing the center of the circle.

  Repeat 11-12.
- 23 24

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### TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS

(Before reconstructing a dance, carefully read the following explanations.)

1.00 RLDD Step Touch R. L. FWD. BWD . CW

Line of direction Reverse line of direction Put full weight on foot No weight on foot Right foot Left foot Forward Backward Move according to the clock Move counter clockwise

Every dence has a 4 measure introduction. All the steps described are done to a 1 note unless otherwise indicated. Also, every step can be reversed starting with the other foot.

Step-hop: Yemenits Left:

Yemenite Right:

Mayim Step moving to the right side:

Mayim Step moving to the left side:

Debka Jump:

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Hora Step to the Left:

Basque: Hora Step to the Right: Cherkessiya:

Double Cherkessiya:

Step and hop on the same foot (2 counts). Yemenits step left: Step with the left foot to the left side (bend kness), step on the right tos in back of the left foot, step-cross with the left foot in front of the right; hold on he 4th count.
Reverse the Yemenite left, starting with
the right foot to the right side.
Facing the center of the circle: step-cross

with the left foot over the right, step with the right foot to the right side, step-cross with the left foot behind the right, step with the right to the right

side. Reverse the Mayim Step moving to the right side starting with step-cross with the right foot over the left.

Jump with feet together while turning knees Jump again while turning

to left side. Jump again while turning knees to original position.
Little hop on the left foot, hop on toes of the right foot right next to the left, hop back on the left foot.

Reverse Hora Step to the Left. Step with right foot forward, while raising arms up, step backward with the left foot bringing arms down, step backward with right foot, step forward with the left foot (4 steps to 4 counts).

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Right foot crosses over the left foot, step on the left foot in back of the right, step on the right foot to the right side. Then reverse: left foot crosses over the right foot, step on the right foot in back of the left, step on the left foot to the left side.

Add: right foot crosses over the left foot, step on the left foot in back of

the right.