

PATCH TANZ

An old Jewish Wedding Dance
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Patch Tanz

This is a very easy dance, a "mixer".

FORMATION: Couples in a single circle, Lady to Right of Man. All face center.
Hands joined and elbows bent.

PART 1: All walk slowly to Right, starting with Right foot with a sort of semi-strut. Take 8 steps. Do the same to the Left.

PART 2: All face center and walk towards the center slowly, two steps. Lean slightly forward and clap own hands 3 times. Walk backwards into place with two slow steps. Face partner and strike heel of one foot 3 times to floor.

Repeat Part 2.

PART 3: Join 2 hands and stretch them out at shoulder level. Stand so that Right hips are adjacent to partner. Walk clockwise in place turning with 8 slow steps. Change to a position so that Left hips are adjacent and walk counterclockwise, turning in place 4 steps at which point the Man's Left hand, and the Lady's Right hands only are kept joined.

Drop the other hands. The Lady walks under the arch formed by the joined hands to stand to the Left of her original partner and all IMMEDIATELY join hands in a single formation of a circle.

Each man now has a new partner on his ^Right and his original partner on his Left.

Repeat dance from beginning, each time with a new partner.

TEACHING HINT: Don't worry about which foot to use. It'll work no matter which foot is used. When dancers change partners there often is some confusion, don't worry it too much, just tell dancers to somehow get the lady over on to the other side...usually as the dance progresses, on each repeat, it somehow all gets straightened out. The idea is to have fun.

Incidentally, you don't have to make the dance a mixer. With young children, with very old, or retarded people, you can do the dance keeping same partner.

