

## (Song of Thanksgiving)

Israel

**SOURCE:** Pronunciation: Sheer Toe-dah'. The inspiration for this children's dance of Thanksgiving was born out of observing a lovely pastoral scene framed against the hills of Gilboa. The mood is set by viewing the sheep descending from the hills to drink at the well of Ein Harod. It is harvest time & all is ripe!

**MUSIC:** Record: Israeli Folk Dances, AN 18-28.

**FORMATION:** Circle of dancers, facing ctr of circle, hands joined down.

**MUSIC:** 4/4 meter                      PATTERN

Meas    Cts

PART I: Music A. (Yemenite Rhythm).

1        1        Step with R ft to the R.  
           2        Bring L ft next to R ft.  
           3        Step with R ft diag in front of L ft, joined hands  
                   raising upwards.  
           4        Hold.

2        5        Rock bkwd on L ft.  
           6        Bring R ft to L ft.  
           7        Step fwd with L ft.  
           8        Hold. (On above cts, hands gradually go down).

PART II: Music B.

1        1-4      Facing CCW, hands still joined, take 4 running steps fwd,  
                   starting on R ft.

2        5-6      Take 2 more running steps.  
           7        Step with R ft to the R, clapping own hands twice, &  
                   turning to face ctr.  
           8        Step with L ft close to R ft, & clap once again.

3-4      9-11     Take 3 steps to ctr, beginning with R ft, joined hands  
                   raising.

12-16    Take 5 steps bkwd out of circle, beginning on L ft.  
                   Hands go down.