

HISTOVEIVEE - ISRAELI

Mixer for Couples

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Double circle all facing counter-clockwise. The boy on the outside of the circle with both of his hands raised shoulder high, girl on the inside of the circle, slightly behind boy, and holding boys' raised hands.

Two types of steps may be executed (choose your own). Either a slow "Step-together-step and" to one measure, or two such steps to one measure. The latter seems to be preferred. Six such "two-steps" to three measures. On the last measure everyone call out (hiss-tow-vey-vee) "Histoveivee", and at the same time partners release right hands and with the left hand the boy turns the girl to the boy in front of him whose hands this new girl joins and the dance starts from the beginning. It is a simple dance but a good mixer.

"Histoveivee" means "turn around". When in Cincinnati, Ohio, the "young fry" there created a couplet to go with the dance which rhymes with the word "Histoveivee".

I am a young man from the Jewish Navy,  
Cuddle up a little closer and kiss me baby.