

OZRENI EL CHAI

Israel

This dance has interesting combinations of Yemenite movements.

TRANSLATION: Help Me Living God

DANCE: Eliyahu Gamliel

RECORD: Dances by Yo'av Ashri'el, Side , Band

FORMATION: Individuals in a circle (hands are not joined)

METER: 4/4

PATTERN

Meas. Cts.

INTRODUCTION: 8 meas

PART A: FACE CTR

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| 1 | 1 | Step R to R |
| | 2 | Snap fingers at chest ht while bending knees. |
| | 3-4 | Repeat cts 1-2 with reverse ftwk and direction. |
| 2 | 1 | Step R to R |
| | 2 | Step L in place |
| | 3 | Step R across L, bend body down to L with R shldr and hand reaching twd floor. |
| | 4 | Step L in place behind R. |
| 3-4 | | Repeat meas 1-2. |
| 5 | 1 | Step R in LOD, hand out to side. |
| | 2 | Hold |
| | 3 | Step L across R and bring hands up in front of chest, palm in. |
| | 4 | Hold. |
| 6 | 1 | Step R to R, hands move down below waist, palm down. |
| | 2 | Step L across R, hand scoops up, palm in, approx waist ht. |
| | 3-4 | Repeat cts 1-2. |
| 7-8 | | Repeat meas 5-6. |

PART B: HANDS JOINED IN "V" POS

Note: Meas 1 only is in 3/4 meter

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| 1 | 1 | Step R to R |
| | 2 | Step L across R |
| | 3 | Step R behind L. |
| 2 | 1 | Stamp L to L |
| | 2 | Hop on L |
| | 3 | Step R across L, while bending body |
| | 4 | Step L behind R. |
| 3 | 1 | Step R to R |
| | 2 | Step L across R. |
| | 3 | Step R to R |
| | 4 | Step L behind R |
| 4-6 | | Repeat meas 1-3 |
| 7-12 | | Repeat meas 1-6. |

PART C:

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| 1 | 1 | Step R to R |
| | 2 | Step L across R |
| | 3 | Step R back in place. |
| | 4 | Step L to L |
| 2 | 1 | Step R across L |
| | 2 | Step L back in place. |
| | 3 | Step R back |
| | 4 | Close L to R. |

continued...

- 3 1 Step R fwd twd ctr, while turning R
 2 Close L to R, while snapping fingers to R at chest ht.
 3 Step L fwd ctr ctr while turning to L
 4 Close R to L while snapping fingers to L at chest ht.
4 1-3 3 step turn (R,L,R) moving away from ctr to reopen the
 circle.
5-8 Repeat meas 1-4.

INTERLUDE:

- 1 1 Step R across L
 2 Step L to L.
 3 Step R behind L.
 4 Step L to L.
2-4 Repeat meas 1, 3 more times (4 in all)
5 1 Step R fwd, twd ctr, bend knee
 2 Step L bkwd.
 3-4 Repeat cts 1-2, reverse direction.

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