R'KOD HA'TALYIM - Dance of The Flocks (Bimtsaltayim) Israeli - Circle Mixer

Record:

Folkraft 1106

Formation:

Circle of cpls.

Starting Position: Ptrs facing, M's back to ctr, W rests her hands on top of ptr's open palms.

MUSIC A

Meas. FIGURE I

- 1-2 Circle CW once around with eight running steps.
- 3-4 Circle CCW once around with eight running steps to place.

MUSIC B FIGURE II

- Stoop, facing ptr. On syncopated note, clap with ptr, R hands, L hands, R hands, L hands, rising higher and shouting "Ha" with each clap.
- Repeat "clapping" pattern, R, L, R, L, bending lower, returning to stoop pos, and shouting "Ho" with each clap.
- Ptrs place palms together, rise to stand pushing against each other's palms, extend arms upward shouting 'Hey," then bring hands down sharply.

MUSIC C FIGURE III

- Cpls in original starting pos. Starting with M's L and W's R ft, step sdwd to M's L (ct 1), draw free ft to other ft without transferring wt and bend both knees (ct 2). Step sdwd to M's R (ct 3), draw free ft to other ft without transferring wt and bend both knees (ct 4).
- M repeats pattern of meas. 1 in place, waiting to receive new ptr, while W progresses to the M on her R with two sidesteps to the R (step sdwd R with R ft (ct 1), close L to R and bend both knees (ct 2), and repeat (cts 3,4)).

Repeat entire dance with new ptr.

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