

KEN YOVDU

Israel

Ken Yovdu (Thus Will They Perish) is a line dance which has been influenced by debka step of the Arabs. In its lyrics and melody is reflected the militant determination to defend the nation against invaders. The music was written by Uri Ben Yakov and the choreography is by Gert Kaufman. The folk dance pattern as notated by Dvora Lapson has been included in the second series of Israeli Folk Dances.

Music: Israel 118A

Formation: Single line formation with leader at the right end of the line.

Steps: Step-close, debka, running.

- Meas. Introduction: 8 meas (4 with drum, 4 with instrumental accompaniment)
- A I - Standing shoulder to shoulder, hands joined and down, in a single line formation, facing center of room.
- 1 1) Beginning with R ft step directly to R side (ct 1), close L ft to R (ct 2), step again to R with R ft (ct 3), hold (ct 4).
- 2 2) Tap L ft across in front of R, turning body slightly to R (ct 1), hop on R ft (ct 2), step with L ft close to R (ct 3), hold (ct 4).
- 3 3) Repeat action of (1), meas. 1, Part I.
- 4 4) Do one debka jump to the L (jumping on both feet and turning body slightly to L) (ct 1), hop on R ft and turn to face fwd (ct 2), bring L ft to R (ct 3), hold (ct 4).
- 5-8 Repeat action of 1, 2, 3, 4, meas. 1-4, Part I.
- 9 II 1) Beginning with R ft move fwd twd center of room with 3 running steps (R L R) (ct 1,2,3), then hop on R ft (ct 4), lifting joined hands high and finishing facing CCW so dancers are one behind the other.
- 10 2) Beginning with L ft move fwd in a CCW direction with 3 running steps (L R L), and hop on L ft turning 1/4 turn to L so line is facing fwd.
- 11 3) Bringing joined hands down, begin with R ft and move bkwd with 3 running steps (R L R) and hop on R.
- 12-14 Repeat action of 1, 2, 3, meas. 9-11, Part II.
- 9-14 Repeat action of meas. 9-14, Part II.
- (repeated)

Thus will they perish
The enemies of Israel
Thus will they perish
But her loyal sons will rise up
With the brilliance of the sun.

-- presented by Miriam Lidster