

Sevivon

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PART 1: Partners in a double circle facing each other (one CW, one CCW). One partner puts hand or finger on top of other's (the "sevivon") head.

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1-4 The "sevivon" turns partway to R (orL) in 4 steps.

5-8 The "sevivon" turns partway to other direction in 4 steps.

9-16 The "sevivon" turns in a full circle in 8 steps.

Repeat Part 1 with other partners as the "sevivon"

PART 2: Everyone joins hands (V position) to form circle moving to R or CCW.

1-8 Side-close 2 times (side and close and, side and close and).

9-16 Slide/sashay 4 times (side-close, side-close, side-close, side-close).

Repeat Part 2 in the same direction.

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Alternatives/Modifications

Reference

Part 1

Instead of a circle, couples may scatter around dance space.

For very young people, sway to R, sway to L, turn all the way round in 8 steps; repeat.

Part 2

Repeat cts. 1-16 in other direction (last side-close = side-touch).

For very young people, partners may hold 2 hands and circle in place with each other.

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Song:

Sevivon, sov, sov, sov

Hanukah, whochag tov.

Hankah, whochag tov,

Sevivon, sov, sov, sov.

Sov na sov cho, v'cho,

Nes gadol hayah po {the letters on top} [repeat last 2 lines]

Dreydl, spin, spin, spin

Hanukah is a wonderful holiday.

Spin and spin around

A great miracle happened here