

SHIR ERES TEIMANI

(Song of the Yemenite)

Israeli circle dance by Oren and Lena Ashkenazi

Music: A'wa

Meter: $\frac{3}{4}$

COUNTS

STEPS

Part I

Facing CCW holding hands; Back of L hand flat against L shoulder, R hand reaching out to L hand of next person in front. 8 measures of introduction

1-3 Lifting step; Slight leap R to right, Step L to left, Brush R foot fwd

4-6 Repeat Part I Counts 1-3

7-9 Slight leap fwd on R, Step fwd on L, Step back on R

10-12 Drop hands and do Full turn back to left; L, R, L

13-24 Repeat Part I Counts 1-12

Part II

1-3 Waltz step out to right while snapping to right; R, L, R

4-6 Waltz step in to left while snapping to left; L, R, L

7-9 Facing Center: Yemenite right (in 3 counts) while R index finger lifts and circles right

10-12 Step $\frac{1}{4}$ turn left to face CW with L while R arm swoops across with index finger raised, Hold, Hold

13-15 Close R with slight bend on both legs and wrists cross and snap, Hold, Hold

16-18 Step R $\frac{1}{2}$ turn right to face CCW while arms circle, Hold, Hold

19-21 Close L with slight bend on both legs and wrists cross and snap, Hold, Hold

22-24 Facing Center: Waltz fwd R, L, R while slowly lifting both arms forward

25-27 Lean forward on L with R foot pointed back and with arms outstretched raise both palms forward in "stop" position, Hold, Hold

28-30 Waltz back R, L, R while slightly lowering and rolling hands

31-33 Waltz in place L, R, L while rolling palms upwards

Part III

Facing Center

1-6 Full turn to right with arms open: Waltz R, L, R Waltz L, R, L

7-9 Huge Yemenite R while both arms circle up and right

10-12 Facing center big lunge on L with R leg straight and both arms strongly reaching left, Hold, Hold

13-24 Repeat Part III Counts 1-12

Repeat Part II Counts 1-33

Dance Repeats:

Repeat Part I Counts 1-24

Repeat Part II Counts 1-33

Repeat Part III Counts 1-24

Repeat Part II Counts 1-33, Music pauses

Dance Repeats:

Repeat Part I Counts 1-24

Repeat Part II Counts 1-21 only!

Repeat Part III Counts 1-24

Repeat Part II Counts 1-12 only while R index finger continues to circle

Notated by **Joan Hantman** for Statewide 2023

SHIR ERES TEMANI/ YA SHAFIN AL MALIH

Words and music by A-Wa

Those seeing the beautiful one
Send him my greetings
Tell him that he is my soul
Day and night and thereafter

Love is a fire that burns
It scorches the liver
They brought me the best doctor
But his antidotes had no effect

Wo he who has loved
And does not know what he loved
There is love that brings joy and love
That brings illness to the heart

And a love that leaves you lost
And the eyes tear
You cry day and night
And the eye does not subside

There is a love
That does not allow you to eat nor drink
And a love that brings you to song
To dance with your loved one