

ELIYAHU HANAVI  
(Israel)

This is a circle dance which translates to "The Prophet Elijah." The music is by Nehemya Sharabi, and the dance was choreographed by Eliyahu Gamliel.

Pronunciation:

Record: Blue Star 79

Formation: Dancers in a circle, moving CCW, face ctr.

Cts

Pattern

Part 1. Face ctr, move CCW.

- 1-2 Step on R ft to R side, bounce slightly.
- 3-4 Cross L ft behind R ft, bounce slightly.
- 5-6 Step on R ft to R side, cross L in front of R.
- 7-8 Step on R ft to R side, cross L behind R.
- 9-10 Step on R ft to R side, cross L in front of R.
- 11-12 Step on R ft in place (bkwd), circle L leg high in the air with bent knee fwd and to L side, bounce R ft slightly.
- 13-16 Repeat action of cts 9-12 in opp direction and reverse ftwk (begin with L ft to L side).
- 17-32 Repeat action of cts 1-16.

Part 2. Face ctr, move CCW.

- 1-2 Step on R to R side and hold.
- 3-4 Deep cross with L in front of R and hold.
- 5-8 Repeat action of cts 1-4.
- 9-10 Step on R to R side and cross L in front of R (deep).
- 11-12 Repeat action of cts 9-10.
- 13-14 Step on R to R side, bounce slightly.
- 15-16 Close L next to R, bounce slightly.

Part 3. Face ctr, moving twd and away from ctr; all slow steps are done with slight bounces.

- 1-2 Step on R diag fwd twd ctr, snapping fingers of both raised hands to R side.
- 3-4 Repeat action of cts 1-2 with L ft to L side.
- 5-8 With three steps and hold, beginning R ft, make half turn CW, moving twd ctr, end up facing outside of circle.
- 9-10 Step on L diag bkwd twd ctr, bounce.
- 11-12 Repeat action of cts 9-10 with R ft.
- 13-16 Yemenite step with L (bkwd to the ctr).
- 17-32 Repeat action of cts 1-16, moving away from ctr.  
Repeat the whole Part 3 once more (twice in all).

Transitional Part;

- 1-16 Four Yemenite steps beginning with R moving slightly twd the ctr, on ct 16 clap hands fwd.
- 17-20 Four steps bkwd beginning with R ft, away from ctr.
- 21-24 Step-bend on R ft bkwd, close L next to R, bounce.

The dance begins again.

Presented by Ya'akov Eden