

Simchat Shalom

A Celebration for Peace

Boston's



Sunday, March 13, 2005 3:00 p.m.

Kresge Auditorium

M.I.T. Cambridge, Mass.

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Simchat Shalom - A Celebration of Peace

Through all the rites and celebrations of our lives,
we always wish for peace.

Peace for the land of Israel,
for the Jewish people,

for all the people of the world.

May the Almighty bring a lasting peace to all.

The taking of photographs or audio or video recording, either with or without flash attachments, is strictly prohibited during the performance for the safety of our dancers.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers during the performance.



**Boston's Twenty-ninth Annual
Israel Folkdance Festival
March 13, 2005**

Program

Opening: *Simchat Shalom* - A Celebration of Peace

Kalaniot; Boston University's Israeli Dance Troupe - Boston, MA
HaDorchim Bagat, Simchu Na, Hora Secharhoret: Combining traditional music and steps, this hora suite showcases the dancers' enthusiasm and energy. Through traditional music and choreography, the dancers explore the roots of Israeli dance and its evolution through the years.

Kalu Raglayim; Worcester Schechter Israeli Folk Dancing - Worcester, MA
Bisdot Beit Lechem, Shiri Li Kineret, Machar: A tribute to Naomi Shemer, beloved Israeli composer featuring a medley of some of her most beautiful songs about the land of Israel.

Shemesh of JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School - Watertown, MA
Mr. Superman: Faster than a speeding hora, able to debka at the speed of sound. It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Shemesh!

Zikukim - Boston, MA

Neviot Midbar: Follow the rhythm and flow of this desert oasis.

Ta'am - Acton, MA

Al Salsalim: Let's have fun! The young girls come out to dance together and enjoy the music.

Ruach Aviv - Newton, MA

Rikud Yareach, Diva, Ani Purim: A drunken Achashverosh and his cohorts throw Vashti out when she refuses to join them. When the king realizes what he has done, a beauty pageant is quickly arranged where Esther is the star of the day. The people then rejoice with their new found queen. Happy Purim!



Keshet of JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School - Watertown, MA

Inyan Shel Zman: As with everything in life, it's just a matter of time.

B'Yachad; Brandeis University - Waltham, MA

Masa'ot Shel Hafta'ot (Journey of Surprises): brings a jazzy flamenco flair to Israeli folkdance. Using combinations of both traditional and new steps, this innovative piece is sure to captivate the audience!

Tzamarot Israeli Dance Troupe; Temple Israel - Albany, NY

Accordion Yashan, Melech Nimrod, Machol Naomi: We celebrate 350 years of Jewish immigration to the United States, focusing on the Eastern European and Sephardic cultures. They blend together as they become Americans.

INTERMISSION

Firelach Jewish Musical Theatre - Newton, MA

Jewish Wedding: A remembrance of times past in the shtetl, with a shy bride and groom meeting and marrying. The whole community comes together to dance with them on their wedding day.



Kol HaMizrach of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston - Newton, MA

Mizrach, Chagiga: From many lands and through the journey of time, Israel evolves as a people and a place. Our timeless treasure of tradition embraces us as we move forward, dancing into the future. We come together to celebrate, remembering who we are and rejoicing in what we have become.

Sucaria - Boston, MA

Sucaria: "Sucaria" is a sweet treat, the kind kids love to eat! In this whimsical dance the kids try to eat treats from the sweet shop, while their parents drag them away from that source of tooth decay. Much liveliness and laughter ensues, and in the end, everyone does enjoy a sucaria.



Hamakor Israeli Folk Dance Troupe - Boston, MA

Shir Hashayara, Ma'al Pisgat Har Hasofim: Having survived persecution all over the world, we are overjoyed to be coming together to our beloved land of Israel. Life may be difficult, but we are optimistic, happy, courageous, and strong as we build our new state. From the summit of Mt. Scopus we greet Jerusalem our capital city, and await the time of rebuilding, the time of peace, the time of the messiah.

Shalhevet; The Columbia University/Barnard College/Jewish Theological Seminary Dance Group - New York, NY

Lama Halachta Mi Menu: Why have you left us? How could you leave? But even if you play with my heart, I will love again.

Shir Chai of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston - Newton, MA

Children of Freedom, Light the Candle: In this time of stress and disorder we value peace and freedom and lift our voices to light the way.

Nilhav Dance Group of Prozdor, Hebrew College - Newton, MA

Ana Hiya, Sababa: Through our dance we express ourselves.



Parparim Ensemble - New York, NY

Caravan - Crossing the Sands of Time: Once we were considered a nomad people. Our rhythms came from earth and sun, moon and sky...our rhythms were the intervals of day and night, of seasons passing and recurring.

FINALE

Simchat Shalom - A celebration of Peace!



ROSTERS

B'Yachad; Brandeis University - Waltham, MA

Artistic Director: Abby Wolf
Assistant Artistic Director: Julie Berg
Sarah Adelman, Julie Berg, Tanya Fredman, Shira Garber, Stephanie Gould, Jon Huz, Alaina Kessler, Lily Kowalski, Tamar Moskowitz, Elizabeth Savar, Karen Schreiber, Talia Sturgis, Avraham Wachs
Cashman, Abby Wolf



Firelach Jewish Musical Theatre - Newton, MA

Choreographer and Artistic Director: Anna Kravets
Dance Leader: George Bordianu
George Bordianu, Polina Deych, Vadim Dribinsky, Irina Knyazhitskaya, Jenny Kravets, Lira Lalaev, Alex Morgunov, Lenny Ostrovsky, Elena Proschitsky, Katya Smirnova, Svetlana Zaretskaya

Hamakor Israeli Folk Dance Troupe - Boston, MA

Choreographers: Judith Aaronson, Maya Kosowsky
Judith Aaronson, Matthew Goldstone, Maya Kosowsky, Anna Levy, Jorge Lotwin, Felicia Trachtenberg

Kalaniot; Boston University's Israeli Dance Troupe - Boston, MA

Director: Alexis Maharam
Co-Director: Polly Emery
Atalia Aron, Eviatar Aron, Aaron Beckman, Micah Brosbe, Hilary Caplan, James Dargan, Polly Emery, Nathan Fein, Rachel Gibeley, Sue Kisenwether, Bob Labovitz, Alexis Maharam, Yael Maxwell, Leora Nusblat, Rebecca Redner, Laura Rein, David Sideman, Rena Silberberg, Jessica Siskind, Sarah Solomon, Sarah Weller



Kalu Raglayim; Worcester Schechter Israeli Folk Dancing - Worcester, MA

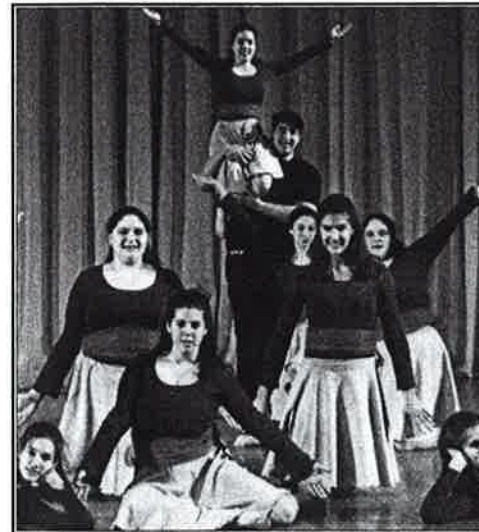
Leader/choreographer: Reena Slovin
Mayla Boguslav, Diana Clarke, Graham Coombs, Inbal Dagan, Ma'ayan Dagan, Emily Harris, Abigail Kirshner, Hailey Kirshner, Eliana Perlmutter, Julie Ritz, Nina Shapiro, Ariana Summit, Zoe Summit, Julia Zinn

Keshet of JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School - Watertown, MA

Choreographer: Leslie Siegel
Coordinator: Sigal Gavish
Maya Cohen, Hannah Dale, Ronie Gazit, Gabriel Kaptchuck, Shoshana Musher, Ariella Brown, Abigail Fagan, Hannah Furgang, Sophie Gildesgame, Sophia Hausner, Rachel Jackson, Yael Rhodes, Martha Schwartz, Shifra Sered, Mira Smith, Tali Warburg

Kol HaMizrach of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston - Newton, MA

Directors: Trudy Shulman Fagen and Ruti Peled
Choreographer: Ariel Fagen, for Mizrach
Lesley Black, Marcus Dodyk, Sara Eisenberg, Yonina Eisenberg, Allison Gluck, Lauren Goodtree, Emily Herren, Ethan Leeman, Sara Lieben, David Offit, Rina Oppenheimer, Joelle Mamon, Rachel Menitoff, Benzie Miller, Roni Shani, Tali Smookler



Nilhav Dance Group of Prozdor, Hebrew College - Newton, MA

Directors: Aaron Beckman, Abby Wolf
Hannah Adams, Victoria Adler, Noa Borkan, Arielle Brenner, Jacqueline DiBella, Jordan Gray, Rachael Labitt, Esther Lyon, Lauren Manchester, Shoshana Paris-Saper, Nadine Rea, Yair Schatz, Sophie Summergrad, Morgan Talbott, Micky Waks, Helene Weiner, Ashley Wilson, Hannah Wolper

Parparim Ensemble - New York, NY

Artistic Director/Choreographer: Ruth Goodman
Men's Stick Dance choreographed by Steve Weintraub
Music: Parparim Band
Dancers: Ilan Birnbaum, Osher Cohen, Tzipora Mazar, Uriel Menson, Meital Orr, Danit Peled, Iris Vachnoon Cohen, Julie Rubin, Fabiana Weinberg, Ya'akov Weintraub

Ruach Aviv - Newton, MA

Choreographer: Leslie Siegel
Coordinator: Bernie Bernstein
Daniel Allen, Ruty Bakor, Bernie Bernstein, Julia Feldman, Batsheva Halevy, Beth McCarthy, Nadene Moll, Shira Musher, Elyse Park, Michael Posner, Giselle Princz, Leslie Siegel

Shalhevet; the Columbia University/Barnard College/Jewish Theological Seminary Israeli Dance Group - New York, NY

Choreographers: Ariella Slovin, Anna Schon Peter Aronin, Erin Beser, Elisa Davis, Tamar Green, Marissa Gross, Eli Kaiser-Blueth, Renna Khuner-Haber, Orly Klein, Eitan Konigsburg, Lisa Kravitz, Abby Lee, Evan Namerow, Justin Rosen, Michal Richardson, Anna Schon, Hadar Schwartz, Josh Schwartz, Ilanit Shtull-Leber, Leora Skolnik, Ariella Slovin, Shira Steinberg, Shira Wallach, Sarah Waxman, Shoshi Wolf



Shemesh of JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School - Watertown, MA

Choreographer: Leslie Siegel
Coordinator: Sigal Gavish
Shahar Don, Amanda Frankel, Chera Garlick, Daniel Glasgow, Lianne Gross, Sarah Knight, Hannah Leschinsky, Sarah Leschinsky, Naomi Lieberman, Adina Poras, Maya Warburg



Shir Chai of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston - Newton, MA

Co-Directors: Trudy Shulman Fagen, Jessica Weber
Sam Forman - bass guitar, Jonathan Park - guitar, Joshua Podrid - conga
Sara Abelman, Lev Avery-Peck, Bradley Baskir, Elana Ben-Akiva, Allyssa Bickoff, Leslie Black, Aviya Cohen, Sara Cohen, Alex Conrad, Annie Davis, Lily Davis, Marcus Dodyk, Holden Diamond, Sara Eisenberg, Yonina Eisenberg, Lila Fagen, Jocelyn Forman, Rebecca Gastfried, Lauren Goodtree, Talia Greenberg, Lauren Gluck, Michaela Gusman, Jonathan Held, Hannah Hausman, Adi Jalfin, Eitan Kling-Levine, Maya Lee-Paritz, Alan Lipchin, Rachel Lecker, Samantha Levin, Elina Mosheyeva, Yael Nurko, Carolyn Nunberg, Tali Marcus, Gil Metser, David Offit, Rena Oppenheimer, Emily Paley, Rebecca Park, Jacqueline Pollack, Ezra Porter, Elliot Salinger, Gabrielle Starr, Gabe Schneider, Nathaniel Tabachnik, Hannah Telegen, David Tye

Sucaria - Boston, MA

Artistic Director: Becca Rausch
Rehearsal assistants: Bryna Klevan, Barbara Shoham
Prop coordinator: Tamar Warburg, with assistance from Bert Fern
Costume coordinator: Shira Musher
Festival assistant: Barbara Shoham
Ina Bachman-Sapirstein, Bernie Bernstein, Franny Bernstein, Maisie Bernstein, Leslie Crane, Tyler Crane, Hannah Dale, Richard Dale, Abigail Denenberg, Larry Denenberg, Alisa Feldman, Ben Feldman, Julia Feldman, Maya Feldman, Bert Fern, Hannah Furgang, Nadav Furgang, Alexander Benjamin Kahan, Halle Charlotte Kahan, Peter Ariel Kahan, Ruth Leah Kahan, David Karger, Ezra Karger, Gabriel Karger, Bryna Klevan, Marcus Klevan, Rachel Klevan, Molly Mamon, Jeremy Musher, Shira Musher, Shoshi Musher, Beth Polasky, Becca Rausch, Debbie Rausch, Rachel Rausch, Sivahn Sapirstein, Ari Shoham, Barbara Shoham, Tali Shoham, Adam Siegel, Leslie Siegel, Naomi Siegel, Maya Warburg, Tamar Warburg



Ta'am - Acton, MA

Directors: Erica Goldman, Rachel Rausch
Aliza Becker, Lauren Burdine, Jessie Cass, Leah Grossman, Gracie Karon,
Nadine Nadow, Micky Waks, Shoshana Zuckerman

Tzamarot Israeli Dance Troupe; Temple Israel - Albany, NY

Artistic Director: Lorraine Posner Arcus
Choreographers/Assistants: Jenny Karo, Alyssa Rosenblum, Beth Katzer,
Eliana Wachs Cashman, Emily Forrest
Rachel Ainspan, Aviva Bates-Gambitsky, Robin Bogen, Jason DesMoines,
Samantha DesMoines, Sara Eckert, Amanda Eckert, Michael Ernst, Emily
Forrest, Eric Ginsburg, Daniel Green, Rachel Greenberg, Emily Greenstein,
Ilana Huz, Daniel Justa, Michael Justa, Jenny Karo, Beth Katzer, Anna Holop
Kaufman, Leslie Klein, Hadar Koren-Roth, Josh Kugler, Dara Levy-Bernstein,
Shira Malka, Dara Negron, Shaina Negron, Jed Plessner, Jared Pollack, Adam
Poskanzer, Alyssa Rosenblum, Paul Rosenstrauch, Molly Salovitz, Claire
Sacco, Eli Schaffer, Sarah Shulman, Talya Shulman, Sappho Tick, Raisa
Tsvaygenbaum, Eliana Wachs Cashman, Lisa Zima

Zikukim - Boston, MA

Artistic Director: Becca Rausch
Rehearsal Director: Dara Meltzer
Aaron Beckman, Dave Beckman, Julie Berg, Bert Fern, Debra Grumet Hager,
Joan Hantman, Ruth Leah Kahan, David Karger, Alexis Maharam, Dara
Meltzer, Gil Preuss, Becca Rausch, Rachel Segaloff, Abby Wolf



The Israel Folkdance Festival Coordinating Committee

Committee Members: David Beckman, Ellen Berkowitz, Janie Chefitz, Susan Gruber, Ruth Leah Kahan, George Kirby, Nadene Moll, Renee Myers, Ira Vishner

Opening/Finale Choreographer: Becca Rausch
Program Announcements: Susan Gruber

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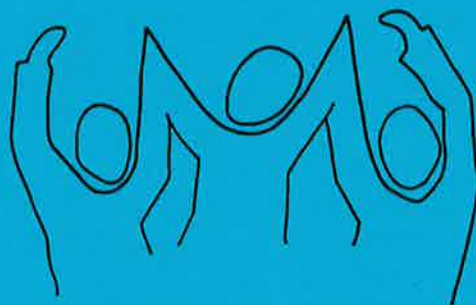


**We're looking forward to seeing you next year at the
30th Annual Israel Folkdance Festival!**

Save the date: March 5, 2006

**If the show inspires you, come to Israeli dancing during the week.
There are many opportunities for you to learn and dance:**

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