ARI ARA

Music: Palestine Dances, Piano Music.

Formation: Dancers stand side by side in couples, forming one single line, arms are crisscrossed by all in back, and the hands clasped, boys face in one direction and girls opposite.

- 1. Each couple turns fwd in place with 16 running steps,
- 2. Drop hands and face each other, everyone takes three slides to the right and kicks the L foot in front of R while hopping on the R. Take 3 slides to the L and kick the R foot across. Repeat to the R and to the L and finish facing partner.
- 3. Each couple turns in place with four step-hops, beginning with the R foot. Clap own hands once on the first beat, and then place R hand, raised high, palm to palm against partner's while continuing step-hops. Repeat clap and four step-hops in opposite direction.

THE CEDARS

Palestinian Dance

Music: Jewish Education Committee, 1776 Broadway, N. Y. Record

from Israel not available except for cut records.

Formation: Couples in double circle formation. M with back to center

facing W. R hands joined.

- 1. Crossing the L foot over across the R foot, take a step hop on the L foot at the same time turning to the L. Cross the R foot over the L, the W turning to the R to face forward the M executing the step so as to remain facing forward.
- 2. With R hands still joined in front but L hands joined in back, dancers move forward counterclockwise with 3 light running steps. Partners face on the fourth step.
- 3. Repeat all of above action for steps 1 and 2. Four times in all.
- 4. With partners facing, step to the R crossing L over R clapping hands vertically at the same time, step in place on the R foot, take a step hop on the L foot in place. Repeat same action beginning with the R crossing over to the L.
- 5. With L hands on hips and R hands curved above the head, turn counterclockwise with eight running steps. (The first step begins with a slight stamp) Without touching L shoulders are adjacent and partners look at each other flirtatiously.
- 6. Repeat all of step 4 and 5 again doing pattern twice in all.
- 7. Joining hands in a single circle repeat foot crossing as indicated in step 1. L foot crosses over R, and R over L. The circle moves forward with four light running steps. Repeat four times in all.