

# Kvar Acharey Hatsof

(Israel)

Choreographer: Rivka Sturman (1965). Also called "Mechol Hasheket" (Quiet Dance) or "Israeli Slow Pravo." Rivka Sturman originally planned to use the music "Erev Ba" for this dance. When the dance we know as Erev Ba became popular, she found this music as a substitute.

Pronunciation:

Music:

4/4 meter

Formation: Open circle of dancers. L hand is palm up at waist height. R arm is behind the L arm of the person in front along the line. R hand is palm down on the L palm of the person in front along the line. During the last minute of the dance, the leader leads the open line of dancers into a spiral, circling within the outer circle of dancers.

Cts

Pattern

## PART ONE

- 1-4 Facing CCW, walk 3 steps fwd (R-L-R) and hold.
- 5-8 Step back onto L; step on R next to L; step on L fwd.
- 9-64 Repeat cts 1-8 seven more times (eight times total).

## PART TWO

- 1-4 Relax handhold to a simple handhold, hands joined and down at sides. Facing CCW, walk 3 steps fwd (R-L-R) and hold.
- 5-6 Lean back onto L ft and bring joined hands up slightly above height of head, elbows bent.
- 7-8 Touch R heel slightly in front of L.
- 9-32 Repeat cts 1-8 three more times (four times total).

The second time through the dance, Part One is only done four times through instead of eight. Then, at the beginning of Part Two, the musicians skip three beats. To compensate you will see either of the following adjustments, depending on the tradition of the community doing the dance:

Variation One: Skip counts 1-3 of Part Two just the \*first\* time through. Do Counts 4-6 as step onto R, lean back on L, and touch R heel.

Variation Two: Skip the last two beats of the sequence the \*last\* time through Part Two. Instead of leaning back on L and touch R heel, just lean back on L and go directly back to Part One.

Presented by Loui Tucker

## Kvar Acharey Hatsof—continued

Lyrics:

## KVAR ACHAREY CHATZOT

Kvar acharey chatzot  
 Od lo kibu et hayareyach  
 Ki lifne kibui orot  
 Orot shel kochavim  
 Notnim od rega kat la'ohavim

## CHORUS:

Machar ihiyeh zeh yom chadash  
 Uma efshar miyom chadash kvar litsapot  
 Az ten lanu od rega, rak od rega  
 Af al pi she kvar acharey chatzot

Kvar acharey chatzot  
 Od lo hidliku et haboker  
 Ki lifne she minakim  
 Et ha'etmol min harchovot  
 Notnim od rega kat la'ahavot

## CHORUS

Kvar acharey chatzot  
 Od lo hidliku et hashemesh  
 Ki lifne she michalkim  
 Et ha'iton ve hachalav  
 Notnim lanu od rega she nohav

## MIDNIGHT HAS PASSED

Midnight has passed.  
 The moon has not yet set  
 The light is still shining  
 The light from the stars  
 Grant another moment to those who love

## CHORUS:

Tomorrow is a new day  
 But what can be expected of a new day?  
 So please give us another moment, just one moment  
 Although it is already past midnight

Midnight has passed  
 It is not yet morning  
 Before the cleaning of  
 Yesterday from the streets  
 Grant another moment to those who love

## CHORUS:

Midnight has passed  
 The sun is still hiding  
 Before the delivery of  
 The morning newspapers and the milk  
 Another moment is granted to the lovers