LANU HAKO'AKH (Israel)

A line dance composed by Rivkah Sturman. As a folk dance, it fits at the "Independence" celebrations, also in school performances. Translation: The Strength is Ours. The melody is by Emanuel Amiran.

Music:

Formation: Open or broken circle, or line, no ptrs, leader at R

end. Hands joined and down, R ft free.

Measures	Pattern
1 .	PART Ia STEP SDWD R on R ft (cts 1-2), STEP FWD on L ft throwing L shoulder fwd and releasing hands (cts
2	3-4). Bring L shoulder back to body, face ctr. Lean
3-8	slightly fwd, bending knees and CLAP own HANDS TWICE low in front (cts 1-2), LEAP back on R ft IN PLACE, straightening body (ct 3), CLOSE AND STEP on L ft beside R (ct 4). REPEAT pattern of meas 1-2 THREE MORE TIMES (4 times in all). Rejoin hands.
	PART Ha
9	Hands joined and down. Facing and moving R, THREE WALKING STEPS (R, L, R) then a slight LEAP (L) bending knees and
10	leaning slightly fwd. FOUR STAMPS almost in place starting with R ft.
11	Straightening body, FOUR WALKING STEPS starting with R ft.
12	LEAP (R), STEP (L), LEAP (R), STEP (L). These
13-16	leaps are high and free, covering ground. REPEAT pattern of meas 9-12.
1	PART Ib (For performance only) STEP SDWD R on R ft (cts 1-2), STEP SDWD L on L
2	ft, raising hands high over own L shoulder (cts 3-4). CLAP own hands TWICE over own L shoulder (cts 1-2),
3-8	LEAP slightly SDWD R on R ft (ct 3), CLOSE AND STEP on L ft beside R (ct 4). REPEAT pattern of meas 1-2 THREE MORE TIMES (4 times in all).
9-16	PART IIb REPEAT pattern of Part IIa, meas 9-16.

SONG

Lanu hako'akh la'avod velismo'akh We have the strength To work and be happy.

Dance description by Rickey Holden. Abbreviations added to conform to U.O.P. syllabus format.

Presented by Rivkah Sturman