MAMA LO RAITI (Mama, I never saw such a beautiful girl) (Israel)

Choreography by Shlomo Bachar Music: Traditional Ladino

Formation: Circle, facing ctr, holding hands.

Pronunciation: MAH-mah low rah-EE-tee

Music: I Remember, Hadarim IV. Side B, Band 4.

| Cts | PATTERN |
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| 12 | INTRODUCTION |
| 1-4 | PART I. Yemenite step to the R side: step on the R ft, come back on the L ft, then touch with the R heel in front of the L, and then touch with the R toes in front of the L. |
| 5-8 | Hop on the L ft, step back on the R, step back on the L, and step fwd on the R. |
| 9-16 | Repeat action of cts 1-8 in reverse starting with a yemenite step to the L side. Except on the last ct, ct 16, you cross with the L ft in front of the R instead of stepping fwd on it. |
| 1-2 3-6 | PART II. Cross with the R ft over the L and hold. Step back on the L ft, step to the R side with the R ft, then touch with the L heel in front of the R, and then touch with the L toes in front of the R ft. |
| 7-8 | Hop on the R ft and step back on the L. |
| 9-10 | Step back on the R, then L. |
| 1-4 | PART III. Step fwd on the R ft (knee slightly bent), step bkwd on the L, step back on the R (bending bkwd, and knee slightly bent), and step fwd on the L. |
| 5-8 | Moving into the ctr of the circle. Turn CW into the ctr of the circle, completing two turns, starting on the R ft, and ending facing the outside of the circle. |
| 9-12 | Sway in place to the R, L, R, and L. |
| 13-20 | Repeat action of cts 1-8, Part III so that you will finish facing again the ctr of the circle. |
| 21-24 | Repeat action of cts 9-12, Part III. |

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| | PART IV. |
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| 1-4 | Cross with the R in front of the L ft, step back on the L, |
| | step to the R side with the R, and cross-bend with the L |
| | in front of the R. |
| 5-6 | Step back on the R, and step to the L side on the L ft. |
| 7-10 | Repeat action of cts 5-8, Part III. |
| 11-12 | Sway in place to the R, then L. |
| 13-18 | Repeat action of cts 1-6, Part IV. |
| 19-22 | Repeat action of cts 7-10, Part IV so that you will finish |
| | back facing the ctr of the circle. |
| 23-24 | Repeat action of cts 11-12, Part IV. |
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