



Israel Folk Dance

History & today ...

History



- First folk dance invented in 1924
 - As a “made-in-Israel” culture counterpart to the east Europe folk dancing
 - Influenced by Debka (Arabic)
 - First creators and teachers had poor dancing background
- Israel folk dance styles
 - Circle
 - Partner
 - Line (שורות)

History cont.



- First dance
 - 1924, Baruh Agadati – “Hora Agadati” - <https://youtu.be/u4cVLMoAMu8?t=90s>
- First festival
 - 1944, Kibuts Dalia, 1958 - <https://youtu.be/6hdStY-fMxs?t=118>
- First creators
 - Gurit Kadman, 1929
 - Rivka Sturman, 1942
 - Yonatan Carmon, 1953

Other contemporary dances in Israel



- Saloon dance
 - Waltz, Tango, Rock & Roll, etc.
- Salsa
 - Cuban-style, L.A.-style
 - Rueda
- Bachata

Why folklore dancing?

- Social - have the company of other female/male
- Fitness - cheaper and more interesting then fitness club
- Hobby – like dancing
- But probably - all of the above :-)

Folk dancing today

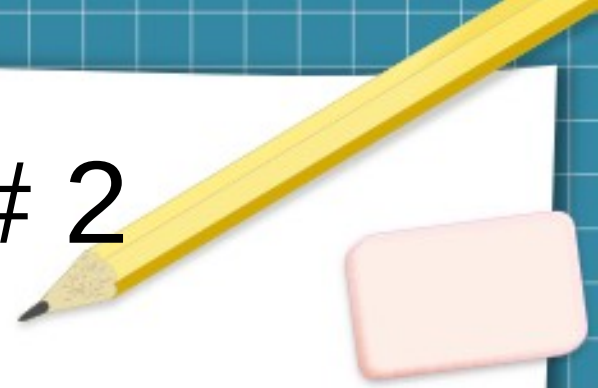
• Second wave start at the late 80th

- Creators & teachers with better dancing background
- Influenced by Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Saloon dance, Country, etc.
- Later, also influenced by Salsa, acrobatics, etc.

• Festivals

- Carmiel festival (replace Dalia) – from 1988
- International festivals
- Jerusalem, Ashdod, Emek Izrael

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- Professional dancing groups
 - Carmon, Shalom, Anahnu Can
- Amateur dancing groups
 - Almost every city has its own dancing group
- “common” dancing sessions
 - Tel Aviv University Thursday, Gadi Biton
 - Beit Dani Sunday, Dudu Barzily

Videos



- Amateur dancing group – Tut Sade Ramat HaSharon
 - <http://gal.shalif.com/Lehaka/index.html#ShowDance>
- Carmiel festival – theatrical style
 - Shir Eretz - <https://youtu.be/OjMNR3TMOOI?t=20>
- Taiwan: Nan Ying International festival
 - Izhar Cohen - <https://youtu.be/vPRr7Sdb5SM?t=122>
- Jerusalem festival
 - Geshem Sheyavo - <https://youtu.be/xitCvMvansE?t=33>

Video cont.

- “Common” dancing session with Shlomo Maman

- Yoreket Esh -



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