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L'chaim and Beyond

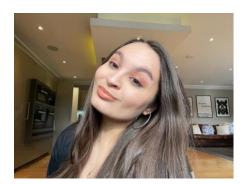
Gather round hand in hand run in out and in out, chairs up hava nagila to the klezmer and his band, clap swirl and clap and swirl handkerchief on the tips of our fingers hava neranenah and dance the hora, hora, my *khaveyrim*! It is here where we are family, where we spin the circle of life, push it forward with our feet and invoke it in unified clap, havaaa nagilaaa, hava nagila, hava nagila ve-nismeha! Forward and back, three left five right bounce and move with hands intertwined, break so that another may join in out in and out, one circle now two three life enlarged, klezmer violin enthralled with foot to glass as the melody of tear smile shard promise fills the room.

[Yiddish & Hebrew Trans.] I'chaim (H.): Jewish toast meaning to life or to happiness; hava nagila (H.): let us rejoice (lyric from classic Jewish wedding song 'Hava Nagila'); klezmer (Y.): musician who plays Ashkenazi Jewish dance music; hava neranenah (H.): let us sing (ibid. same song); hora (H.): a Jewish traditional circle dance for special occasions; אַרִּע (Y.): Yiddish spelling of hora; khaveyrim (Y.) friends; hava nagila ve-nismeha (H.): let us rejoice and be happy (ibid. same song).

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