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"Machol Europa" – Zionism in dance

Cheers to Maurice and Susie Stone

The Dance Camp "Machol Europa" is undoubtedly the oldest IFD dance camp in Europe. It seems that in the beginning no one believed or thought that such a camp would have such a great Zionist influence.

From 1989, dancing Jews from the countries of the former Soviet Union – Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia – and later also from other countries such as Turkey, Cuba and south America, were included in the "Machol Europa".

This mosaic made "Machol Europa" that has been taking place for almost 50 years, the largest international IFD camp in the world.

The organizers – **Maurice & Susan Stone**, had a tremendous impact on the development of

Israeli folk dances in Europe. There is no camp in this world (if I dare say) that combined so many dancers from dozens of countries all over the world, many of who continue to teach IFD dances in their countries of origin.

The Stone family's enterprise is a valuable Zionist enterprise. They operated an extensive financial system of donors that enabled dancers from low-income countries in Eastern Europe and South America to come learn new folk dances and specialize in the old ones in order to spread our folk dances to every corner of the globe. The Israeli folk dance community in the world salutes this important Zionist enterprise.

Warwick
University



Dancers from Bulgaria and Turkey, 2012



Ofer Alfasi, 2012



The performance group 'Oranim', 2012



Drum session, 2018



Dancers from Lithuania and Latvia performing, 2017



An Yemenite performance, 2015



2018



2017



Moshe Telem, 2018



2018



Shmulik Gov-Ari giving a lecture, 2018

Participants performance with Dado Kraus and Ilai Szpiezak, 2013



2013

Bedford

Shlomo Maman and Uri Cohen z-l, 1996

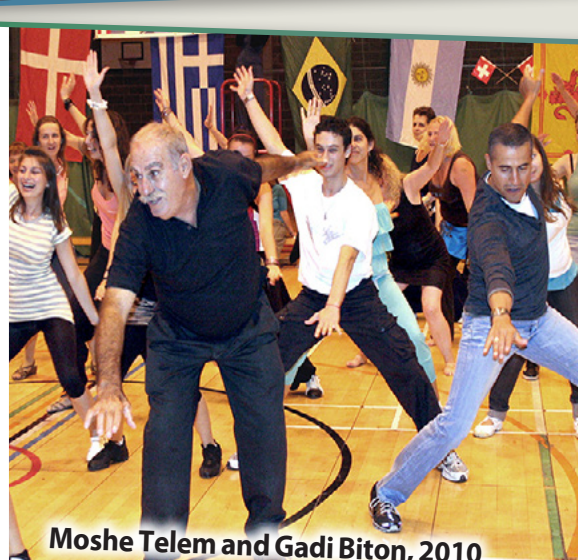


10 out of 44 participants from Germany, 1996

Bath



Yuval Tabishi, 2010



Moshe Telem and Gadi Biton, 2010



Warming up before the class begins, 2010

Gloucestershire



Rafi Ziv, 2019



2004

Coventry



An improvised performance, 2008

Loughborough



2009

Loughborough