Association for Documentation and Preservation of Israeli Folk Dance

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Who are we?

The association is a **public nonprofit organization** dedicated to activities that **serve the community**. Our mission is to document, preserve, research, promote, and disseminate two parallel traditions of Israeli folk dance in Israel and worldwide:

- 1. **Participatory** Israeli folk dance including dance classes and public dance sessions.
- 2. Israeli folk dance for the stage performed by Israeli dance troupes.

Our goals:

- 1. Establishing an online textual and visual information repository and archive accessible to the public, which will include the following:
 - Documents, certificates, guides, books, journals, articles, reports, photographs, videos, and films.
 - Documentation of Israeli folk dances created since 1924 onward, including step notation, song lyrics, and dance stories.
 - Documentation of Israeli dance works for the stage.
 - · Establishing an online information board about workshops,

training sessions, courses, dance camps, festivals, and events of Israeli dance in Israel and around the world.

- Information on Israeli folk dance creators, instructors, and dance leaders.
- Information on choreographers and directors of Israeli dance troupes for the stage.
- Information on performances and festivals of Israeli folk dance in Israel and worldwide.
- 2. Publishing the "Rokdim-Nirkoda" Magazine, featuring articles and reports on Israeli dance.
- 3. Oral documentation (podcasts) featuring interviews with dance creators, instructors, choreographers, dance troupe directors, and festival organizers.
- 4. Initiating "Batei Sefer Rokdim" as part of the curriculum in preschools and schools to pass Israeli folk dance traditions to the next generation.
- 5. Organizing seminars, professional training, conferences, performances, and festivals.
- 6. Supporting projects for documenting, preserving, and reconstructing Israeli folk dance works for the stage.

How will we operate?

Donations: Raising funds from the public through the "<u>Friends</u> of the <u>Association</u>" initiative to support our activities. Additional contributions from private individuals and organizations are welcome Here.

Governmental Support: Submitting funding applications to government bodies (this option is possible only after two years of operation).

Collaborations: Establishing partnerships with government ministries, nonprofit organizations, and cultural institutions in Israel.

International Outreach: Collaborating with Jewish community and cultural organizations worldwide.

