

## This Week in Princeton (December 29, 2017 - January 5, 2018)

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**This Friday, December 29, 2017** from **8:30-11:30 PM**, we'll host our famous **HOLIDAY PARTY**, featuring **John Matulis** and his accordion. Venue: Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street (aka 1 Monument Drive), Princeton, NJ. Admission: \$10. Dress up if you like or come as you are! Please bring finger food or a non-alcoholic beverage to share. Bring dance-related items to give away or sell -- free-cycle and sales tables will be available. To view the event flyer, visit <http://www.princetonfolkdance.org/>.

**Next Friday, January 5, 2018** at 8:00 PM **Dee & Maxine** will be teaching two line dances. The first is called Chelo's Cha Cha. The second is Waltz Across Texas, a Country Western line dance done in contra lines, not as a couple's waltz. **Alison & Kathy** will be programming.

We usually dance on Friday nights from 8-11 PM at the Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street (aka 1 Monument Drive), off Rte. 206/Stockton Street and behind the former Police Station/Borough Hall in Princeton, NJ. Regular admission is \$5, except for special programs which are usually \$10. The first Friday of each month is a free dance for all unless a special event happens on that night! The first four times are free for newcomers. In consideration of dancers with sensitivities, please do not wear FRAGRANCES. Thanks!

If bad weather and potentially dangerous driving conditions are forecast and a decision is made to cancel the dance, you will be sent an email with that information. Please check your email on those nights to see if there is a folk dance message.

**Tuesday International Folk Dancing for all ages.** From 7:30 - 9:30 PM every Tuesday. Ethnic dances of many countries using original music. Lines and circles, no partner needed. Beginners welcome. Lesson followed by dance. Admission: \$5. Venue: YWCA (Multipurpose room), 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton (corner of Paul Robeson Place and Rt. 206). For further information call (732) 230-3755 or visit [www.princetonfolkdance.org](http://www.princetonfolkdance.org). In case of inclement weather, please call the YWCA Emergency Closing number, [609 497-2100, ext. 9](tel:6094972100) or check online at [www.ywcaprinceton.org](http://www.ywcaprinceton.org).

>> **December 26, 2017** Session **canceled**

**For details about the following events and for more folk dance related events, please see p. 2 below.**

### **New posts this week:**

>> **September 10-23, 2018** Dance & Cultural Tour to Albania and Kosovo led by Steve & Susan Kotansky and Kujtim & Pjereta Ismaili. For details, visit <http://www.sskotansky.com/>.

### **Reminders:**

>> **January 12 + 13, 2018** at 7 PM **The Golden Festival**. Two nights of Balkan border-crossing celebration. Venue: Grand Prospect Hall; 263 Prospect Ave.; Brooklyn, NY. For more information, visit [www.goldenfest.org](http://www.goldenfest.org).

>> **February 2-4, 2018 13th Annual Joint Ski & Folk Dance Weekend** sponsored by the Monmouth and Morristown Folk Dancers. All folk dancers are welcome! Venue: The Inn at Pocono Manor; 1 Manor Dr.; Pocono Manor, PA. For a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <[pfnfd1@gmail.com](mailto:pfnfd1@gmail.com)>.

# International Folk Dance and Related Events

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## NEW YORK- NEW JERSEY

**December 29, 2017** 8:30-11:30 PM **Princeton Friday Night Folk Dance** presents its annual **All Holiday Party!** featuring live music by John Matulis. Venue: Suzanne Patterson Center; 45 Stockton Street; Princeton, NJ. For a copy of the event flyer, visit <http://www.princetonfolkdance.org/>.

**January 12 + 13, 2018** at 7 PM **The Golden Festival**. Two nights of Balkan border-crossing celebration. Venue: Grand Prospect Hall; 263 Prospect Ave.; Brooklyn, NY. For more information, visit [www.goldenfest.org](http://www.goldenfest.org).

**April 28, 2018** 1-5 PM **10th Annual NJ Folk Dance Fest**, hosted by Palisades Folk Dancers. Venue: Haworth Public School; 205 Valley Rd.; Haworth, NJ. Admission \$6 plus a snack or dessert to share. Contact Karen Shannon: [karens667@gmail.com](mailto:karens667@gmail.com)/(201) 768-4268 or Annette Machac: [annettemachac@optonline.net](mailto:annettemachac@optonline.net)/(201) 403-3798. To receive a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfnd1@gmail.com>.

## And Beyond ...

**March 17, 2018 Balkan Music Night 2018!**, a vibrant celebration of the rich musical traditions of the Balkans. Hosted by Balkan Music Night and the Folk Arts Center of New England. Venue: The Performing Arts Center at 51 Walden; 51 Walden St.; Concord, MA. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/BalkanMusicNight/>.

## Camps, Tours, Seminars, etc.

**February 2-4, 2018 13th Annual Joint Ski & Folk Dance Weekend** sponsored by the Monmouth and Morristown Folk Dancers Folk dance parties with all-request dancing, folk dance workshops, skiing locally (snow permitting), hiking, shopping, swimming in hotel pool and more. All folk dancers are welcome! Venue: The Inn at Pocono Manor; 1 Manor Dr.; Pocono Manor, PA. To reserve, call Latasha Bailey at 570-839-7111 x7672 during business hours. For more information contact: Loretta Holz: 732-356-7773 x 201 (work)/732-356-3923 (home)/[loretta@varisis.com](mailto:loretta@varisis.com) or visit [www.monmouthfolkdancers.org](http://www.monmouthfolkdancers.org) or [www.njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd\\_morristown.html](http://www.njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_morristown.html). For a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfnd1@gmail.com>.

**February 16-18, 2017 Flurry Festival 2018**, a festival of traditional dancing and music, now in its 31st year. Venue: Saratoga Hilton & City Center; 534 Broadway; Saratoga Springs, NY. For full information, visit <http://www.flurryfestival.org/index.html>.

**February 22 - March 2, 2018 XXIII Annual Circle Dance Festival** organized by **Gwyn Peterdi**. Venue: Kibbutz, Amexhe, Guanajuato, Mexico. For a preview, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydyamba4>. Contact: [danzamexico2018@gmail.com](mailto:danzamexico2018@gmail.com).

**April 13-15, 2018 Folkdance Workshop with Ira Weisburd** teaching dances from Israel, the Balkans, and the U.S. Presented by the Oak Ridge Folk Dancers at the Square Dance Center; 828 Tulip Street;

Knoxville, TN. For more information, visit [www.oakridgefolkdancers.org](http://www.oakridgefolkdancers.org). For the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com>.

**May 11-13, 2018 International Folk Dance Camp (IFC)** returns featuring guest teachers Sonia Dion & Cristian Florescu, Maurits van Geel, and Moshe Eskayo. Venue: Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction, NY. For more information, visit <http://ifc-ny.com/>, call Joan (617-893-2399) or email <dancelFC@gmail.com>. For a copy of the flyer, write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com>.

**May 12-22, 2018 Dance and Culture Tour of Turkey and Greece** sponsored by Ahmet Luleci's Danstur. For details, visit <http://www.danstur.com/>.

**May 22-27, 2018 Pontian/Horon Dance Seminar in Greece** sponsored by Ahmet Luleci's Danstur. For details, visit <http://www.danstur.com/>.

**May 22 - June 6, 2018 Trip to Romania and Bulgaria with Nina Kavardjikova.** For a detailed program and price, contact Nina directly at <ninalk20@hotmail.com>. For a copy of the promotional flyer, write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com>.

**May - October, 2018** Jaap van Beelen and Galina Durmushliyska will be hosting a series of 8 Bulgarian singing and dance tours based in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/goKotel/>, <http://www.gokotel.com/>, or write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com> for their flyer.

**June 1-12, 2018 Bulgaria Folk Dance Festival Tour** led by Ira Weisburd and Mitko Petrov with special guest **Goran Alachki**. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/119830818661593/>.

**June 3-12, 2018 19th Seminar of Greek Dance with Kyriakos Moisidis.** Venue: Kos - Kefalos, Greece. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ya3shz5u>. For the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com>.

**June 12-20, 2018 Rose Valley Workshop & Party** Daily workshops in Bulgarian dance, singing, and traditional instruments. Organized and hosted by Nikolay and Donka Kolev. Venue: Karavelovo, Bulgaria in the Rose Valley. Nightly parties. For details, visit <http://www.gadular.com/>. For an event flyer, write to Susan at <pfbfd1@gmail.com>.

**June 16-23, 2018 Mendocino Folklore Camp**, a week long folk dance and music workshop. Classes led by world-class teachers! Venue: Mendocino Woodlands State Park; Mendocino, CA. For information and registration, visit <http://www.mendocinofolkloreamp.com/>.

**June 19-30, 2018 Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion** are leading a tour of **Transylvania and Bucovina**. For more information, visit <http://www.soniacristian.net/>.

**June 23-30, 2018 West Coast Balkan Camp** sponsored by the EEFC (East European Folklife Center). Venue: Mendocino Woodlands, CA. For info, visit <https://eefc.org/balkan-camp/west-coast/>.

**July 15-22 and July 22-29, 2018 Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2018** Venue: University of the Pacific; Stockton, CA. For details, visit <http://www.folkdancecamp.org>.

**July 18-28, 2018 The Kozani/Grevena Project** led by Kyriakos Moisidis. Venue: Kozani & Grevena, Western Macedonia, Greece. For more information, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/948081645332610/>. For a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfdfd1@gmail.com>.

**July 27 - August 6, 2018** Dance seminar with **Nikolai Tzvetkov**, including a trip to Pirin Sings, a festival held every four years. Venue: Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. For further information contact Bernard Duthoy directly at [balkanbrugge@telenet.be](mailto:balkanbrugge@telenet.be). For a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfdfd1@gmail.com>.

**July 30-August 5, 2018 Kaba Gaida Workshop** organized by **Cvetelin Andreev**. For all levels, beginners to skilled players. Venue: Slow Tech Campus; Rahovitza, Bulgaria (<http://rahovitza.org>). For details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/999085263555842/>.

**August 4-11, 2018 East Coast Balkan Camp** sponsored by the EEFC (East European Folklife Center). Venue: Iroquois Springs; Rock Hill, NY. For info, visit <https://eefc.org/balkan-camp/east-coast-balkan-music-dance-workshop/>.

**August 12-18 (Session 1) and August 19-25, 2018 (Session 2) Mainewoods Dance Camp!** Registration begins in January. Visit <http://www.mainewoodsdancecamp.org/>.

**September 10-23, 2018 Dance & Cultural Tour to Albania and Kosovo** led by **Steve & Susan Kotansky** and **Kujtim & Pjereta Ismaili**. For details, visit <http://www.sskotansky.com/>.

**September 20-23, 2018 Save the Date! World Camp 2018**. Venue: Iroquois Springs; Rock Hill, NY. Details to follow.

**October 26-28, 2018 Save the Date! International Folk Dance Weekend** in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains featuring **Joe Graziosi** and **Cristian Florescu & Sonia Dion**. Details to follow.

#### HELPFUL WEBSITES

For additional information, check out these **websites**.

- **Princeton:** [www.princetonfolkdance.org](http://www.princetonfolkdance.org).
- **Philadelphia and beyond:** [www.phillydance.com](http://www.phillydance.com).
- **NJ/NY and beyond:** <http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/> and <http://BobRadcliffe.net/Events/>.
- **Balkan events:** <http://balkandance.net/2017BalkanEvents/>

### Regularly Scheduled Folk Dance Groups

#### Tuesday International Folk Dancing (Princeton)

Tuesday International Folk Dancing takes place every Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 PM at the YWCA (Multipurpose room), 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton (corner of Paul Robeson Place and Rt. 206). Ethnic dances of many countries using original music. Lines and circles, no partner needed. Beginners welcome. Lesson followed by dance. Admission \$5. First time free. For further information call [732 230-3755](tel:7322303755) or visit [www.princetonfolkdance.org](http://www.princetonfolkdance.org). In case of inclement weather, please call the YWCA Emergency Closing number, (609) 497-2100, ext. 9 or check online at [www.ywcaprinceton.org](http://www.ywcaprinceton.org).

- **December 26, 2017 Session Canceled.**

#### Highland Park Folkdance Circle

Highland Park Folkdancers meet every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Highland Park Senior Center; 220 S. 6th Ave; Highland Park, NJ. Warm, welcoming group. Dinner afterward. For information visit <http://www.highlandparkfolkdancecircle.org/> or call [semmlow@gmail.com](mailto:semmlow@gmail.com) or 723-249-6999.

### Princeton Country Dancers (PCD)

Contra and English country dances, as well as Morris, Longsword, Rapper Sword, Molly, Garland, and May Pole dance teams, and a house Pick-Up Band. All events are open to the public. Live music always  
When: Every Wednesday evening (8-10:30pm); Contra dance - 2nd Saturday of each month (8-11PM); English country dance - 4th Saturday of each month (8-11pm); Contra dance - selected Sundays (3-5pm) – Family dances. Children welcomed and encouraged to dance and/or play in the Mixed Age Dance (MAD) Band! All \*Fifth\* Wednesday dances **free** for those 35 and younger.

Where: Suzanne Patterson Center; 45 Stockton St., Princeton, NJ. Admission: Regular Wednesday dance: \$10 regular admission; Limited Income Rate: \$5-10 (for students, seniors, and anyone in between with a limited income.) Saturday Dances: \$11 regular admission; Limited Income Rate: \$5-11 (for students, seniors, and anyone in between with a limited income.). \* Special events may have a different admission charge. Beginners are welcome! An Introduction to Basics workshop is offered before each dance (starts at 7:30pm for regularly scheduled dances).

First-time contra or English dancers will get free admission to their first regular Wed. or Sat dance. They will also get a coupon to come back to their second dance for free. In addition, any regular dancer who brings a first-time contra or English dancer to the dance will get half-price admission to the dance that night. For more information, visit <http://www.princetoncountrydancers.org/>.

### BalkanCafe Dance Wednesdays (On hiatus)

Every Wednesday 7:15 - 9:15 PM through December 6, 2017. Live music every week with a variety of musicians mostly from the New York area. There will be brief instruction or "quick teaches" of the dances that will be played by the musicians. Hosted by Michael Ginsburg. Light snacks available. Venue: 455 W. 56th Street; New York, NY. \$15 per session. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/BalkanCafeNYC/> or call 646-831-8720.

### Young Bulgarian Voices New York

Every Sunday, classes in Bulgarian dance, gaida, and tupan. Venue: Manhattan School for Children; 154 W. 93rd St.; Manhattan. Suggested donation \$10. For information, visit <https://ybvny.org/>.

- 11-1 PM Kaba Gaida with Kiril Ketev
- 11-1 PM Tupan with Mersid Mustafov-Semka
- 11-12 PM Bulgarian Folklore Singing with Petya Maglova
- 12-1 PM Bulgarian Folk Dance with Cathie Springer

### Central Park Folk Dancing

Every Sunday from 1-6 PM, weather permitting. (See the note below for information about the indoor sessions in the winter.) Dances from around the world! Beginner informal teaching at 1 PM, occasional instruction as the session progresses. Partners not necessary. Venue: The Dancers' Circle, between Turtle Pond and the statue of King Jagiello, mid-park between 79th and 80th Sts. in Central Park, Manhattan. Suggested donation: \$5. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Central-Park-Folkdancers-597473633706425/>. For more info or cancellations, please call Walter at:212-206-1351 or 917-873-2026.

- Details are getting straightened out right now and if negotiations are fruitful we are aiming to start in January, 2018. Venue: Asser Levy Recreation Center; 392 Asser Levy Place; New York, NY.

Participants will have to join the facility. The rates are reasonable. For more information, write to [urbanfolkdancer@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfolkdancer@gmail.com).

### Scandia New York (On hiatus through January 3rd)

Most Wednesdays from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. September 13 - December 13, 2017. Venue: Town and Village Synagogue; 334 E. 14th Street; New York, NY. Enter at the door to the right of the main entrance. All levels welcome. No partner needed. Wear hard soled shoes with a low heel, best for turning, if possible. Snacks will be provided. You may bring kosher goodies to share if inspired to do so. Suggested donation: \$10.00. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/scandianewyork/>.

- **January 10, 2018** Scandia New York **Season Opening Party**

### NY Klezmer Series

Every Thursday from 6:30-11 PM, starting September 8, 2016. Venue: The Jalopy Theater; 315 Columbia St.; Brooklyn, NY 6:30-8 PM. For a schedule of bands & dance leaders, visit <http://aaronalexander.com/wp/concert-schedule>. Don't forget the City Winery Sunday **Klezmer Brunch**. Info: [http://www.citywinery.com/newyork/tickets.html?event\\_genre=620](http://www.citywinery.com/newyork/tickets.html?event_genre=620)

### Tuesday Night Folk Dance (NYC)

Every Tuesday Night, 7-10 PM. Venue: 3929 Studios, 39 West 29th Street, between 6th Ave. & Broadway; 2nd floor (press 2 in elevator). If the street door is locked, press "2" on the intercom Admission: \$15 at the door or \$10 per session with a 5-week subscription. Free parking is available after 7 pm on 29th and 28th Streets. There may be parking after 6 pm in the area but please read signs carefully!  
Studio Phone: [646-727-7032](tel:646-727-7032); Walter's Phone: [917-873-2026](tel:917-873-2026)

### Tuesday International Folk Dancing (Philadelphia)

Every Tuesday night, from 8:00 to 9:50 PM. Venue: Lloyd Hall; 1 Boathouse Row; Philadelphia, PA. All are welcome; no experience or partners needed. Please wear soft-soled, non-marking shoes. On-site parking available. Suggested donation: \$5 -- to support Tuesday Folk Dancing. Sponsored by the Folk Dance Council of the Delaware Valley, [www.folkdancecouncil.org](http://www.folkdancecouncil.org). For information, contact Steve at 610-359-0926 or [steveclarkeb@gmail.com](mailto:steveclarkeb@gmail.com).

### Beaver Folk Dancing

Every Wednesday night year-round from 7:30-9:30 PM Venue: Or Hadash; 190 Camp Hill Rd.; Fort Washington, PA. Admission: \$7.00, or \$5.00 for Or Hadash members Free trial! No charge your first time. Recreational, international folk dance group open to everyone. Lines, circles, couples... Teaching and requests at all levels. For more information: <http://beaverfolkdance.org/>

- **December 27, 2017** **No dance**
- **January 3, 2018** Regular session, the first of 2018

Also, on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 5:30 PM once a month, there will be **Israeli dance sessions** from the **First Generation repertoire**. Dates for each month will be announced. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, contact Amy Gross at [amybaby18@msn.com](mailto:amybaby18@msn.com).

- **Jan. 28** - Donna Hendel will be leading.
- **Feb. 25** - Donna Hendel will be leading.

### Cinnaminson NJ

**International Folk Dance Parties**

Generally the **first Saturday of the month**; 8pm to 10:30pm. Mostly requests, oldies, and non-couple dances with an emphasis on dances from eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Venue: Unmarked gymnasium of Westfield Friends School; 2201 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 (0.1 miles east of Route 130) Suggested donation \$8 per adult. Children accompanied by an adult are admitted free. Please bring snacks to share. Please no alcohol.

Directions: From Route 130 take Riverton Road (Route 603) southeast toward Moorestown. Turn right into the second driveway on the right. The driveway is not well marked but is bordered by two short brick pillars. After a few feet the driveway curves left to run parallel to the road. Follow to 20-space parking lot between the street and the gym. If you go more than 0.1 miles east from Route 130 then you have gone too far. For more information please contact Clark Loveridge at (267) 939-8137 or [cloveri@juno.com](mailto:cloveri@juno.com).

## Folk Dance on Fridays

Every Friday year round, 1-2:30 (with a few scheduled cancellations announced in advance). Location: the Center on the Hill (in the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill), 8855 Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA. Admission: first time free, \$7/session, or \$60 for block of 10. International Folk Dance; all levels welcome. Special 12:30 - 1pm "pre-session teaching" weekly. **Bill Wadlinger** leads the sessions. Occasional free events (dance parties with live music, film screenings of interest to dancers and lovers of world music. Weekly email newsletter after every session. Occasional guest teachers. Details and contact info: see <http://www.folkdancefridays.org>.

## Friday Folk Dance

International folk dance every 2nd & 4th Friday from 8 to 10 PM. Location: Palmyra Community Center; 30 W. Broad St.; Palmyra, NJ. Suggested donation: \$5. For more information, write to South Jersey Folk Dancers at [njfolkdance@gmail.com](mailto:njfolkdance@gmail.com).

## Rikuday Dor Rishon

**Every Sunday** from 7:30-8:15 PM Basic Israeli dance instruction followed by open dancing by request. Rikuday Dor Rishon focuses on preserving and perpetuating the first generation fo Israeli folk dances. Venue: Bridge for Dance; 2726 Broadway @ 104 St. in Manhattan. \$10; \$15 for special events. Special events include workshops, parties, marathons, and Shorashim every Labor Day weekend. For more information, visit <<http://www.rikud.net>>. For up-to-date information, join the email list at [rikudayam@gmail.com](mailto:rikudayam@gmail.com).

- **December 30, 2017** from 7:00 -- ?? **End-of-Year Party & Marathon** With Special Guests
- **December 31, 2017** -- **No session**
- **January 14, 2017** from 7:00 -- ?? **Winter Marathon**

## Jim Gold Folk Dance Classes!

Fun! Excitement! Exhilaration! Growth! Expansion! Friendly people! No partners needed! Beautiful music to fill your ears and fire your soles! Learn to soar, while others merely waddle!

- **Every Monday** from 7:15-9 PM. Venue: St. Paul's Church; 113 Engle Street; **Englewood**, NJ. Fall schedule: September 25, October 2, (16, 23, 30 TBA), November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11. \$10
- **Every Wednesday** from 11-12:30 AM Venue: Richard Rodda Center; 250 Colonial Court; **Teaneck**, NJ. 10 sessions only, beginning September 13, 2017.
- **First Friday** of every month from 8-10 PM. Venue: First Congregational Church; 14 Brookside Drive; **Darien**, CT. Schedule: October 6 (Opening night), November 3, December 1, 2018: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4. \$15

For information, Jim Gold: 497 Cumberland Ave.; Teaneck, NJ 07666; (201) 836-0362; <http://www.jimgold.com>; email: jimgold@jimgold.com.

### International Folk Dancing with Betty Ciallella

Thursday nights from 7:30-10:00 P.M. Intermediate level with emphasis on Balkan, Romanian and Israeli. Great group of people. Beautiful room with sprung-wood floor. Refreshments served. Venue: The Riverside Community Church; 100 Gilbert Ave.; Elmwood Park, NJ. Fee: \$10.00

### Maplewood Folkdancers

Dancing every Thursday at 8:00 PM with Ron Weston. Venue: The Burgdorff Culture Center (across from Maplewood station) at 10 Durand Rd. in Maplewood, NJ. Air-conditioned comfort.

### Kimberton International Folk Dance Society

Some Friday nights from 8:00-10:30 P.M. in Kimberton, PA (Phoenixville area). (Schedule below) Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome. Partners are not necessary. Dances will be taught and requests will be taken. Venue: Beaver Run Farm community building; Seven Stars Rd. near the Kimberton Waldorf School; Kimberton, PA. Bring your requests and a snack to share. Please wear soft-soled, non-marking shoes- preferably no outside shoes, to protect the floor. Cost: \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call John and Nancy 610-827-1486 or Alison 610-942-4261.

### Germantown Country Dancers

**Every Wednesday**, English Country Dancing and allied dance forms in the greater Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. Unless otherwise noted, Wednesday night dances and events are held at the [Merion Friends Activity Building](#) in Merion, PA, from 8:00pm to 10:15pm. Beginners' orientation at 7:40. New and inexperienced dancers and musicians actively welcomed. Admission \$7. First time attendees receive a free pass for next visit.

**First Saturdays:** Workshop 3:00-5:30 PM. Admission \$8. Dance 7:30-10:30 PM. Admission \$9. Both \$13. Venue: Summit Presbyterian Church; Greene & Westview Streets; Mount Airy, Philadelphia.

**Second Sundays** 3:00-4:30 PM. Old time fun for all ages. Admission \$5 for adults; \$2 for kids; \$15 max. Venue: Summit Presbyterian Church; Greene & Westview Streets; Mount Airy, Philadelphia.

For details: <http://www.germantowncountrydancers.org/>

### Mostly Waltz

**Fourth (sometimes fifth) Sunday** of every month. The program is weighted to waltzes; other couple dances make up the balance of the program. Refreshments served at the break. Your kosher snacks to share are welcome. Venue: Felinton Hall; Beth El-Ner Tamid; 715 Paxon Hollow Rd.; Broomall, PA 19008. For details, visit their excellent and informative website: <http://www.mostlywaltz.com/> or call 215.643.4397 or 215-512-5051. Upcoming sessions:

- Dec: sorry, no dance in December
- Jan 7, 2018, Reunion with Barbara Greenberg, Daniel Beerbohm & Jonathan Jensen
- (February - searching for a hall)
- March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26

### International Music Jams

The **International Folk Sounds** band hosts a monthly jam for musicians and singers who want to play and sing international dance music. The repertoire draws from many different areas including the Balkans, Russia, Scandanavia, Armenia, Israel, Turkey, U.S. and many others. We've had bagpipes to washboards plus traditional instruments! All are welcome!



When: Third Monday of each month. 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. (Come a little early to set up.)\*

Where: Susan and Don Anderson's; 655 Crestwood Road, Wayne, PA 19087-2356

What to Bring: Instrument or voice and a music stand. Music is provided (including b flat) or bring enough to share. Refreshments are provided too! Yummy!

For more information, visit [http://www.internationalfolksounds.org/?page\\_id=577](http://www.internationalfolksounds.org/?page_id=577)

- Schedule of the next International Music Jams: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, etc.

### Arden Folk Dance Gild

All dances are held at the Arden Gild Hall; 2126 The Highway; Arden, DE, 7:30-9:30 PM. For information, call 302 478 7257 or 610 277 0844, visit [www.ardenclub.org](http://www.ardenclub.org), or see us on Facebook on Arden Folk Gild.

For the **event schedule** through January 1st, visit <http://ardenclub.org/november-december-2015-schedule/>.

- Sunday Arden In Motion from 3-5 PM, sponsored by the Folk Gild, will be stretching, moving, and exploring dance and movement improvisation to live music each month. Open to all, no prior experience needed. Followed by an informal potluck and get-together, feel free to bring food and refreshments. Fee: \$15 adults, \$12 Club Members, children under age 16 free with an adult.
- **January 1, 2018 at 2 PM New Years Day Dances**
  - Session 1
  - 2-5 PM International Folk Sounds (band) playing with Susan Anderson, Bill & Carol Wadlinger, Anne Ehrhart, Daryl Kezell, Connie Martorano, and Bob Bratton.
  - \$11/ members, \$12 / non-members, Students \$7.
- 5-7 PM PM Pot-Luck - bring a covered dish or something to share. Refreshments provided by the Folk Dance Gild.
- Session 2
  - 7-10 PM Contra Dance - Hot Feat - Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar), Matt Clark (fiddle, mando), Paul Morrisette (bass), Mark Hillegonds (caller)
  - \$11/ members, \$12 / non-members, Students \$7
  - Both sessions - \$21/ members, \$23 / non-members, Students: \$13.

### Edison International Folk Dance Group

Tuesdays: 8:00 pm-9:45 pm; Saturdays (for beginners): 3:00pm-4:45pm

Location: Edison M.B.V Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., Edison, NJ 08820

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/eifdg2008/>

Email: [eifdg\\_whr@yahoo.com](mailto:eifdg_whr@yahoo.com)

### Palisades Folk Dancers, Tenafly, NJ (on hiatus until January 7th)

The Palisades Folk Dancers, a recreational dance group, continues its fall season This 30 year-old organization teaches international folk dancing at all levels from Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Macedonia, Albania, Israel, Russia, Armenia, Scotland, Holland, Brittany, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Classes are held from 3-5:30 p.m. two Sundays a month, September through early June, at The Church of the Atonement, 97 Highwood Ave., at Engle St, Tenafly, NJ. Suggested donation \$10. Everyone welcome.

No experience or partner needed. No enrollment. Spacious, well-lit room with wood floor. Casual dress. Soft-sole shoes. Free refreshments. Easy street parking 10 minutes from George Washington Bridge.

**Winter/Spring Schedule:** January 7, 14, 28; February 4, 18; March 4, 18 (On March 18th, the Bosilek Bulgarian Ensemble performs); April 8, 22; May 6, 20; June 3 Last dance of the season

The Palisades Folk Dancers event schedule is at: <https://www.nj.com/events/event/palisades-folk-dancers/440704/>

By Car: Palisades Parkway Exit 1 to light. Turn right onto 9W North for 1.7 miles. Left onto E. Clinton Ave. (sign for Tenafly); 1.7 miles to traffic light on Engle St. Right onto Engle St. for 0.4 miles to next traffic light, which is Highwood Ave. Entrance for dancing is on Engle St. Police permit parking only on the street, not in the driveway.

By Bus: NJ Transit ([973-762-5100](tel:973-762-5100)) #166 from Port Authority; Red & Tan ([201-384-2400](tel:201-384-2400)) #84 or #14 from GWB to Tenafly Railroad Station, 1 1/2 blocks East (up the hill) to church. Port Authority Bus Information Center ([212-564-8484](tel:212-564-8484)).

For additional information, call Ginny Brandmaier at [201-768-4268](tel:201-768-4268) Donation: \$10 except for special events.

- **April 28, 2018 1-5 PM 10th Annual NJ Folk Dance Fest**, hosted by Palisades Folk Dancers. Venue: Haworth Public School; 205 Valley Rd.; Haworth, NJ. Admission \$6 plus a snack or dessert to share. Contact Karen Shannon: [karens667@gmail.com](mailto:karens667@gmail.com)/(201) 768-4268 or Annette Machac: [annettemachac@optonline.net](mailto:annettemachac@optonline.net)/(201) 403-3798. To receive a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at [<cpfnfd1@gmail.com>](mailto:cpfnfd1@gmail.com).

## Monmouth Folk Dancers

International folk dancing every Tuesday night from 7-10 PM. Dancing old favorites at 7; teaching 7:30-8:30; request dancing from 8:30-10. Venue: Embury United Methodist Church; 49 Church St.; Little Silver, NJ. \$5 admission.

## Morristown Folk Dancers, Mountain Lakes, NJ

MFD Session Schedule: Every Wednesday evening

Basics teaching taught by Ron at 7:30 / Intermediate-Advanced "Dances from Camps" at 8:00; Open request dancing begins at 8:30.

Venue: Mountain Lakes Community Church; 48 Briarcliff Rd.; Mountain Lakes, NJ.

Admission: Supporters: \$5, others \$6 (First-timers get their 1st visit free during regular dance evenings.)

Party nights take place on the first Friday of the month.

Monthly Party Night The first week in of the month we'll celebrate b'days, anniversaries, and any other reason to celebrate. Bring yummy snacks to eat. If you're celebrating a (birthday / anniversary), you get a guaranteed-to-be-done dance request.

Directions to Mtn Lakes & other info about our group:

[http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd\\_morristown.html](http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_morristown.html)

Meetup page (join the group!) [www.meetup.com/morristownfolkdance](http://www.meetup.com/morristownfolkdance)

MFD dance videos / All of Loretta's videos:

<http://vimeo.com/user5573587/videos/sort:alphabetical>

Or click "show all" on right of any video to see all of Loretta's videos. (To improve sound+video synchrony, click blue HD letters - TURNS OFF Hi Def)

MFD's party pictures: <http://picasaweb.google.com/robproper28> (Thanks Robert!)

- **February 2-4, 2018 13th Annual Joint Ski & Folk Dance Weekend** sponsored by the Monmouth and Morristown Folk Dancers Folk dance parties with all-request dancing, folk dance workshops, skiing locally (snow permitting), hiking, shopping, swimming in hotel pool and more.vAll folk dancers are welcome! Venue: The Inn at Pocono Manor; 1 Manor Dr.; Pocono Manor, PA. To reserve, call Latasha Bailey at 570-839-7111 x7672 during business hours. For more information contact: Loretta Holz: 732-356-7773 x 201 (work)/732-356-3923 (home)/[loretta@varisys.com](mailto:loretta@varisys.com) or visit

[www.monmouthfolkdancers.org](http://www.monmouthfolkdancers.org) or [www.njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd\\_morristown.html](http://www.njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_morristown.html). For a copy of the event flyer, write to Susan at <pfnd1@gmail.com>.

### Folk Dance Unltd.

Tuesdays, 7:30-10:00 PM @ Green Brook Middle School  
132 Jefferson Ave.  
Green Brook, N.J. 08812  
More info.: Elizabeth at [\(908\) 753-8929](tel:9087538929)

### Israeli Dance in Cherry Hill

Tuesday nights -- Temple Beth Shalom, 1901 Kresson Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.  
7:00-7:45: beginners; 7:45-9:30: intermediate and advanced  
\$7 per session; \$3 for students under 21 and first time dancers  
For more information, contact Sharon Polsky: [cherryhilldance-owner@yahogroups.com](mailto:cherryhilldance-owner@yahogroups.com)

### Israeli Dancing in Hillsborough

Temple Beth El, 67 US Hwy 206 No, Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
Thursday Nights, Time: 7:30 - 9 PM; beginners, please contact instructor (908-327-0503) for pre-7:30 instruction. For more information, please call 908-327-0503 or email [dancesfromtheheart@gmail.com](mailto:dancesfromtheheart@gmail.com)  
Cost: \$10

### Israeli Dancing with Miriam

Every Thursday evening at 7 PM From 7-8, beginner Israeli couple dancing followed by circles and couples for intermediate/advanced dancers. Venue: Temple Neve Shalom; 250 Grove Ave.; Metuchen, NJ. There is plenty of free parking in the synagogue's lot. For information, directions etc. contact Miriam Handler at [732-306-5407](tel:7323065407) or [miriamhandlerdance@gmail.com](mailto:miriamhandlerdance@gmail.com).

### International Folk Dancing with Christine

**First and third Sundays** - Request parties from 1:30-4:30 PM. Contribution: \$15. Beginning **January 7, 2018** The **Sunday** sessions will be held in a **new location**: Pearl Studios; 500 Eighth Ave., 12th floor; New York, NY.)

**2018 Schedule:** January 7, 21; February 4, 18; March 4, 18; April 1, 15; May 6; May 20 – End of Season Party

**Every Tuesday** – Classes teaching old and new dances from 1:30-3:30 PM. Venue: Chelsea Studios; 151 West 26<sup>th</sup> St.; New York, NY. Contribution: \$12. **Schedule: December 26 Holiday Party!**

**2018 Schedule:** January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22 May 29 – End of Season Party

Everyone is welcome!

For more Information: Call Christine@1-212-505-1961 or email [cam39@earthlink.net](mailto:cam39@earthlink.net)

Bring a friend, bring a smile, bring a nosh, bring requests! Join us!

In case of bad weather or for more information call Christine at 212-505-1961 or email [cam39@earthlink.net](mailto:cam39@earthlink.net) – Chelsea Studios: 212-924-5877. To obtain a copy of the flyer, write to Susan at <pfnd1@gmail.com>.

### Ellen Golann's Folk Dance Class

Thursday Afternoons - 1:30pm-3:30pm International Folk Dance Class Venue: American Legion Hall, 115 Southern Pkway, Plainview, NY. For more info call Ellen at 516-921-0003; email: [egolann35@gmail.com](mailto:egolann35@gmail.com).

## **Metro DC Area - Greenbelt International Folk Dance**

**Every Friday night 8:30-10:45 PM International Folk Dancing.** Line, Circle, and Couple Dancing from the Balkans, Europe, Scandinavia & Other Places. Dance teaching until approximately 9:00 or 9:15 then request dancing until 10:45. \$7 Admission (Students and seniors half price.)

**Venue:** Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio; 15 Crescent Rd.; Greenbelt, MD

(In case of inclement weather, call 301-474-0646 or 301-397-2208)

Newcomers and beginners are welcome. For information, contact Larry Weiner (301) 565-0539 / [larry@larryweiner.com](mailto:larry@larryweiner.com) and John & Sheila Robinson (410) 715-9210.

## **Dance Tours and Vacations**

### **Jim Gold International, Inc:**

**ISRAEL!** . . . March 11-22, 2018. Led by Jim Gold and Joe Freedman \$3995

**JAPAN!** . . . April 15-28, 2018 Led by Richard Schmidt. \$5595

**NORWAY/DENMARK/SWEDEN!** . . . June 12-25. Led by Lee Otterholt \$3495 SPECIAL OFFER! Register before December 1 and get a \$500 price reduction!

**POLAND!** . . . June 11-25, 2018. Led by Richard Schmidt

**ROMANIA!** . . . July 1-12, 2018. Led by Lee Otterholt.

**5-COUNTRY BALKAN ADVENTURE!** . . . July 29-August 12, 2018. Led by Jim Gold

**SCOTLAND!** . . . September 9-22, 2018. Led by Richard Schmidt.

**SPAIN!** . . . October 12-22, 2018. Led by Jim and Lee Friedman

**GREEK ISLAND TOUR!** . . . October, 2019 Crete/Santorini: Led by Jim Gold and Lee Otterholt \$3795 (app)

**ARGENTINA!** . . . February, 2019. Led by Jim and TBA

Visit [www.jimgold.com](http://www.jimgold.com) for itineraries, details, YouTube videos. Flyers are available on request by writing to Susan at [pfdfd1@gmail.com](mailto:pfdfd1@gmail.com).