

FOR DANCERS!

[KlezCalifornia Yiddish Culture Festival](#), February 18-20, 2012 (Presidents' Day Weekend) at the Jewish Community Center San Francisco. Co-sponsored by Berkeley Folk Dancers and many others. Enjoy a holiday weekend packed with more than 50 hands-on Yiddish culture and klezmer music [workshops](#) for people of all ages and musical backgrounds:

- FREE workshops *Shabbes* (Sabbath) afternoon.
- The [Klez-X reunion concert](#) (with Daniel Hoffman from Israel) Saturday at 8:00pm, followed by dance party with klezmer dance master Steve Weintraub from Chicago.
- FREE Sunday Yiddish Sing-Along led by Sharon Bernstein, lyric books provided.
- [Workshops](#) with renowned experts in klezmer dance, Yiddish songs, proverbs and phrases, Yiddish literature in translation, East European Jewish history, and more!
- Klezmer workshops (all levels) taught by the Klez-X musicians.
- Youth program for ages 6+, led by Gerry Tenney, including kids' klezmer ensemble, crafts, Yiddish stunts & dances.

Bring your children 6+, friends and family to this fabulous, hands-on community *simkheh*! More Festival information at www.klezcalifornia.org or call 415.789.7679. Celebrate Yiddish Culture! [Invite friends](#) on Facebook.

Workshops for Dancers

Klezmer music is dance music. Did you know there are special dances that go with klezmer music? Nearly lost by the end of World War II, Yiddish folklorists pieced the dances back together so that we can now enjoy dancing like Ashkenazi Jews did throughout Eastern Europe. Follow dance master Steve Weintraub to learn the figures, steps, and flavors of wedding dances, *freylekhs*, and *shtetl horas*. The Festival includes five dance workshops and two dance parties (Saturday night after the concert, and Monday 4:30-6:00pm)

Learn Klezmer Dances / Steve Weintraub, with music by Jim Rebhan / Sunday & Monday, Session 1. Learn the Jewish party dances traditionally done to klezmer music: *freylekhs*, *shers*, *bulgars*, and others. These line, circle and partner dances can enliven any *simkheh* (celebration).

How to Lead Klezmer Dance / Steve Weintraub, with music by Jim Rebhan / Sunday & Monday, Session 2. Ever wonder how to get people to get up and start dancing? And to follow your lead? Steve will share his years of experience and proven techniques to show you how. Participants should know the basic klezmer dance repertoire.

Awesome & Easy Yiddish Stunts & Dances / Steve Weintraub, with music by Jim Rebhan / Sunday, Session 3, first 30 minutes. The title says it all! Bottle dancing, the human roulette wheel, and more. Primarily for kids 6-12, but all welcome.

Build-a-Sher Workshop / Steve Weintraub, with music by Jim Rebhan / Monday, Session 3. Learn how a *sher* (the Jewish square dance) works and how to create one on the spot for any group you are dancing with.