

## Boulder Israeli Dance

Honoring Skip Ellis and others in our dance communities who are no longer with us and greatly missed!

October 17, 2015 at Sodal Hall, The Avalon

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The October 17, 2015 party organized by the Israeli dance group was attended by about 60 people. We honored many people in the dance community who have passed on. We are very grateful for the support of the Alex Wilson Legacy Fund.

We sent invitations not only to the Israeli dancers, but also to BIFD, Scandinavian dancers, and other groups.

There were a number of people from Denver as well as many from Boulder. It was a potluck snack evening and there were many delicious goodies - fruits, dips, crackers, sweets.

Volunteers arrived at 6:30 PM to set up. We started the party at 7:30 PM. It ended at 10:30 PM.



The Mayim band, led by Chris Sydoriak, played two wonderful sets of dance music. Our DJ playing recorded music in between sets was Frank Tower.

At about 8:45, we shared memories of those dancers who have passed on. Margie Cantor and Lynne St Pierre had prepared an altar with photographs and large bowls of water in which we were invited to light small candles and let them float. Many people contributed photographs.

Margie Cantor presented some thoughts and feelings about Skip Ellis, Anna Ellis, Alex Wilson, and Rod Frehlich. Lynn St Pierre shared memories. Peggy Livingston shared some memories of Copper Redston and several Denver dancers. Others recognized were Dick Bovee, Beverly Elinoff, Gib Gilbert, Allen Hubbard, Phyllis Kenevan, Kathleen McClellan ("Zahara"), Erica Rubin, and Barry Sullivan. Several other people shared their memories and anecdotes. There were many smiles and fun stories.

After the honoring service, Lynne led the group in the dance "Happy" that she choreographed to honor Skip Ellis, using several of Skip's favorite steps.

Participants in the Oct 17, 2015, gathering were too busy dancing and socializing to take photos. Instead, here are some photos honoring Skip Ellis. He is in the right foreground in the photo above, and third from left in the photo to the right.

In the spirit of those who have passed on, it was a fine evening of dancing and sharing.

