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LOVE TO DANCE

The Dance Of Love

"What good is sitting alone in your room, come hear the music play..." and while you're at it, you can learn to dance the Argentine Tango, thanks to Joyce Diamond whose personal passion for the dance led her to founding Red Bank Tango, an itinerant tango studio that offers lessons, workshops and *milangos* at different locations in the borough. This summer, Red Bank Tango was under the stars at Riverside Gardens Park. Inside, you might find the next class on the dance floor at the Elks Club on West Front Street.

Joyce found her passion for tango in the New York community several years ago and wanted to create a community here in Red Bank. Last year, she traveled to Argentina to dance, and, as importantly, to learn more about workshops and *milangos* – the places and parlors and plazas of Argentina where tango is danced socially and integrated effortlessly into the life of the culture for generations. Her companions on the trip were Michael Nadochi and Angeles Chanaha, two professional instructors originally from Argentina who now come to Red Bank Tango to teach. Joyce has put together an elite group of professional instructors — among them Sergio Segura, director and choreographer of the School of Traditional Argentine Tango in New York City.

Tango dancing does not require any special clothing, although simple, loose clothing is recommended. At Red Bank Tango, singles and couples are welcome and partners are not necessary. From a beginners' crash course in the fundamentals to refinements and embellishments that define the more advanced dancers, there is something for everyone at Red Bank Tango — including the chance to dance Argentine Tango in community, just the way Joyce Diamond dreamed. Wherever the next location (redbanktango.com is the place to check), Joyce will be there with professional teachers ready to help dancers of any age, size, or experience take the next step.

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THE TANGO IS A DIRECT EXPRESSION
OF SOMETHING THAT POETS HAVE OFTEN
TRIED TO STATE IN WORDS: THE BELIEF
THAT A FIGHT MAY BE A CELEBRATION.

Serge Luis Borges

Joyce Diamond
takes to the
floor with Red
Bank Tango
instructor
Diego Blanco,
while students
look on.