

Manny K.



Was born in Jerusalem, (then Palestine, under the British Mandate over the land of Israel) as a third generation of my Mom's family who immigrated from Yemen in 1882. My father immigrated from SE Poland (Now Ukraina). Very unique couple combination at that time. East meets West...

After the re-establishment of the state of Israel I served the IDF and participated in some defensive wars.

In my civil life I served as an Educator at all levels from teaching to supervising the system.

During the 70s I worked in South America and in Gaza Strip and North Sinai as a representative of the state.

After many travels to the USA I came here in 1982 under an Exchange program Visa to spend my retirement time more comfortably, and...to continue working!!! In 1992 I became a US citizen.

My work here started in Education, and then as a clergyman (cantor).

But now I'm really keeping my retirement vows "religiously"...

My Education includes Teaching Methodology, Special Education, psychological counselling, Sociology/Anthropology, music (all in Israel), and here in the US I earned the title of Certified (ordained) Cantor from ACC and the school of Sacred Music (HUC, New York).

My own family includes three former wives, six children, and one stepson, ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren (so far...). Most of them live in Israel.

I'm a member of ACC (American Conference of Cantors), ARJE (American Reform Jewish Educators), two congregations, and, of course, GVS! (among some others).

I joined GVS some years ago, and participated in many classes, dances and events. I found in SD so many advantages, such as musical/ rhythmic/physical exercise, mentally training the brain to quick response, and social event above all.

GVS is the greatest club I know. The leaders, the members, the atmosphere of joy, friendship and inclusiveness, and the wonderful care each is willing to provide, from gently helping a dancer who stumbles, up to sharing fun and joy, as well as providing support in pain and sorrow.