

Classical Music DJ Trip To Israel

As I am sure you are aware, I will be leaving on May 5 for a 10-week trip to Israel. I will be doing my Classical Music DJ programs there, to various retirement facilities, social clubs and community centers. This is being co-ordinated through a program called Skilled Volunteers For Israel. I am looking forward to this as an interesting and challenging experience. I intend to keep you informed as to how I am doing in this venture through a series of emails. With modern technology this is the best way to keep everyone up to date.

In my first week in Israel I will be spending time re-connecting with my relatives there. As many of you know, I have many cousins there, with whom I have maintained contact over the years. Eventually I will be settling in the Tel Aviv area, staying with one of my cousins. From that base, for the first week I will be working with SVFI and meeting with the various groups in both the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem areas to introduce them to the Classical Music DJ programs and arrange for a fixed schedule of presentations for them over the remainder of my stay. I hope that when I do start the programs my fluency in Hebrew will have returned and I will be able to communicate my enthusiasm for classical and orchestral music effectively.

I must say that I do have some mixed feelings in heading out on this venture. The Classical Music DJ is a result of the experience I had in dealing with Fern's illness over the last 5 years or so. Its development was how I was able to remain on a reasonably even keel over the last 2 years and as a result, it has changed my entire focus. In a sense, Fern is the reason for the Classical Music DJ and for this trip. In a strange way, we are doing this together as we did everything over our years together, including the time we lived in Israel in 1974-75. I intend to carry on with the thought of Fern in mind on this trip.

