## **Adult Education Going Forward**

<u>OZ Zoomers.</u> The Adult Education Committee invites you to help us program talks, readings, art and your imaginings during these times. Zoom has given us a tool for us to continue to connect and learn.

We're asking you to volunteer to give a talk, a demonstration, host a reading or bring another idea to the Ohavi Zedek community. We're looking primarily for a one-time commitment. Think about what you'd like to share with us.

Recently, to give you an idea, OZ used zoom for Judy Chalmer's poetry reading from her new book, *Minnow*, and for Wayne Senville's lecture about the Kishinev Pogrom.

We're calling on you for proposals. Please send your suggestions to Lynda Siegel at <u>zebras.2@icloud.com</u>.

## **Choral Music in Israel**

Wednesdays, July 8 and 15, 7:45 pm

## Check OZ website for Zoom link

Nathaniel Lew spent the fall and winter of 2019 meeting with choral conductors, composers, and scholars, and attending choral rehearsals and performances all over Israel. In this two-part series, he will report on his trip and his research. On July 8, he will survey the choral scene in Israel, review some of the finest choirs in Israel, including a number of superb youth choruses, and describe some of the quirks and challenges that choral music faces in Israel. On July 15, he will focus on some of the most significant works of classical choral music composed in Israel since the 1930s, and introduce a number of important contemporary Israeli composers working today. There will be a lot of music to listen to in both classes, and plenty of time for reactions and questions.

Musicologist and choral conductor Nathaniel G. Lew is chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Professor of Music at Saint Michael's College, where he also teaches courses in the humanities. He is the author of "Tonic to the Nation: Making English Music in the Festival of Britain" (2016), the Artistic Director of the Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble, based in Montpelier, and the President of the OZ Board of Directors.

<u>Coming Attraction.</u> Lynda Siegel invites us to join her for a virtual book group leading up to High Holy Days. Lynda shares:

When I first heard about the book, *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality and a Deeper Connection to Life in Judaism* by Sarah Hurwitz (Michelle Obama's speechwriter), I couldn't wait to read it. And when I started reading it, I couldn't wait to talk to other people about it. Please join me for a virtual book group leading up to High Holy Days this year, exploring topics of the Torah, G-d, mitzvot, prayer, Shabbat and life cycle rituals using Hurwitz's text as our guide. **Wednesday nights**, **August 12 - September 9, 7:30 to 8:30 pm, via Zoom.** 

**Join Us.** The Adult Education Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month by Zoom at 5:30 pm.

Lila Shapero ~ Committee Member

Rabbi Amy will be teaching

"Are We One People?" Sunday July 5, 11:00 am

Continued learning and discussion follow-up from the Shavuot workshop on this topic.