

## LUNCH & LEARN

In **April** we were transported to midtown Manhattan with entertainment historian Michael Colby, who discussed the evolving process of bringing a musical to the Broadway stage. His talk followed up on Cantor Steve's Adult Ed series on musical theater through the decades, with a focus on the contributions of Jewish writers, composers and musicians.

Our regular season ended in **May**, with Cantor Steve presenting a look into ethnomusicologist Henry Sapoznik's research into African-American cantors, including the fascinating fact that Thomas LaRue, the most prominent Black cantor of the era, visited Ohavi Zedek in the 1920s!

An additional **May** presentation featured Rabbi Amy and OZ President Nat Lew discussing the challenges and opportunities in modern-day Jewish practices in their talk, entitled "Understanding and Preparing for Synagogue Change."

All of the above were recorded. If you missed or would like to revisit any of the presentations, please contact Sarah [sarah@ohavizedek.org](mailto:sarah@ohavizedek.org) for the appropriate links.

They are also available on OZ'S YouTubeChannel: <https://www.youtube.com/ohavizedek>.



Yes! We made it through the season through the miracle of Zoom, covering topics in history, interpersonal relationships, entertainment, the arts, race and religion. Unfortunately, since two of our scheduled talks were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we're hoping to be able to offer them again at some time in the future.

MANY, MANY THANKS to our presenters, to all of you who lunched (at home) and learned (virtually) with us, and especially to David Brown, host of chat sessions at noon every Thursday, who generously ceded one Thursday a month to Lunch & Learn.

Though we'll be working on programming for next season during the summer months, we don't yet know how Lunch & Learn 2021/2022 will look, so stay tuned....and meanwhile, enjoy sunshine and hugs with family and friends!