



## Adult Education Classes: January - May 2020

PLEASE pre-register with Tari in the office: [tari@ohavizedek.org](mailto:tari@ohavizedek.org)

*Subject to change: check OZ website, announcements and bulletin boards*



**Talking to Children about Racism** a two-part series with Full Circle Preschool, Hebrew School, and Adult Education

**DATES: Sunday 9:30-11: January 12 & 19**

for Preschool families, Hebrew School families, and anyone who cares about children

**Jewish Journeys: A Films Series from Around the World** at Main Street Landing Film House (Lake Street, Burlington above Skinny Pancake) By donation, no registration needed. Facilitated discussion after each film. Weather cancellation? See OZ facebook page. In partnership with Temple Sinai, UVM Hillel, and Jewish Communities of VT .

**Third Sunday/month at 2:00-4:00** plus discussion

- **Sunday, January 19, 2020: The Fig Tree** (2018) Set in war-torn Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1989, this award-winning coming of age film is based on 16 year old Mina's memories of her Jewish family escaping to Israel. with English subtitles
- **Sunday, February 16, 2020: Felix and Meira** (2014) Set in Montreal's Mile End District, an intimate connection is forged between two lost souls who inhabit the same neighborhood, but vastly different worlds.
- **Sunday, March 15, 2020: The Interpreter** (2018) Two old men weighed down by their unresolved conflicts during the Holocaust take a road trip. This award-winning film addresses a profound reality about our relationship to history. with English subtitles

**Book Discussion** co-sponsored with the OZ Library **Dear Zealots**, by **Amos Oz** DATE: **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2-3:30** book available from the OZ library. Dear Zealots is his last book. He addresses zealotry, Jewish ethics and his advice for Israel. We can take his perspectives and consider what it means to live in a sharply divided country. Led by Lila Shapero.

**Feen Lecture: Dahlia Lithwick is coming! Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Look for more information and the schedule of her visit - coming soon.





## Ohavi Zedek Adult Education SERIES January – May 2020



### **Engaging Israel study series: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** with Rabbi Amy and the Hartman Institute

**Sundays, 1-3:00** DATES: Jan 5, 12, 19; Feb 2, 9; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12

Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a common political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences. \$15 for class book.

### **Free, White, and Christian: Constructing the Ideology of American Citizenship.** with Bob Mayer

**Mondays 5:45-6:45 p.m.** Feb 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

This class series looks at the way American thinkers, from the colonial period through the Civil War especially, shaped the concept of citizenship through the intersection of religion, slavery, and the construction of whiteness. We will explore how concepts like white and black, Christian and non-Christian, and free and slave shaped the ideology of early American thinkers and laid the foundation for today's fractured and polarized society. An important part of the class will be in examining how Jews fit into the evolving definition of citizenship over time.

### **Beit Midrash with Rabbi Amy/Cantor Steve, Continued**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/month 12:30-2:00** DATES: Jan 11, Feb 8, March 14, April 11

Are you looking to deepen your spiritual conversation? Try out a time-honored practice of Torah learning in pairs - where our voices are welcomed, and varying interpretations are part of the discussion. While our sages left us their own definitive conclusions, the practice they developed invites us in to the conversation first. That's the beauty of a "Beit Midrash", a "House of Learning," where classical Jewish texts (Torah, Prophets, Writings – *Tanakh*, and Talmud, for example) are studied along with rabbinic commentaries, including contemporary voices. A Beit Midrash is a "study hall" where students form pairs – *chevruta/chevrotot*– to learn text and explore meaning, followed by a teacher's presentation of their interpretation.

### **Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve, Continued**

**Tuesdays: 6-7:00** DATES: Jan 14, 28, Feb 4, 18, 25, March 3

The series continues, giving learners of all backgrounds a greater understanding of the Hebrew text and music of the Shabbat morning service. We will study specific prayers each week, learn about their origins and authors, utilizing the original Hebrew, as well as translation and transliteration. This course examines how each prayer fits into the larger arc of the Shabbat morning service. Each session will include an opportunity to learn and sing melodies (both traditional and contemporary) for each prayer. Because learning about the Shabbat morning service is cumulative, we hope you attend all sessions.

