

Lecture – Audience Responses

1. “Thank you SO much for your fabulous lecture and your precious time taken, today! We were all so moved to hear you speak and all your knowledge – just the tip of the iceberg, I know!! You’re a beautiful, generous woman and soul. Can’t wait to see you and hear your music LIVE, too! What a wonderful day you made this one.”
2. “Great to hear you talk on Nowakovsky today. So great to see your breath of knowledge and many years of experience.” – Dr. Mark Kligman
3. “I just watched the whole lecture and loved having my memory rejuvenated. You were wonderful; the video clips were fabulous, and what a treasure you are.” - Nancy
4. “I was so impressed by your presentation Monday, which I watched on Zoom. I so appreciated your remarks about David Nowakowsky; his contrapuntal style of composition and his dedication to Nusach as the source of synagogue composition. I wonder what it would take to make some of Nowakowsky's choral settings available online. I find his music so uplifting and way superior to the music that has occupied such prominence in our synagogues for over the last century.” – Chaim Najman
5. “Cool presentation! Great footage, visuals, and of course, audio.” – Ellen Silvers
6. “The presentation last night was outstanding. I learned a great deal. Though I have for years loved his music, I knew very little about the man. I was surprised and tremendously gratified to know that he was instrumental in introducing the use of an organ in an early 20th century synagogue in Odessa. Kudos to Dr. Green.” – Richard Nadel
7. “Noreen gave a wonderful presentation on David Nowakowski this evening. It included clips of his music including one with Joe Gole soloing with Noreen conducting her LA Jewish Symphony along with a Choir.” – Cantor Ralph Goren
8. “The program was remarkable. Not only did you curate it well, but it was full of special gems that are each one of a kind. Thank you for teaching such a wonderful session.”
– Cantor Hilary Chorny
9. “I love your teaching and interactions with the audience as well as the amazing music. You have such a gift for presenting a program that is both varied and beautifully integrated.”
10. “You gave a marvelous presentation – SO impressive. I was fascinated by the story of your life, and your magnificent accomplishments. The video clips were beautiful, and I could really hear the variations and subtleties in the music. What a joy.”
11. “I thoroughly enjoyed it and wanted to let Dr. Green know how much her presentation resonated with me.”

12. "I have a sign in my home that reads, "Where words fail – music speaks." Today your words did not fail, but rather spoke clearly to me intellectually, while the musical excerpts spoke deeply to my heart. Thank you so much for sharing your experiences, wisdom, and light. It means more than you may realize, in ways more than you may have imagined. Truly, thank you."
13. "The reason I couldn't write to you yet is because everyone has been calling to tell me how wonderful you were! I wanted to thank you so very much for an incredible program tonight! You were fantastic! You spoke so openly and so comfortably about everything and we all loved hearing you! Everyone felt you were so inspiring and I just love how you presented everything! It was so informative and interesting and you were such a delight to listen to! You taught us so much and you gave us so much interesting information about so many things! I loved all the music you shared with us and I especially liked the PowerPoint! Thank you so much for everything you did tonight. You were so meaningful and so special and I just knew you would be the perfect start to our series!"
14. "I felt like I was on this magical journey with you!"
15. "Thank you SO much for your fabulous lecture and your precious time taken, today! We were all so moved to hear you speak and all your knowledge - just the tip of the iceberg, I know!! You're a beautiful, generous woman and soul. What a wonderful day you made this one. So meaning-filled!!"
16. "I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your presentation today. My husband recently passed away and I have been struggling to find the strength to move forward, although logically I understand it is the only option. I wanted to let you know that by highlighting the courage and persistence of the women who are trailblazing in the field of conducting and composition, as well as the focus on the biblical women of valor I felt very encouraged. While it was my husband and not my son, the strength of Jocheved to release Moses, reminded me that I also have to find the strength to move forward and release my beloved."
17. "Wow Noreen! You were great today! Everyone loved you! (Of course, I knew that would happen!) I've gotten so many comments from people in the class about how wonderful you were and how they want to look up the symphony and come to your events. I'm so happy! Not only did you teach us so much, but you really brought alot of information and insight to people who knew nothing about your topic. Your powerpoint presentation was phenomenal and everyone said how enlightened they all were with you! I knew it would work out great having you today. You were the best speaker we've had yet! Even though I saw your presentation before, I still learned alot. It was so nice to reinforce it by hearing it again. And of course, I could listen to the music and the choir all day long! Now I'm inspired to go on youtube and watch all your programs even though I've already seen them! Btw, I didn't know that you did other programs and I'm interested in the Hollywood/Music one you spoke about. I'm not sure of the exact title but could you tell me more about it? I'd like to see if you could do it for another Arts and Culture

program for VOS. Thank you so much again for what you did today and I really appreciate you taking time out of your day to be with us! You're the best Noreen! I just signed up for the Patchwork of Cultures so I guess I'll see you there! I can't wait!"