

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas

2527 Centerline Road, 77384

Save the Dates

December 2, 2022
Shabbat Dinner

Romano's Macaroni and Grill
1155 Lake Woodlands, 77380

at 6:30 PM

[RSVP HERE](#)

(limited capacity)

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**December 16, 2022**  
**Erev Shabbat ~lay led**  
**and Oneg Shabbat**

at 7:00 PM

COURTYARD MARRIOTT  
19255 David Memorial Dr  
Shenandoah

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December 21, 2022
HANNUKAH
Game Night Celebration

at 6:30 PM

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## WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

We won! Although it was never a race or a competition, nevertheless Shaarey Tzedek is the first Conservative Jewish Synagogue in Montgomery Texas. Furthermore, we will be opening our doors to our permanent home in January 2023!

I wanted to share with everyone how much G-D has been present for us through every turn, decision, upsides and downfalls. Never for an instant did situations become unattainable.

Here is a look behind the scenes of *Shaarey Tzedek*...G-D's presence has been noticed...we almost gave up in the Rabbi search, and the next morning, Rabbi Deborah's resume appears. No heating at the community center, but the heater gets fixed within minutes of the start of service. The keys to the community center were locked in and left behind closed doors, but a 2nd pair is retrieved and arrived just in time for services. One hotel is booked, another one opened up. A Cantor unable to make the trip to be with us, another one joyfully joined us! 100 year old synagogue furnishings were donated, moved to Conroe, stored and ready to move home, another G-D willing presence. The *Aron Kodesh* ordered was cancelled, another one arrived just in time for High Holidays. The donated *Ner Tamid* had electrical malfunctions, and a new torch arrived. We had a *Torah* in need of repairs, another one was loaned to us and just in time to read 2 *Torah*'s for High Holidays. A donation was made to secure them for *Shaarey Tzedek*. Three leases were almost signed, and each one of them were stalled or declined or unsigned at the last minute, giving us the sign that something better was waiting for us.

We have felt the presence of miracles of G-D throughout this first year of existence, and now one of the major ones, our permanent home is right in-front of our eyes. Building our community with all of you, is indeed one of the biggest gifts from G-D.

In this month of miracles, we have witnessed the power and strength of G-D's presence in helping us build *Shaarey Tzedek*. Let's celebrate together lighting the *Hannukah* candles; and next month, we can all recite the '*shehecheyanu*' as we enter our new dwelling.

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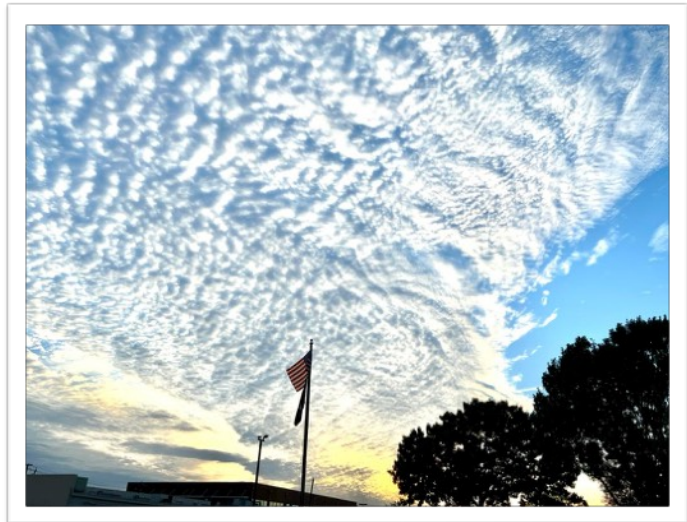
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From Rabbi Deborah~ On a busy afternoon at the beginning of the holiday season, I rush to arrive at the Bellaire post office, not knowing if I would arrive before it closed. I have an envelope with a check in it, and no longer feel comfortable using outdoor mail boxes since during the last couple of years a number of them around where we live have been broken into and were even taped shut for months on end. I felt fortunate to have made it inside the post office without being pulled over for speeding and with barely a millisecond to spare. A clerk was already poised at the door ready to



lock it.

To both my shock and glee, a senior citizen sporting a triumphant smile and large package breathlessly rushes in behind me. After we agree how lucky she is to make it inside, she loudly proclaims, "G-d is good!" I agree. As we wait in line, we engage in small talk until the postal clerk who locked the door behind us calls out a name. The woman with whom I was speaking replies that it is her.

The postal clerk hands her the credit card with her name on it which she found on the floor. After thanking the postal worker, this incredibly grateful woman turns to me and gloriously announces, "See, I was right, G-d is good!" In response to her situation, I widely smile and wholeheartedly agree, understanding this is not the time or place for an oral theological treatise about the differing and complementary qualities of the Divine.

After giving my envelope to the clerk and buying some beautiful Chanukah postage stamps, I leisurely stroll back to my car. Grateful to no longer be rushing, I look around, first seeing and then breathing in the beauty of the pre-sunset sky. Taking the time to take in this beautiful divine palette enables me to reflect on the fact that my conversation partner is right, "G-d is good!"

As we enter the darkest time of the year, may each of us be illuminated and warmed by G-d's light and the lights of our *chanukiahs* (which some mistakenly call *menorahs*) and the holiday season.

In light, Rabbi Deborah

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