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SHAAREY TZEDEK

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Welcome

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April 29 at 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat and Oneg Shabbat

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WELCOME~ בָּרוֹכִים הַבָּאִים

Shabbat Shalom and thank you all for joining *Shaarey Tzedek* for our 5th Friday Shabbat Service and *Oneg* Social. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Sheryl Riffle. I am the daughter of Sol and Arlene Sachs. I was born and raised in Houston Texas and grew up in the Conservative Synagogue *Beth Yeshurun*.

My grandparents were Orthodox and attended Greenfield Chapel inside *Beth Yeshurun*. Our family had Shabbat dinners together every Friday evening and I was surrounded by the rich traditions and celebrations of our Jewish faith.

For 27 years I lived in Memphis, Tennessee with my husband Wally and our 2 boys. Six years ago we retired from our business and moved back to Texas to be close to my family. One of the first things I did when we moved to Memphis was to find a Synagogue. Every major city typically has 3 Synagogues – reform, conservative and orthodox. I believe that every Jew needs a place to worship, develop friendships, have a sense of belonging to other Jews and their Jewish faith, a place to call home.

30+ years ago when my parents moved to the Woodlands the Jewish population was very small and there were no synagogues. Only the beginnings of one that a handful of Jews had the vision and desire to get started. This area has exploded with more and more people and families moving here daily. The Jewish population is also growing and we are now in need of a Traditional Conservative Synagogue. I believe just like when I moved to Memphis that there are many Jews moving to this area that also want to find their Jewish home. We need your help to spread the word, to save, share and like us on social media.

My grandparents and parents have been a huge influence on me. They are my mentors and now they are passing the torch to the next generation of Jews to have the same relentless determination, the desire, the will and the passion to bring *Shaarey Tzedek* Synagogue to fruition. The generations before me inspire me to empower the next generation to live a meaningful Jewish life and to pass on those rich traditions.

Let us all pray tonight for the people of Ukraine. Celebrate the *Shabbat* many of them are unable to celebrate. Let them know we stand in solidarity with them, keeping them always in our hearts, our prayers and our thoughts.

Shalom~

Sheryl Riffle, Secretary Shaarey Tzedek Issue 3 Adar II-Nissan 5782 April 1, 2022



Shaarey Tzedek received its first donation of Jewish books from the library of Alan Goldsmith, z'l. Alan was a friend of Eljay's and mine who sadly passed away from cancer several years ago, and our mutual friend Lucille Golden, stored his large Jewish collection of books for our synagogue until Maura & Nathan Shapiro and Betty & Jerry Friedman picked them up from her Houston home at the end of March. Thank you to the Shapiro's and Friedman's, and to Betty and Jerry for storing them until we move them into our permanent space where we will have our own cozy lending library! We look forward to inviting Alan's widow Etna and Lucille to join us for a special service blessing our new collection of Jewish books. Also, a hearty thank you to Maureen Weiner for donating 50 Jewish books from her late husband, Larry's library, and to Maura Shapiro for picking up these books on a recent trip to Houston. (See picture on page 3)

With Cantorial soloist Neal, I look forward to celebrating second seder night together, Rabbi Deborah

Create a legacy, and pass it on-

Although March was a tough emotional month for all, together we have been able to recharge our souls, disconnect from life for a bit and join in prayer to celebrate *Shabbat* together. We prayed in honor of all those lives which are being impacted by the current world crisis and unable to participate in *Shabbat* services. We do it for them and for all our ancestors who can no longer enjoy the beauty and the depth of a *Shabbat* service. We remember them in prayer by carrying out the chanting that they too enjoyed. Our hearts have been warmed by Rabbi Deborah's words, and we stand together as a community of Conservative Jews.

Our *onegs* included the red 'blood,' home made items, using the theme of the weekly *Parasha*. In addition we had a 'triangular' food theme in commemoration of *Purim*, as well as festive Purim decor.

We enjoyed giving and receiving *Mishloach Manot* Bags, which contained various items including home made baked goods from Rabbi Deborah, as well as a lovely kosher wine sampler from Sol Sachs and other items from Miriam Leitko.

Red (blood) *Oneg* Theme.







Mishloach Manot Bags, fullfilling the Mitzvah of gift giving for Purim.

Triangular Oneg Theme.



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Mazel Tov to Phill & Laurie Goldfeder on the birth of their first granddaughter Kayla Miriam Wing on March 24, 2022. Pictured above is Rachel (mom) and baby.





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Pictured from left Jerry Friedman, Nathan Shapiro and Maura Shapiro bringing books donated to Shaarey Tzedek.

Thank you!