## Shaarey Tzedek

**Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery County Texas** 26615 Oak Ridge Rd. 77380

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The legacy of our Shabbat Torah service holds immense significance within our Shaarey Tzedek community. It is a timehonored tradition that symbolizes the connection between the Jewish people and the Torah. The Torah, containing the teachings and laws of Judaism, is considered the cornerstone of Jewish faith and identity.

Participating in a Shabbat Torah service is not only a privilege but also an honor. Those involved, including the Torah and Haftorah readers, cantor, and congregants, play integral roles in maintaining this cherished tradition. The Torah readers dedication and skill in accurately chanting or reading the ancient Hebrew verses ensure the integrity and authenticity of our service.

The honor associated with being involved in a Shabbat Torah service is a recognition of our commitment to Jewish tradition, dedication to preserving the legacy of the Torah, and contribution to the spiritual growth of the community and also strengthens the bonds of Shaarey Tzedek Synagogue.

Thank you to the Schmulson-Hane families for sponsoring our Shabbat Kodesh Minyan.



<u>March 2, 2024</u> 9:30 AM Shabbat Kodesh Minyan Followed by luncheon sponsored by Soli & Danny Schmulson In memory of Susie Schmulson Z'L, Mike Schmulson Z'L, Susie Caridi Z'L, Salomon Hane Z'L.

> <u>March 23, 2024</u> 7:00 PM Havdallah, Purim Cerebration

Megillah Reading, Great food, prizes & costumes welcome!



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Since this is a leap year in our Jewish calendar, we add an extra month of Adar, known as Adar I before regular Adar, which is referred to as Adar II during leap years. Adar II is the most joyous month of the Hebrew calendar. This year it begins on March 11.

The Talmud teaches: "*Mi-shenikhnas adar marbim besimcha,*" which means "When Adar arrives, joy increases." Purim falls on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar II, during which time we celebrate our ancestors' victory over Haman and those who wanted to kill us. *Simcha*, the Hebrew word for joy, is written 8 times in Megillat Esther.

Since October 7<sup>th</sup>, it can be challenging to feel the type of joy that Adar commands. Israel and Jewish people around the world have no shortage of modern-day Hamans. Perhaps Adar is an important reminder that even though we may not feel in a celebratory space, it is still crucial to acknowledge the parts of our lives that are joyful and sweet, enabling us to nurture hope. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks keenly observed, "To be a Jew is to be an agent of hope in a world serially threatened by despair."

With an abundance of hope,

Rabbi Deborah



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We would like to kindly remind everyone that our Shaarey Tzedek community is a space where we have a strict policy of not discussing politics or any other topics related to politics. We believe that by avoiding these discussions, we can create a more harmonious environment for all members. Our primary focus is on fostering positive Jewish interactions, promoting personal Jewish growth, and cultivating a sense of Jewish community. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this guideline.



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