

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue | Montgomery Co. | Texas

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Shenandoah

JUNE:
SHAVUOT
SATURDAY
JUNE 4 at 6:00 PM
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Erev Shabbat and
Oneg Shabbat
JUNE 17 at 7:00 PM

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WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Shabbat shalom. My name is Betty Friedman. My path to Judaism and ultimately to Shaarey Tzedek started in college. My roommate my first year at the University of Cincinnati was Roz Newman from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Roz was in the school of pharmacy while I was in the Conservatory. Why or how we were paired as roommates is a mystery but I'm eternally grateful we were paired together. During that year, Roz spent many hours explaining Judaism to me. After some additional research and study, I had mentally converted from being basically nothing to Judaism. I did not have the opportunity to formally convert for several more years. I certainly didn't lack for research material as my dorm was just down the street from Hebrew Union College. After a couple of years at Cincinnati, I changed majors and schools and ultimately graduated from one of the many private colleges in New England. After graduation, I headed for graduate school in California. In the early '70's, everyone went to California. Also, in my family, everyone went to graduate school. So I combined the 2. I went to school, got an apartment, and got a roommate. My roommate started dating Jerry's (my future husband's) roommate. Jerry and I were thrown together on a blind date on the golf course. Our respective roommates lasted about another week while Jerry and I will celebrate 50 years of marriage in October.

Fast forward a few years. We requested and were finally granted a transfer out of California to Houston. After much research, I determined Houston offered the most opportunity for both of our careers. We trailered a 25' fly-bridge cabin cruiser, our 7-month old baby, and the dog (I was also 6 months pregnant) in the middle of July from California to Texas. There are many colorful words that could describe that move but we'll settle on arduous!

Our daughters were both named by Rabbi Scharff and both started Sunday school at JCN. Fast forwarding again...Seven families met and agreed we wanted a more conservative synagogue. After a lot of hard work by the founding members, Shaarey Tzedek was inaugurated. We all optimistically look forward to the great success of Shaarey Tzedek.

Shabbat Shalom,

Betty Friedman, Founding Member





Every Friday night we are together I look forward to our choir beautifully leading us in our *tefillot*, including the lovely rendition of *Hashkiveinu* by Yoshi Zweibeck. The traditional *Hashkiveinu* prayer begins:

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu Malkeinu l'chayim

“Help us Adonai to lie down in peace; and awaken us again, our Sovereign, to life.”

Many of us have not been lying down in peace since our country’s latest mass shooting, this time in Uvalde, Texas. The murder of 19 elementary-school children and their two teachers was the deadliest mass shooting in our country this year, occurring a mere 10 days after the mass shooting in a Buffalo, N.Y. supermarket.

I have been contemplating the words of Zweibeck’s *Hashkiveinu* prayer as a refrain this week:

“Shelter us beneath Your wings, O’ Adonai.

Guard us from all harmful things, O’ Adonai.

Keep us safe throughout the night,

Till we wake with morning’s light.

Teach us, G-d, wright from right. Amen.

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We are family, together we have it all-

As we plan services and events in the coming weeks and months, we recognized, just like in a family, how each of our personal strengths come to light as we continue our development of Shaarey Tzedek. We have been so fortunate that many Conservative Jewish communities, as well as individuals in the nation, have poured their love, support and assistance to ensure our bright and successful presence in Montgomery County. We are so excited to receive a 100 year old ark, a *ner tamid* and *bimah* from Massachusetts, as well as a family legacy piano from Houston (details forthcoming). We are so grateful to everyone who has helped us with our initial establishment. We especially appreciate those of you who have gifted us with your personal and institutional legacies and allowing us to give them a safe home at Shaarey Tzedek. Our responsibility is to secure Conservative Judaism, its traditions, our bond to Israel and to all our ancestors who lived and perished to secure Jewish respect, safety and our responsibilities to the next generations.



Oneg in honor of the matriarchs, past and present!



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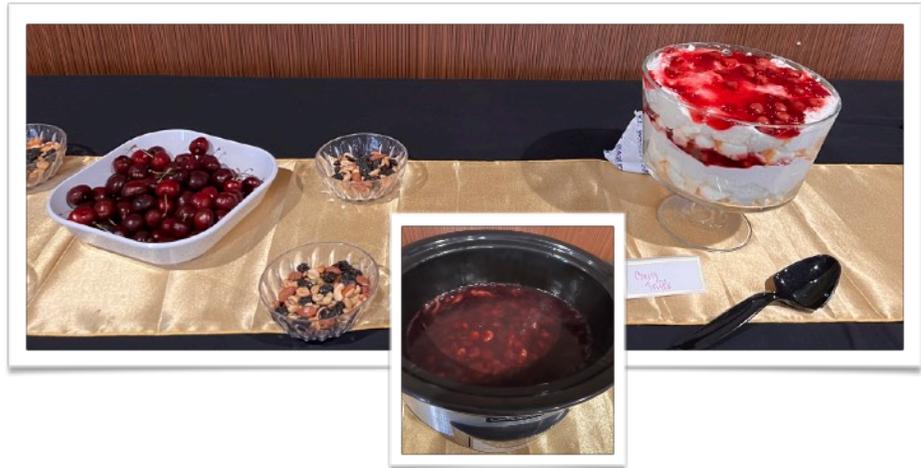
I hope and pray that as a nation we discern and take the necessary steps to ensure that the words “mass shooting” are not a part of our future. Because then, and only then will we be able to “lie down in peace and awaken again onto life” and feel “sheltered beneath G-d’s wings.”

Looking to the future, *Yom Yerushalayim*, the most recent addition to our Jewish calendar, commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, and begins after sundown on Saturday May 28.

And finally, *Shavuot* begins Saturday night June 4 and I look forward to celebrating it together with you as we learn about the history of *Shavuot*, enjoy an interactive study session, participate in a short *Havdalah* service, and of course eat delicious dairy desserts.

Prayerfully, Rabbi Deborah

Our Jubilee Oneg:



Celebrate Shavuot with us!

HAVDALAH, INTERACTIVE LEARNING, DAIRY SOCIAL AND
ENJOY LIFE'S MOMENTS WITH
LITTLE SPRINKLES OF JOY~
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN TOO!

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