

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas-
26615 Oak Ridge Rd. 77380 Texas

Save the Dates

June 10, 2023
Havdallah & Social
7:00 PM
26615 Oak Ridge Dr
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**June 11, 2023**  
**Sunday Brunch &**  
**General Meeting**  
**10:30 AM**  
**26615 Oak Ridge Dr**  
**RSVP**  
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June 16, 2023
Shabbat Services & Oneg
7:00 PM
26615 Oak Ridge Dr
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**June 30, 2023**  
**Shabbat Diner**  
**6:30 PM**  
**26615 Oak Ridge Dr**  
**RSVP**

## WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Here we go summer...excited for what is in store for the upcoming months. Our ability to creatively plan events as they tie into Jewish holidays as well as the weekly *parsha* has become a great fun topic to focus on. Slowly expanding to offer what you all want, and gladly able to accommodate most requests.

May *Shabbat* services were warm and inviting having delicious *Oneg* of 'dates' as well as the spectacular array of *Shavuot* dairy items including cheese cake, fondu, blintzes, kugel and banana pudding. Another terrific full house *Shavuot* event! In addition our 'Yom Yerushalayim' *Shabbat* Dinner was relaxing as we all enjoyed the film "*I Am Israel*" and fabulous pizza, salad, desserts and wine in addition to the lovely Israel decor to commemorate the reunification of 'Yerushalayim.'

Delighted to bring in June for our community a *Havdalah* and social event, Sunday brunch, *Shabbat* Services and *Shabbat* Dinner. Please RSVP to both brunch and dinner in order to get a head count.

We encourage all of you to add our synagogue as a source of involvement. We welcome your time, your talents and your treasures to sustain us and be able to provide high quality events in addition to initiating educational programs for both children and adults. Please make special effort to join us for our General Meeting on Sunday June 11 to gather our hearts, thoughts and voices in the continued development of our Conservative Jewish Synagogue: ***Shaarey Tzedek.***



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Little did I know when I was making the *Shehecheyanu* papercut to decorate for our *Shavuot* service that we would be commemorating a double *Shehecheyanu* evening. In addition to observing *Shavuot*, we were 38 strong at our Friday evening *Shavuot* service! What a joy to celebrate together, actively nurturing a thriving Conservative Jewish community in Montgomery County.

June ushers in the Hebrew month of *Tammuz*. According to legend, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of *Tammuz*, G-d caused the sun and moon to pause, miraculously manifesting 36 hours of sunlight. This gave the Israelites time during daylight to fight the five armies which attacked the Gibeonites, whom Joshua had been tricked into protecting. This is described in Joshua 10:12-14 and may be the earliest recorded solar eclipse. Or more precisely, according to Cambridge researchers, this passage from Joshua may document the annular solar eclipse that took place on October 30, 1207, B.C.E. Interestingly, these Cambridge researchers state that an independent source, the Merneptah stele, documented that the Israelites were in Canaan between 1500 and 1050 B.C.E., a fascinating potential verification of a biblical event!

With warm wishes for a relaxing beginning of summer, Rabbi Deborah

## May events~





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**Our Jewish Journey~  
By Bernie & Toby Goldstein**

We are Bernard and Toby Goldstein, and currently live in The Woodlands, Texas.

I lived in Philadelphia until 1954 when my family moved to West Hartford, Connecticut. Toby lived in Bloomfield, Ct. We met during the High Holiday services in 1957 and we were married 2 years later by an Orthodox Rabbi and we have been married for 64 years.

We lived in Bloomfield, kept a kosher home and raised our 2 boys, Jay & Seth who had their Bar Mitzvah at our Conservative Synagogue, Beth Hillel. I was a police officer in Bloomfield and started my career in Insurance with The Hartford Group. Toby was a crossing guard and a seamstress.

Jay moved to The Woodlands where he taught Sunday school and his children, Ben and Jesse, Joseph & Hannah were Bar and Bat Mitzvah, confirmed, and graduated from Beth Shalom. Our son Seth moved and lives in South Florida.

We moved to Westerly, R. I. and became active in the reformed Temple, Sarah Zedek. I went to work for Met Home & Auto's Home Office Claims Dept in Warwick, R.I. While Toby attended the University of Rhode Island and received her Master Seamstress certificate.

We decided to leave the cold and moved to the Villages, Florida, where we became active in the only Temple there. I was elected to the board of directors. Toby, along with 20 other congregants participated in an adult B'nai Mitzvah class. I joined the class to support her. It was her first and my second.

Our Jewish Journey continued in Texas, where we discovered a warm and welcoming new conservative Jewish home, Shaarey Tzedek.

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