Shaarey Tzedek

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



בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים **~WELCOME**

As we turn the page on the start of Shaarey Tzedek Synagogue's third year, we do so with a sense of hope and optimism for the future. We are committed to building a stronger community that is united in its dedication to conservative Judaism.

Our goal is to foster a sense of belonging and connection among our members, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. We believe that by strengthening our community, we can better uphold the principles and values of conservative Judaism. Your financial contributions will allow us to continue to offer services, dinners and maintaining our presence in Montgomery County.

At the same time, we recognize the importance of maintaining our strong ties to conservative Judaism. We will continue to celebrate and honor our traditions.

As we embark on this new chapter, we invite you to join us and support our synagogue in shaping the future of our community. Together, we can create a vibrant environment that reflects the beauty and richness of conservative Judaism. Happy 2nd half of 5784!



January 5, 2024 Shabbat Services Followed by Oneg 7:00 PM

January 19, 2024

Shabbat Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM <u>RSVP</u>

January 27, 2024

Havdallah Wine & Cheese 6:30 PM



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It was lovely celebrating Chanukah with some of you on Market Street at the Chabad Hanukkiah lighting! It has felt especially dark since October 7, and being together in our Shaarey Tzedek community has brought some much needed light into our corner of the world.

January 11th is Rosh Hodesh Shevat. Shevat is an Akkadian word related to "lashing," which at first glance sounds quite negative! To the contrary, it refers to heavy rain, the rain Israel experiences at the beginning of this season, and as you may know, rain in Judaism is correlated to blessing. שנישמע בשורות טובות Shevat is an acronym for שבט /Shevat is an acronym for שבט, which means "May we hear only good news!" I fervently pray this is the case regarding Israel and the remaining hostages.

January 25th is Tu'beshvat. Please try to enjoy some fruits and nuts on this day. According to Lurianic Kabbalah, humans, and even fruits and nuts, contain divine sparks. These kabbalists ate fruits associated with Israel as a symbolic way of releasing sparks of divinity.

With healing thoughts and prayers to William Logue, Melanie's dad, and hope for peace in 2024,

Rabbi Deborah



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