

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas

Save the Dates

April 6, 2023

Passover

Family Seder Experience

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**Courtyard Marriott
19255 David Memorial Dr**

**Doors open at 5:00 PM
Seder begins at 5:30 PM**

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**April 21, 2023**

**Shabbat Services**

**Followed by Oneg**

**7:00 PM**

**26615 Oak Ridge Dr  
Spring Tx**

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May 6, 2023

Shabbat Minyan Kodesh

Followed by luncheon

9:30 AM

**CROWNE PLAZA Hotel
19333 David Memorial Dr**



WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Celebrating Purim was a first experience for many. *Shaarey Tzedek's* community became alive and festive as many participated in the retelling of the Book of Esther. Thank you to Sandy Remson for sharing her invaluable *Megillah* with us. The experience of reading it directly in Hebrew, touching it and listening to the story it carries warmed our hearts. Thanks to all our readers who shared their words in English and Hebrew recalling the story of our tradition and history that we are responsible for sustaining. Thanks to Rabbi Deborah Schloss, Sol Sachs, Sheryl Riffle, Brian Greenberg, Miriam Leitko, Betty Friedman, Anita Gurwitz, Anna Stone, Nathan & Maura Shapiro, Janessa Welch, Amie Fabrick, Danny Schmulson, Phil & Laurie Goldfeder and Sandy Remson. We hope you all enjoyed our sweet treats which came directly from Israel as we continue to keep our bond with the State of Israel.

We are springing forward as we have been preparing for our upcoming Passover Experience. We are so incredibly fortunate to have Cantor Vadim Tunitsky to be with us for our Seder. Cantor Tunitsky is a well known, acclaimed Cantor, originally from the Ukraine who arrived in the USA as a refugee in the 80's. He breathes his love for music and his passion and skill for elevating the human spirit. Incredibly excited to be able to have him with us! You can read his full bio in the link by his name in our Passover Page.

<https://www.shaareytzedek.com/team-3>



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I hope you have been enjoying some of our beautiful weather as Houston area spring melts far too quickly into summer.

On April 6th, I look forward to celebrating together our 2nd annual Passover seder. And I know it will be especially melodious as we welcome Cantor Vadim Tunitsky to our seder!

As we rejoice in our freedom from Pharaoh's oppression, I can't help but wonder how many of us sometimes spiritually imprison ourselves. Abraham Joshua Heschel taught that we can be our own worst Pharaoh. *Mitzrayim*, the Hebrew word for Egypt, means "narrow place." Why do we put constraints on ourselves that narrow our options, that hold us back from becoming the fullest version of ourselves? As Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin observes, "Each of us is constricted by our own fears of change. We know that the pull of freedom is threatened by the tug of laziness or the lure of the familiar."

During this Passover season, let's be mindful of what we can do to lessen the volume of our internal Pharaoh.

A hearty mazel tov to Steven and Yarden and the Schmulson and German families on their wedding. We are so delighted for you!

May we move forward from simcha to simcha,

Rabbi Deborah

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Our wines from My Tree in Israel arrived in time for Passover. The next crop will be picked for Rosh Hashanah, order before July. You can place your order with your personalized label as a gift or for yourselves.

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My Jewish Journey By Sol Sachs

My Jewish Journey spans 85+ years. I was born in Houston 1937 in an all-Jewish neighborhood. Kosher butcher & grocers. Our family kept kosher and my dad put on tefillin every morning. We went to orthodox shuls with my dad from the time I could walk. When I was 10 we joined Congregation Beth Yeshurun, where I participated in junior congregation & choir. During those years I studied under Cantor

Wagner, and learned to lead services when he was absent. I met a little girl named Arlene Horwitz. We became instant friends and when we became teenagers, we both joined B'nai Brith Youth organizations. Arlene & I were inseparable during those teen years, & we married when Arlene was only 18 and I was 20.

We kept a kosher home & stayed close to our Judaism. Soon Ron came along & Sheryl. We were a close family & did everything together. They were both active in B'nai Brith Youth. Our house was always filled with kids during their teen years.

After moving to the Woodlands in 1987 we found a small Jewish community. We participated in services & all their activities. I was in the choir for 20 years & I lead services for Rabbi when he was away. Arlene ran the gift shop & co-founded their women's group. We started the Sachs Mitzvah Fund, which provided holiday boxes for college kids & Oneg for once-a-month Shabbat Services.

In 2000 our cousin in Port Arthur called to say their synagogue was closing. We were able to purchase their pulpit chairs, a torah, & many other religious items. 11 years ago we became involved with Rabbi Mendel & Leah at Chabad. I enjoyed attending services, reading haftorahs, while Arlene enjoyed working with Leah on many fun projects. We donated many items, including a new Torah. I celebrated my 2nd Bar Mitzvah there.

In 2021 I met a very special group of dedicated couples who realized it was time for a Conservative Congregation in Montgomery County. After many months of planning, Shaarey Tzedek was formed, and the rest is history.

Arlene & I have spent our lives immersed in our Jewish religion. It has guided our path through life, giving us meaning and purpose. It is my hope we can pass this wonderful way of life on to future generations.

