

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue | Montgomery Co. | Texas

Welcome

Save the Dates

New Location!

May 6 at 7:00 PM

May 20 at 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat and

Oneg Shabbat

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WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Welcome to Shaarey Tzedek, my name is Vickie Strong.

Yes, I am originally from NY; Brooklyn to be exact.

I was raised as a "Conservative Jew," as my parents were strictly kosher caterers.

We were four children: three girls and a boy. None of us, except for my brother were B'nai Mitzvah until we three girls were adults.

I have lived in Texas for over 46 years and have belonged to two Reform temples, one of which, I was a founding member as well. I have two grown girls and twin granddaughters from a previous marriage. My husband Robert who was not a Jew by birth converted prior to our joint B'nai Mitzvah.

We have most recently returned to conservative judaism finding it closer to our religious beliefs.

Shalom~

Vickie Strong,

Founding Member Shaarey Tzedek Synagogue

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Counting the Omer

What a lovely time we had celebrating the 2nd night of Passover at Shaarey Tzedek's first annual family seder! By the time we finish second night seder, we are full, fortunately not tired of matzah quite yet, and invigorated from having seder with family and old and new friends, as well as tired from the labor-intensive preparation of Pesach. There is a lovely ritual called Counting of the Omer that begins at the end of second seder and continues for 48 days, up until Shavuot. As I unintentionally modeled for our seder attendees, it's easy to accidentally skip over the counting of the Omer at the second seder. There's so much else going on... especially this year, as we enjoyed the seder ritual at our first annual Shaarey Tzedek Passover gathering, and for at least some of us, joyfully celebrating at a large seder for the first time since COVID. Thankfully we have more opportunities to count the Omer before Shavuot, so during services on Friday May 6, in addition to celebrating our Jewish foremothers and even Mother Earth, in honor of Mother's Day, we will learn more about the ritual of counting the Omer, in addition to counting it together.

May we enjoy the April showers that Montgomery County and surrounding areas are thankfully receiving,

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah

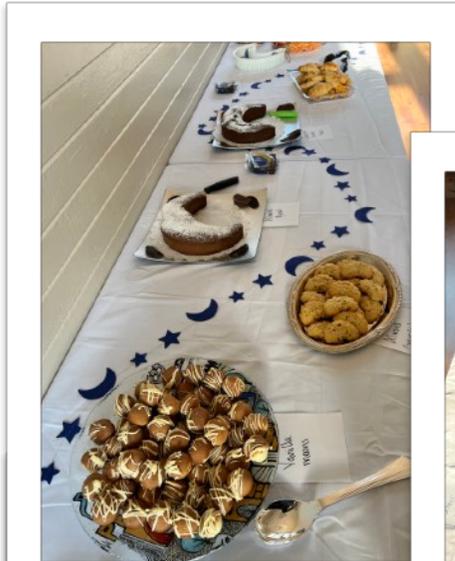
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Little by little we make big things happen-

We are grateful that we were able to celebrate, at maximum capacity, our freedom and unite in solidarity with our brothers and sisters from both the Ukraine and Israel. Some of our religious legacies, family seder plates, were displayed as table centerpieces. Thank you to all the children involved, attendees, Rabbi Deborah, Neal Taibel and Chulys Kitchen for an incredible evening of prayer, songs, fun and soulful feelings!

We were sad that we were unable to include the many families on our waiting list. How exciting to grow Conservative Judaism in Montgomery County at Shaarey Tzedek, from a 'what if' to a 'why not.' We are so proud of who we are and excited of what we are becoming. We have been featured in the Jewish Herald Voice, Conroe Courier, Houston Chronicle and The Woodlands Villager and through social media. Our *onegs* are being highlighted and followed nationwide. We stand proud and honored to represent Conservative Judaism as we open our "Gates of Righteousness" in Montgomery County, Texas. Please check our website for in depth information. www.shaareytzedek.com



Oneg in honor of the crescent moon and the lunar calendar



Coming up...
Shavuot Celebration
June 4th
(Early evening)

Havdalah
Interactive learning
Homemade Dairy Treats

Details forthcoming

Toda Raba~ Thank you for your donations

Robert & Vickie Strong, with get well wishes and prayers for Brian Andes and his daughter Emily.

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Robert & Vickie Strong,, in memory of David S. Horwitz

Alan & Miriam Leitko, in honor of Rabbi Deborah and Eljay's daughter Priya's Graduation

Rabbi Deborah Schloss and Eljay Waldman, in honor of our first of many beautiful Community Passover Seders

Shaarey Tzedek, with great gratitude to Ariel Kleiman for his D'var Torah presentation

A very special thank you to Ariel Kleiman for his magnificent D'var Torah presented April 29.



Passover Seder, vivid images of our celebration of freedom!

