

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas

Save the Dates

February 6, 2023

Tu B'Shevat

[RSVP](#)

6:00 PM

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**February 10, 2023**

**Shabbat Dinner**

**Maccaroni Grill**

**1155 Lake Woodlands Dr.**

**6:30 PM**

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February 19, 2023

Carpool for

[Yom Limmud](#)

Day of Learning

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

5600 N Braeswood, Houston

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**February 24, 2023**

**Shabbat Services**

**Followed by Oneg**

**7:00 PM**

**Courtyard Marriott**

## WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

We pride ourselves by being a resilient, strong community, that in a years time, we have become an extended family through our praying, socializing and learning together. Our strength arises from the quality of the individuals in our *Shaarey Tzedek* community, in essence , all of you! We are definitely stronger together, and will not be detained by the struggles that we have gone through. Rather, we have picked up where we left, moved on and continue to focus on our goal of sustaining our legacy through our Conservative Jewish Synagogue in Montgomery County.

A message of the lesson taught is that tough times are temporary, and we can overcome them together!

We continue to gain strength by the challenges we face knowing that they are blessings. Many of you saw the beautiful, warm, loving, and magnificent place we were able to build for our *Shaarey Tzedek* community and our quest will not stop.

We will look for a new center of gravity to continue to pray, learn and socialize together. Always grateful to God for giving us the strength to rebuild, repair and respond to hard times in a dignified and courageous manner.

The symbolic flame of *Shaarey Tzedek* will continue to burn through it all; bringing light, warmth and hope into our lives.

Thank you for all the messages, emails, texts and words of support and encouragement. We are all in, and our desire to settle in a permanent location will continue to be a priority.





Often we trust that if we follow a tried and true formula, our plans will work out in a somewhat predictable manner. Maybe that works for making cookies and other recipes, but most of us know that doesn't always hold true for significant goals in our lives. All the more so building a synagogue from the ground up, as there is no tried and true formula to follow! Although we are sorely disappointed that our new physical home didn't work out, our founding members possess an exemplary resiliency, and are hard at work locating a new and even better sacred space for us. I am reminded of the Hassidic saying, "Yeridah l'zorech aliyah," which means a stepping down in order to move forward. Sometimes stepping back enables us to propel forward with even more strength and determination, and that's what our founding members are doing on behalf of us and all future members of our *Shaarey Tzedek* community.

A couple of days ago I came across an excerpt from the book, *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* by James Norbury which deeply resonates with me and hopefully all of you:

"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company," Tiny Dragon replied. I couldn't agree more with Tiny Dragon. Each one of us is what makes *Shaarey Tzedek* so special!

Looking forward to seeing you at our first *Shabbat* morning service, *Tu Beshvat* celebration and social, upcoming Friday night dinner, and other *Shabbat* services!

With a heart full of hope,  
Rabbi Deborah



### Fish Theme Oneg-



### Israel Theme Oneg-



Mazel Tov!

Eliana Meira Remson,  
born December 26, 2022.

5 lbs 11 oz.

Congratulations to the  
grandparents Sandy &  
Andy Remson and great  
grandmother Ann Penner.



Thank you for your donations!  
**Summer Rebienot**

**Derick Boeck**

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In honor of  
*Sol & Arlene Sachs*  
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**Shaarey Tzedek Founding Members**  
In Honor of  
*Phil Goldfeder,*  
*Sandy Remson,*  
*Yarden German,*  
*Rabbi Deborah Schloss,*  
*Sol Sachs*  
*Danny Schmulson*  
for their contribution to  
*Shabbat Kodesh Minyan*

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Thank you to all our  
**generous individuals**  
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our tzedakah box.



**My Jewish Journey ~**  
*Summer Rebienot Golden*

My first introduction to Judaism was through my middle school best friend, Sara. I was frequently invited to Shabbat and Holiday celebrations with her and her family where I was treated kindly and made to feel like I was always welcome.

Coming from a non-religious background, the emphasis on community, hospitality, strong morals, and truly trying to improve the world around us was like a breath of fresh air. This kindled my love for Judaism. In my early 20's I decided to pursue learning more information on Judaism. After taking an introduction to Judaism class at *Beth Yeshurun*, I felt that I found a community that I could call home.

A few years after my conversion, I was a part of the adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class where we learned to lead services and read *Torah* and *Haftorah*. I enjoyed this tremendously, and after finishing the class, I was offered the chance to be a part of the "Yad Squad," a group of laypeople who read *Torah* on a regular basis.

A chance conversation with a friend at a *Seder* this past year about how a new congregation was opening near my job made me incredibly happy. Working in The Woodlands prevented me from making it all the way across town to *shul* on Friday evenings. The first time I met *Rabbi Deborah* and attended services I felt right at home-what a blessing to be a part of such a warm and inviting community.

My Jewish journey has been full of learning and sharing good times with friends, and I cannot wait to continue it with everyone at *Shaarey Tzedek*. May we all know only *simchas!*

