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SHAAREYTZEDEK

Conservative Jewish Synagogue | Montgomery Co. | Texas

Welcome

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March 11 at 7:00 PM

March 18 at 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat and Oneg Shabbat

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שברוכים הַבָּאִים ~WELCOME

Welcome to *Shaarey Tzedek*. It is wonderful for us to be celebrating Conservative services in Montgomery County. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Deborah Schloss leading our services. She was the first Conservative female pulpit Rabbi in Canada. She has served for the past 24 years as a pulpit Rabbi and she is also a board certified clinical chaplain.

For some time now, many of us were expressing the need for more Judaism in our lives. After a year of meetings, texts, emails and more, *Shaarey Tzedek* Synagogue became a reality.

A little about our goals:

To grow our membership, conduct regular Friday night and Shabbat morning services and secure a permanent location in the area. Additionally provide adult and children educational programs.

We have secured a beautiful 100 year old Torah originally from Port Arthur formally residing at Congregation Emmanuel in Beaumont. This Torah will now call *Shaarey Tzedek* its new home. *Shaarey Tzedek* is affiliated with USCJ~ United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Please visit our website, Facebook and instagram pages for the latest news. Please invite your friends and share this information with them and let us know if you would like to add names to our mailing list for future updates. You can now add names for *mishebeirach* and *yartzeits* in our website.

Finally I would like to recognize the founding members of *Shaarey Tzedek*. Jerry and Betty Friedman, Miriam Leitko, Sheryl Riffle, Danny and Soli Schmulson, Nathan and Maura Shapiro, Robert and Vickie Strong. For those who know them, they are seasoned veterans who have devoted years of their lives to make Judaism more meaningful here. We deeply thank them for bringing traditional Conservative Judaism closer to our homes. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of them for answers. Good *Shabbos*.

Sol Sachs Member Emeritus Issue 2 Adar I-Adar II 5782 March 1, 2022



How exciting to be starting our third month of Shabbat services and fellowship together as a brand-new synagogue of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism! Please continue spreading the word about Shaarey Zedek so we continue to grow and serve a wide band of Jews in the Woodlands, Conroe, Montgomery area.

I recently read something about self-love that I shared during a recent Shabbat service that bears repeating. Some of us do not hold self-love and self-care in as high a regard as we should. This is a shame as these qualities are crucial, even divine:

"I love myself and accept who I am. It is not my ego that I love; rather, it is what is divine in me, the purity of my Being. I take time to care for myself and to enjoy life. In doing so, I stop searching for the external things that create only an illusion of filling my emptiness."

It's always a good time to practice self-love!

Eljay and look forward to seeing you at our March Shabbat services,

Rabbi Deborah

What is coming, is better than what is gone-

February brought in a change of weather and location. We embraced *Shabbat* with a beautiful services and heartfelt sermons of Rabbi Deborah. We all love the explanations and the Conservative legacy as we explore prayers and melodies. Being able to tie in the parsha with the oneg theme has been spontaneous, creative and everyone has enjoyed the delicacies of home prepared items. These included olive oil and gold as well as the acacia tree sweet nectar and the presence of antique menorahs to bring a soulful breath to our oneg tables. We all have enjoyed meeting our new friends and rekindling friendships we have encountered over the years. We moved our services to a beautiful location in Magnolia (3 miles from Woodlands Parkway and 2978). Join us, to experience the development of Conservative Jewish traditions in our area. Shabbat Services March 11 and 18 followed by onegs. Join us!

Olive oil, gold and so much love between *Sh'ma* and the *V'ahavta*





Menorahs, honey, acacia wood and praying for Ukraine.





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We are grateful to Beth Yeshurn for allowing us to guard and love on your Torah. Thank you!