

SHAAREY TZEDEK

Conservative Synagogue | Montgomery Co. | Texas

Welcome

Save the Dates

**February 11 at
7:00 PM**

**February 25 at
7:00 PM**

Erev Shabbat and Oneg
Shabbat

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Introducing...one of our amazing founders

Rabbi Schloss, Co Founding Members and Congregants

Shabbat Shalom and *erev tov*. Welcome to the *Shaarey Tzedek* Synagogue, Gates of Righteousness. It is humbling to be standing here tonight in front of you for many reasons, one of them being part of this fabulous group of co-founding members and congregants, but personally because my grandparents came to Colombia 80 years ago during WWII and did the same thing - started a synagogue to keep the Torah and keep traditions alive, which is very gratifying to me today. They are still carrying on Jewish traditions, as they continue to have daily *minyanim*.

Two weeks ago, *Shaarey Tzedek* started with more than a minyan. Not only for the people needing to worship, but because it constitutes the beginning of a new community.

The Jewish people are the only ones with the Torah, we were the ones that received the 10 commandments from the Temple Mount, (last week's *parsha*), the only religion with our own language (Hebrew). We have our own special history and rituals. More importantly, there are about 15 million Jews in the world - It is our responsibility for our kids, grandkids and future generations to keep this community alive and to always have *minyan*. Yesterday was the International Day of the Holocaust - lets not forget - Never Again!

I welcome you to join us in prayers with a wonderful service lead by our excellent Rabbi Deborah, let's accompany our choir in chanting, starting from *Shalom Aleichem* and ending with *Yigdal* meaning "magnify", which is a poem magnifying the 13 principles of faith by Maimonides.

On a separate note,. The place of the tomb of Maimonides is also the burial place of Rabbis Yochanan ben Zakai and Issac Horowitz. Issac Horowitz was my great, great great grandfather and He was known as the *Shelah HaKaddosh* (הש"ה הקדוש "the holy *Shelah*") -

Shabbat Shalom,

Danny Schmulson

VP *Shaarey Tzedek*



Rabbi Deborah Schloss

Rabbi Deborah Schloss was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1996. She was the first Conservative female pulpit rabbi in Canada, serving the frozen chosen in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rabbi Deborah has lived in Houston since 1998, working as a pulpit rabbi and board certified chaplain. Two of her prayers were featured in the recently published book, Prayers and Blessings for Healthcare Workers. She is married to Eljay Waldman and is the proud mother of Priya.



To begin...begin!

Our *erev Shabbat* services in January have been inspiring from beginning to end. We have met for the first time new congregants and joyfully welcomed our friends back to pray and restore their souls with us. We have inaugurated *Shaarey Tzedek* Synagogue, the only Conservative Jewish House of Prayer in Montgomery County. We are indeed the Gates of Righteousness as we initiate the traditional Jewish Shabbat that we all have grown up to love. Having had inspiring sermons from Rabbi Deborah, from every day miracles happening to taking the time to pause from our busy lives to celebrate *Shabbat*. In addition, we have had amazing *onegs*. We welcomed *TuB'shvat* with an incredible array of fruit and a variety of nut desserts and celebrated Israel with Israeli desserts to honor Beth Boncher a VA Nurse, who will be making *aliyah* soon.



Challah made by one of our congregants



Israeli themed oneg.

Our Rescued Torah

Danny Schmulson and Sol Sachs bringing home our rescued Torah from Beaumont, Texas .

