

# SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas

## Save the Dates

**May 5, 2023**  
**Shabbat Services and Oneg**  
**7:00 PM**  
**26615 Oak Ridge Dr**  
**Spring Tx**

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**May 19, 2023**  
**Shabbat Dinner & Movie**  
**"Yom Yerushalayim"**  
**6:30 PM**  
**26615 Oak Ridge Dr**  
**Spring Tx**  
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**May 26, 2023**  
**Shabbat Services and Oneg**  
**"Shabbat Shavuot"**  
**7:00 PM**  
**26615 Oak Ridge Dr**  
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## WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Receiving positive feedback is a terrific recharge for our intrinsic motivation to continue to devote our time, talents and treasures for our Shaarey Tzedek Synagogue.

After an incredible Passover Seder, we felt accomplished at our terrific 'sold out' event, with delicious kosher meal, wine, the phenomenal leadership of Rabbi Deborah and breathtaking voice of Cantor Vadim Tunitsky. Furthermore, by being featured in both the Houston Chronicle and Conroe Courier newspaper giving us a strong, significant footprint in Montgomery County and the Houston Metro area as an established Conservative Jewish Synagogue.

We pride ourselves in providing for our community great quality of religious events, celebrations and social gatherings. Greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors for Passover Seder, acknowledging that the financial support has been given with love for our Synagogue. We encourage you to continue that trend, as the community that 'gives from the heart.'

Please take advantage of the sponsorship opportunities which can be made in honor, in memory or as a celebration that you may want to share with our warm Shaarey Tzedek community.

Information of sponsorships is available here:

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As we begin a new month at a new place, please give us your feedback on this location as we proceed with our goal of finding a permanent location.



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How lovely and joyful it was celebrating our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Passover seder together! And our celebrations continue! *Yom Yerushalayim*, Jerusalem Day, is observed on the anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification, the 28th of *Iyar*, which begins on the evening of May 18. It is a national Israeli holiday and the most recent holiday added to our Jewish calendar.

Sadly, until 1967, for 19 years, Jerusalem was a city divided by concrete walls, barbed wire, and other barriers. During the Six-Day War, Israel recaptured the Old City of Jerusalem from the Jordanians after the Arabs yet again declared war against Israel. We will celebrate *Yom Yerushalayim* together on Friday night May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning with dinner.

On Friday May 26 we will observe *Shavuot*, the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Such a momentous event for the Jewish people and much is clouded in mystery! For instance we don't know exactly which mountain is Mt. Sinai. When I was a rabbinical student studying in Israel, a friend and I traveled to the Sinai Peninsula. Beginning around 3 am, with the help of a couple of mules and some Bedouins, we climbed what people claim is Mt. Sinai. My friend and I enjoyed watching the night sky slowly burst into a beautiful sunrise before davening our morning prayers. Interestingly, as Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin observes, not knowing exactly which mountain Mt. Sinai is has the benefit of no group of people claiming ownership of this special place.

Looking forward to being together for our three gatherings this month, the first of which is our Friday night service May 5<sup>th</sup>. Warmly,  
Rabbi Deborah

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## Passover Seder



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*My Jewish Journey  
 By Soli Schmulson*

Judaism is, has been and will always be part of my life. I was born in Barranquilla-Colombia; went to the Hebrew School from kindergarten until I graduated from High School. My family was a great example to follow, very involved in the Sephardic Jewish community and in the Sephardic Synagogue which is called *Shaare Sedek*. At the age of 12, I did my *Bat Mitzvah* with 11 other girls. Then I was involved in a youth group called *Yajad*. We met every Sunday and did all kinds of activities related to Judaism, and also participated in the Maccabi games in Colombia.

It was in Barranquilla where I met my husband and partner Danny. My family and Danny's not only knew each other, but they were some of the main founders of the Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities Synagogues in Barranquilla.

After we got married, we went to live in Cartagena, Colombia, where we had 2 children. In Cartagena, even though there was no Jewish community, the few Jews that lived there met every Friday for Shabbat to maintain the traditions. We looked forward every week for Friday nights.

After 12 years living in Cartagena, we decided to move to The Woodlands, Texas. We joined Beth Shalom; where I was a third-grade volunteer teacher for Wednesdays and Sundays for several years.

My sons Salomon and Steven were always involved with activities, and Jewish education and they had their Bar Mitzvahs.

In 2021 with an excellent group of people with the same principles and beliefs in which we were raised, after much effort we decided to form a Conservative Congregation which is today Shaarey Tzedek.

Now as it is said, the rest is history.....

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 'Yom Yerushalayim'  
**FRIDAY MAY 19, 2023 6:30 PM**  
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In Memory of Kathryn Shapiro z"l; Ted Shapiro z"l  
 In Honor of Nathan's birthday and  
 Maura & Nathan's 50th anniversary

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