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Save the Dates

August 5, 2023
Havdalah & Dinner
Sponsored by
Arlene & Sol Sachs
In honor of
Sheryl Riffle's Birthday
6:30 PM

RSVP here

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August 11, 2023 Shabbat Services & Oneg 7:00 PM

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August 26, 2023
Shabbat Kodesh Minyan
Followed by luncheon
Sponsored by
Miriam Weichsel Leitko
In memory of
A. Werner Weichsel z'l
Veronica Friedman Weichsel z'l



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שבְרוּכִים הַבָּאִים **~WELCOME**

As we walked into the building for our July Shabbat Kodesh Minyan, we took a deep breath knowing that we had the task of transforming a regular room into a sanctuary and a lobby area into a luncheon setup.

Sometimes it is overwhelming when we realize how we have been able to transform our lives which were emptied with the lack of belonging and now replenished through our Shaarey Tzedek community. Our eagerness and responsibility to maintain our Conservative Judaism is our driving force.

The transformation has taken a lot of heart, soul and work to be able to offer exceptional quality events. Rather than utilizing our legacy of judaism as a spare tire, we have managed to approach our beliefs and we have been able to use our Conservative Judaism as a steering wheel to drive our hopes and strength.

We pray hard and steadfast and sustain what the essence of being the ones responsible for the wellbeing of our *Torahs*. We treasure them, read them, follow rituals and exemplify ourselves as the trusted keepers of such an incredible document.

Yasher Koach for Phil Goldfeder, Anita Gurwitz and Rabbi Deborah through Torah reading. In addition to honoring those having alyots and opening the aron kodesh.

After our amazing Shabbat Minyan, having read 7 portions, we had a delicious luncheon sponsored by Vickie and Robert Strong; as well as an earlier Oneg sponsored by Ruty Loupo Byron; thank you!

At the end of the events, we proceed to return to our lives with our hearts full, our souls restored and hoping GD appreciates our efforts in maintaining our Jewish legacy.



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Rosh Hodesh Elul begins the evening of August 16th. Elul is the Hebrew month prior to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, and ushers in special traditions to help prepare us for

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

- ~ We read Psalm 27 from the beginning of *Elul* through the last day of *Sukkot*, *Hoshana Rabbah*. This is a newish tradition which began between 200 and 300 years ago.
- ~ We blow the *shofar* each morning except on *Shabbat* and the day before *Rosh Hashana*. And some synagogues blow the shofar prior to *Kabbalat Shabbat* services as well!
- ~ We pray special penitential prayers, and the Saturday night before *Rosh Hashana* we recite them together during a special *Selichot* service.
- ~ We try to visit the graves of our loved ones during this time as not only does this honor their memory, but it also puts us in a spiritual space to reflect on our life, and the legacy we hope to leave to our descendants.
- ~ And finally, because the High Holy Day season is a marathon and not a sprint, we begin our hesbon nefesh, a personal accounting of our behaviors over the past year, to uncover opportunities for improvement, determine to whom we should apologize, celebrate our accomplishments, and set attainable personal goals for 5784.

I hope our children are having a fun summer vacation and that we are all finding enjoyable ways to stay cool in the heat of our Texas summer!

Looking forward to seeing you for our *havdal-lah* service and dinner on August 5th, Friday night services on August 11th, and Saturday morning services on August 26th!

Warmly, Rabbi Deborah

Oneg Shabbat & Shabbat Kodesh Minyan















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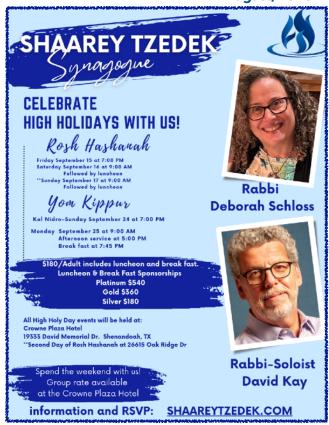
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necklaces and donating the
proceeds to
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Synagogue.
Toda Raba Miriam!





Mazel Tov!

To Melanie Logue & Joseph Benperlas On their Engagement!

