

SHAAREY TZEDEK



Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery Co. | Texas

2527 Centerline Road, 77384

Save the Dates

November 4 , 2022

*Erev Shabbat and
Oneg Shabbat
at 7:00 PM*

AT: **CROWN PLAZA**
19333 David Memorial Dr
Shenandoah

November 18 , 2022

*Erev Shabbat and
Oneg Shabbat
at 7:00 PM*

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WELCOME~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

USCJ CEO views movement as 'passionate centrists

'Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal has a simple motto: "More Torah and Jewish life for more people in more places and more ways."

The motto serves the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism chief executive well as he works to fulfill his long-term goal of "creating a robust, Conservative Masorti movement in North American and throughout the world where we bring our unique tradition and modernity to as many people as possible." The type of Judaism practiced in USCJ synagogues can vary based on the community, spanning the bridge between liberal congregations and those sometimes labeled Conservadox. Blumenthal called that diversity the movement's strength."

"Being a dynamic and strong middle space is, I think, a very important contribution to Judaism, to Jewish life and our society as a whole. People don't often see themselves as passionate centrists, but, in fact, that's what we need is a strong and center for Jewish life."

Differences in the movement, he said, are acknowledged and talked about, allowing USCJ synagogues and rabbis find value in those opinions rather than fighting against them. COVID, and the USCJ's response, is one example of where modern needs rubbed against tradition. During the pandemic, the Rabbinic Assembly issued updated protocol for synagogues. Participants were allowed to join weekday minyans through electronic means, for example, and livestreaming services were permitted in certain situations.

Blumenthal wasn't ready to say how long or whether those new allowances would continue; rather, he said there are still some people facing significant health challenges that continue to require greater leniency for Jewish laws. He also said the technology has allowed for new ways to engage people Jewishly.

(Excerpt from: jewishchronicle.timesofisrael.com/uscj)





What a lovely time we had at our Sukkot gathering- a joy to be with those who attended, the celebration of Miriam's sweet 16, and the bonus of meeting some of your delightful pets made it so special!

Fall is a time of transition and contemplation. This season reminds me of Robert Frost's poem, "Nothing Gold Can Stay," which eloquently describes the transition of seasons, and is an apt description of life:

Nature's first green is gold,
 Her hardest hue to hold.
 Her early leaf's a flower;
 But only so an hour.
 Then leaf subsides to leaf.
 So Eden sank to grief,
 So dawn goes down to day.
 Nothing gold can stay.

As Sukkot and Frost's poem reminds us, life is transitory.

Gold symbolizes all that is beautiful, pure, and beloved to us.

Although everything gold fades with time, instead of feeling doomed by this reality, let's bask in the golden aspects of life when we are blessed to have them!

After all our recent Jewish holy days, on October 26, we began the month of Cheshvan, also known as Marcheshvan. "Mar" means bitter- this is the only Hebrew month with no Jewish holidays or observances.

And speaking of bitter, we send heartfelt condolences to Allen Saxe on the passing of his beloved wife Ellen.

With early wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

Rabbi Deborah

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Our home is made of love and dreams-

We have had an extraordinary season at *Shaarey Tzedek* Synagogue. Our efforts to develop our first High Holiday events were brought to our community with loads of love and were accomplished with everyone's efforts and the desire to fulfill the dream of establishing Conservative Judaism in Montgomery County. Bringing prayers, chanting, meditations and terrific food to our *Shaarey Tzedek* community during Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. All this provided a huge feeling of accomplishment as well as a springboard to moving ahead as we improve to provide the best quality events. Thank you to founding members, *Torah* readers, *Haftorah* readers, Ark opening honorees, *shofar* blowers, *Aliyot* honorees, *Rabbi Deborah*, *Eljay*, *Cantor Neil* and everyone in attendance for your support and contributions to making our Holy Days warm, and special.

Furthermore knowing that we have secured a permanent home having a settled presence in Montgomery County, gives additional possibilities for bringing our community together for religious, social, educational as well as many unique events.

If you wish to participate in a social, fundraising, or educational team, please let us know in order to include you in the forthcoming year of planning.



Lastly, *Shaarey Tzedek* has secured a Yartzeit Board, thanks to Sol Sachs.

If you would like to place a plaque in remembrance of a loved one z'l, please do so through our website under 'donations' or talk to a founding member, or send us an email in order to secure a plaque.



Sukkot Celebration

Thank you
for your donations!

Sylvia Granit

Derick Boeck

Ruth Berg

Karen, Mark & David Hopper

*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

Miriam Leitko

*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

Jennifer Forman

*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

Eileen Alexander

*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

Robert & Vickie Strong

*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

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*In memory of
Ellen Saxe z'l.*

Alan & Miriam Leitko
*In honor of the 85th birthday of
Sol Sachs.*

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to our tzedakah box.*

