

# Shaarey Tzedek



**Conservative Jewish Synagogue Montgomery County Texas**

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## WELCOME ~ בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

As we turn the page on another month and embrace the promise of a new Gregorian calendar year, many of us reflect on the opportunities that lie ahead. For some, this transition marks the beginning of fresh adventures and personal growth.

We are excited to announce the dedication of our remarkable 100-year-old Torah mantle. This Torah was generously donated originally from the Port Arthur Synagogue. This significant event will take place on January 11 during the Shabbat Kodesh Minyan.

Join us for a joyful and heartfelt celebration as we honor this cherished Torah, a symbol of our rich heritage and community spirit. This dedication not only marks the presence of a historic artifact but also reinforces our commitment to preserving and celebrating our Jewish traditions. We warmly invite everyone to join in this momentous occasion. The Torah will be dedicated in memory of Renee and Richard Bennett by their children Kathy, Karan and Barry marking the presence of a historic sacred document but also reinforces our commitment to preserving and celebrating our Conservative Jewish traditions.



This month, we are also particularly honored to support Joe BenPerlas husband to Melanie and father to Hannah and Abby, as he embarks on a special medical mission to the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, Israel. Joe has graciously volunteered his expertise to assist as a doctor, contributing his skills to this noble cause. Our Shaarey Tzedek community, extends our heartfelt wishes for safe travels and the remarkable opportunity to perform a mitzvah in Israel. Let us keep Joe in our thoughts and prayers, and we will keep you updated with any news about his journey as it unfolds.

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

**January 11  
9:30 AM**

**Shabbat Kodesh Minyan  
In dedication to the  
Port Arthur Torah's Mantle**

**Luncheon to follow  
RSVP suggested!**



**January 24  
7:00 PM**

**Shabbat Services  
followed by a parasha  
themed Oneg**

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I am writing this article at the very end of 2024, at the crossroads of 2025. So many positive and challenging experiences happened in 2024, and just like we couldn't have envisioned beforehand what might have occurred in 2024, I feel the same regarding 2025, perhaps even more so, considering all that is transpiring around us!

Thankfully, there is one aspect of our lives that we can envision as we transition into 2025. Since moving into our new, more permanent space, we have experienced the continued growth of our Shaarey Tzedek community. Together with you, I look forward to Shaarey Tzedek both deepening and expanding our Conservative Jewish community in Montgomery County through our Shabbat and holy day services, Shabbat dinners, Havdalah social gatherings, learning opportunities and more. So much to look forward to celebrating together in 2025 and well beyond!

Our community Chanukah celebration was festive and fun. It is heart-warming and heart-expanding knowing that Joe will be serving our Israeli brothers and sisters for two weeks this month on a Medical Mission. This also means Melanie and Hannah are available for some rejuvenating girl gatherings!

Looking forward to our January 11 Shabbat Kodesh Minyan during which time we will welcome new friends connected with the Port Arthur Jewish community and dedicate a new mantle for our Port Arthur Torah in memory of Renee and Richard Bennett. Also, please mark your calendar for our Friday night service on January 24, when we will have some other special guests join us~ stay tuned!

With healthy and warm wishes for 2025,

Rabbi Deborah

**NEW ADDRESS**

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Jerry Friedman

In memory of  
 Sidney Friedman z"l



We are excited to invite all those interested in contributing delicious food items for our Onegs. A wonderful opportunity to share your favorite dishes that bring warmth and joy.

Whether you can contribute frequently or just occasionally, your participation is greatly appreciated! If you're interested in bringing a dish or have any questions, please let us know. We will text the parasha theme of the Oneg and provide suggestions.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

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# Happy Hannukah! Our lovely celebration 🕯️



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