

## The Bond of Life Memorial Wall

The B'nai Tikvah Memorial Board, *Bitzror Hachaim-In the Bond of Life*, contains names of departed loved ones of our congregational families. The name, *Bitzror Hachaim*, taken from the ancient memorial prayer *El Maleh Rachamim*, reflects the Jewish view of the abiding influence of a loved one, even beyond his or her earthly existence. We pray that the souls of our beloved be bound up in the bond of life eternal. May their memories continue to be a source of inspiration to those who come after them.

Please consider memorializing a loved one with a plaque that will be placed on our Bond of Life Memorial Board. The cost for each plaque is \$500. If you would like your dearly departed one(s) to be included on our Memorial Board at this time, please complete the form below and return it, along with your check, to the Synagogue office. If you need help completing the form, please contact Rabbi Felch at 847-945-0470. Memorial plaques will be dedicated during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.



*What Thou givest, O Lord,  
Thou takest not away  
And bounties once granted  
Shed their radiance evermore.*

### In Loving Memory Of

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English Name (Please Print)

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Hebrew Name - Transliteration

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Father's Hebrew Name - Transliteration

who passed away on

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English Date

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Hebrew Date\*

Dedicate a Memorial plaque to be placed on

**בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים**  
**THE BOND OF LIFE MEMORIAL WALL**  
of Congregation B'nai Tikvah

*May the souls of our beloved be bound up in the bond of life eternal.*

Enclosed is my contribution of \$500 for each Memorial plaque.

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Signature

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Relationship to Deceased

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Date

To dedicate additional Memorial Plaques, you may reproduce this form or call the Synagogue office at 847-945-0470 and request additional forms.

\* Please remember that if death occurs after sunset, the date is the next Hebrew day.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Does the deceased or a family member have to have been a member of B'nai Tikvah in order for a memorial plaque to be purchased?

**A:** No. Anyone can honor the memory of a deceased family member or friend.

**Q:** Suppose the deceased did not have a Hebrew name, or the Hebrew name is unknown?

**A:** It is preferable but not necessary to have a Hebrew name identified on a memorial plaque. If you would like to discuss one, please contact Rabbi Alex Felch in the Synagogue office.

**Q:** Can the memory of a loved one be memorialized regardless of how long ago the person became deceased?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Can a memorial plaque be purchased anytime during the year?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** When are memorial plaques dedicated?

**A:** Plaques that are added to the Memorial Board (located in the sanctuary) are dedicated on the next Yom Kippur day during the Yizkor service.

**Q:** If I already have a plaque(s) on the Memorial Board and wish to purchase an additional one, can the existing plaque(s) be relocated in order to aggregate family members?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** How long does it take for a plaque to be created?

**A:** Please allow 4-5 weeks (+/-) from the time the order is placed in the Synagogue office.