

Fall 2016

Dear Congregants and Friends,

Have you had a chance to visit the Life-Cycle garden recently to see the beautiful flowers and greenery? Perhaps you were able to sit a while and meditate and relax in its serenity. Did you know that the garden was created by congregants who tilled the soil and hauled the boulders? We planted the trees and bushes and even built the waterfall. Every year our members plant flowers and pull weeds. Do you know, however, why so many worked so hard and continue to take care of the garden?

The Life-Cycle Garden was created to turn the grief of the loss of our member Melanie Gansler into something meaningful: to create a garden of beauty, peace and healing. It was also an outgrowth of the spirit developed at Healing Services, a spirit of comfort and inspiration. As the idea was introduced to the congregation, many members saw this as an opportunity to memorialize their loved ones, honor someone special, and celebrate events. Thus, the "healing garden" became the "Life-Cycle Garden".

Ten years ago, with donations received from congregants and friends and with money from the sale of engraved bricks used to finance the garden, we broke ground. Donations from the "Healing Harmonies" CD, created by members, also helped fund the garden. (This CD, a musical treat, is still available.) Today, there are almost 400 engraved bricks in our garden, with room for many more! Many are there in memory of loved ones; others are there to commemorate milestones; some are there to express friendship and philosophy. The Life-Cycle Garden truly represents members and friends in the cycles of their lives.

The garden has never been a fund-raising project; the price of each brick is \$45, a small portion of which supports its maintenance. We again thank all of you for creating the garden and continuing to make this a special place at Or Hadash. Order forms are also available at Or Hadash, in the office and on the table in the community room.

Sincerely,
The Life-Cycle Garden Committee

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ (We will confirm the inscription by Email)

Check enclosed for ___ brick(s) for the Or Hadash Life Cycle Garden at \$45 each. \$ _____



(Please make check out to Or Hadash & write "Life Cycle Garden" on the memo line of your check.)

Additional donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Send acknowledgement? ____ Yes ____ No

Inscription: maximum of 3 lines, 20 letters each line (including spaces), per brick.

Please feel free to copy this form or use a separate sheet for additional orders

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Mail with check to: Or Hadash Life Cycle Garden
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