

## **The New Or Chadash Yahrzeit Board**

It is a Jewish commandment (mitzvah) to remember the dead, and in particular to remember close relatives (parents, siblings, children, and spouse). Traditional ways to remember the dead include saying Kaddish, lighting Yahrzeit candles, and placing their names on a synagogue's Yahrzeit Board. While remembering deceased close relatives is a commandment, the placing of names on a synagogue's Yahrzeit Board is simply an option, not a commandment.

We are proud to announce that Or Chadash is now going to be able to offer members the opportunity to put the names of their deceased loved ones on our new synagogue Yahrzeit Board. The Yahrzeit Board, located in the sanctuary, was purchased as part of our planned sanctuary improvements using money collected in the Development Campaign. It was custom built for Or Chadash by Alex Gruss, the same artist who built our new Ark.

Or Chadash members can use the attached order form to order remembrance plaques to go on the Yahrzeit Board. While the traditional duty is to remember close relatives, members are free to order plaques for any person who was important to them. The person so remembered does not have to be Jewish.

All plaques will include the remembered person's English name and date of death according to the secular calendar. People purchasing the plaque also have the option of adding the remembered person's Hebrew name and date of death according to the Hebrew calendar. If you provide the secular calendar date of death, we can look up the Hebrew date of death for you.

While some Yahrzeit Boards have light bulbs to light up names during the week of the anniversary of their death, we will have magnets that attach to the plaques to mark names on the anniversary of their death.

All names appearing on the Yahrzeit Board will automatically also appear in any High Holidays Yitzkor book we publish

The cost of each plaque is \$180.