



# Temple Solel

## ***“IT IS A TREE OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO HOLD IT FAST”***

In Jewish tradition, trees have long been regarded as a special source of inspiration. The Bible speaks of the beauty of the cedars of Lebanon, the stately palms, the olive and the fir, as representing the very wonder of God’s creation. But trees, as well, hold a spiritual significance representing the most enduring values of our faith. The sages taught the custom that when a boy was born, a cedar was planted, and for a girl, a pine; when the two were married a wedding canopy was made of branches. We also learn that a person of wisdom is likened to a tree whose roots are deep, a person who lives righteously to a tree with many branches.

Thus, Temple Solel, with its dedication to Torah deepens our connection to the roots of faith, and with its emphasis on social concern teaches our congregants and children the obligation of *Tikkun Olam*, to repair and renew the world. Temple Solel is indeed a “Tree of Life.” Each leaf we dedicate for those we love in celebration of life’s joyous moments will surely strengthen this temple as we seek to generate scholarship funds for our students who are in need. The Tree of Life will serve as our source of inspiration to our school and to our children.

The Tree of Life is located inside the sanctuary. Its contemporary structure fits in with the modern décor of our temple. The Tree of Life provides an opportunity for everyone to share the special occasions in their lives with the temple family. Loved ones, friends and members of the congregation will all be able to create permanent remembrances of their joyous events so that future generations will look upon our yesterdays as having been filled with hopes, dreams, and accomplishments.

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### Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

INSCRIPTION: Maximum 4 lines; line #1, 15 letters including spaces, lines #2 and #3, 22 letters and spaces, line #4, date (i.e. 4/30/15).

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Contributions to the Tree of Life, which are tax deductible, should be sent to Temple Solel, 6805 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Each leaf permanently engraved and mounted on the Tree of Life is available for \$180.00. Enclosed is my check for: \$\_\_\_\_\_.