

TAO
The South Florida
Center for
Jewish Renewal
honors
Rabbi
Marc
Labowitz
on his
40th birthday
March 2,
2008

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach zt'l, taught that the highest blessing we can give our children is to tell them, "We can't do without you. God can't do without you. And the world can't do without you."

Dear Rabbi Marc,

In moments of stillness we ponder the wonder of who you are. Is the wonder in your healing touch, your focused look? Or might it be in your wise words, soft manner, perceptive tone, your open heart? It is in all the parts of who God is within you.

"We can't do without you.
God can't do without you.
The world can't do without you."

May you be blessed in your children as we are so richly blessed in you, Pauli, Galia and Ocean.

Love,
Your very proud parents

A Tribute on Rabbi Marc's 40th



Rabbi Marc Labowitz was born to be a rabbi.

Like his namesake, Rabbi Mordechai Rabinovitch of Baltimore, Z'l, his grandfather Rabbi Herschel Leibowitz Z'L, and his parents Rabbis Shoni and Phillip Labowitz, he brings the deepest spirit of Judaism and Torah to his life and his community.

Rabbi Marc is married to Paulina and is the proud father of Galia Nechama and Ocean Ayden.

Rabbi Marc brings his passionate expression of Judaism and his strong sense of social justice to the community. His deepest spiritual practice is to foster a world in which freedom, acceptance and love are the essence of all paths.

With his warmth and exuberance, he enhances the meaning in our lives with his personality, his depth of teaching and sharing, his love of Torah and Kaballah. When he sings and composes music with Paulina, those melodies lead congregants in exploring their spirituality in a manner that brings balance to their lives and freedom to their spirits.

Rabbi Marc is passionate about life and Judaism. His warm and caring approach to life attracts people from all corners of the community. With the help from the Holy One, we know that he will bring the sweetness of Torah and Judaism to our world so in need of Tikkun Olam. May he continue to be a guiding light for TAO for at least another 40 years.

Tribute to Rabbi Marc

followed by



performance

Located in the heart of downtown Ft. Lauderdale, in the historic McCrory building, Laffing Matterz is an intimate and luxurious 175-seat cabaret theater featuring a live, original, musical comedy revue spoofing current events – including politics, sports celebrities and social mores.

Program

Registration, Silent Auction
Welcome, Motzi, Dinner
Tribute to Rabbi Marc
Laffing Matterz Performance
Intermission
Show Finale
Silent Auction Winners



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This world is better
because of your love
and light.

Kim & Scott Rothstein
Gay & Harvey Rothstein
Lynn Shaffer
Bill Windell

Welcome to TAO

The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal



TAO was founded 22 years ago as a spiritual springboard for Jews and others in South Florida who felt unfulfilled with mainstream congregations. Many people who discover our lively Friday night services and loving community tell us they feel they have finally "come home."

We welcome people at all life's stages beliefs and faith traditions. Rooted in Torah, Kaballah and other traditional Jewish sources, we bring joy back into Judaism through dancing, drumming, chanting and other spiritually elevating activities. These activities along with meditation, rarely practiced, are part of Judaism since ancient times.

Geography is not destiny. Congregants drive from South Miami and Palm Beach for our uplifting services. Find your home with us. TAO offers many open-hearted programs:

Wisdom classes are open to all. Torah & Kabbalah classes offer personal growth and spiritual awakening. No Judaic knowledge is required. Through interpretive Torah readings, Rabbi Marc Labowitz inspires us to enhance and add meaning to our lives and relationships.

What is Jewish Renewal?

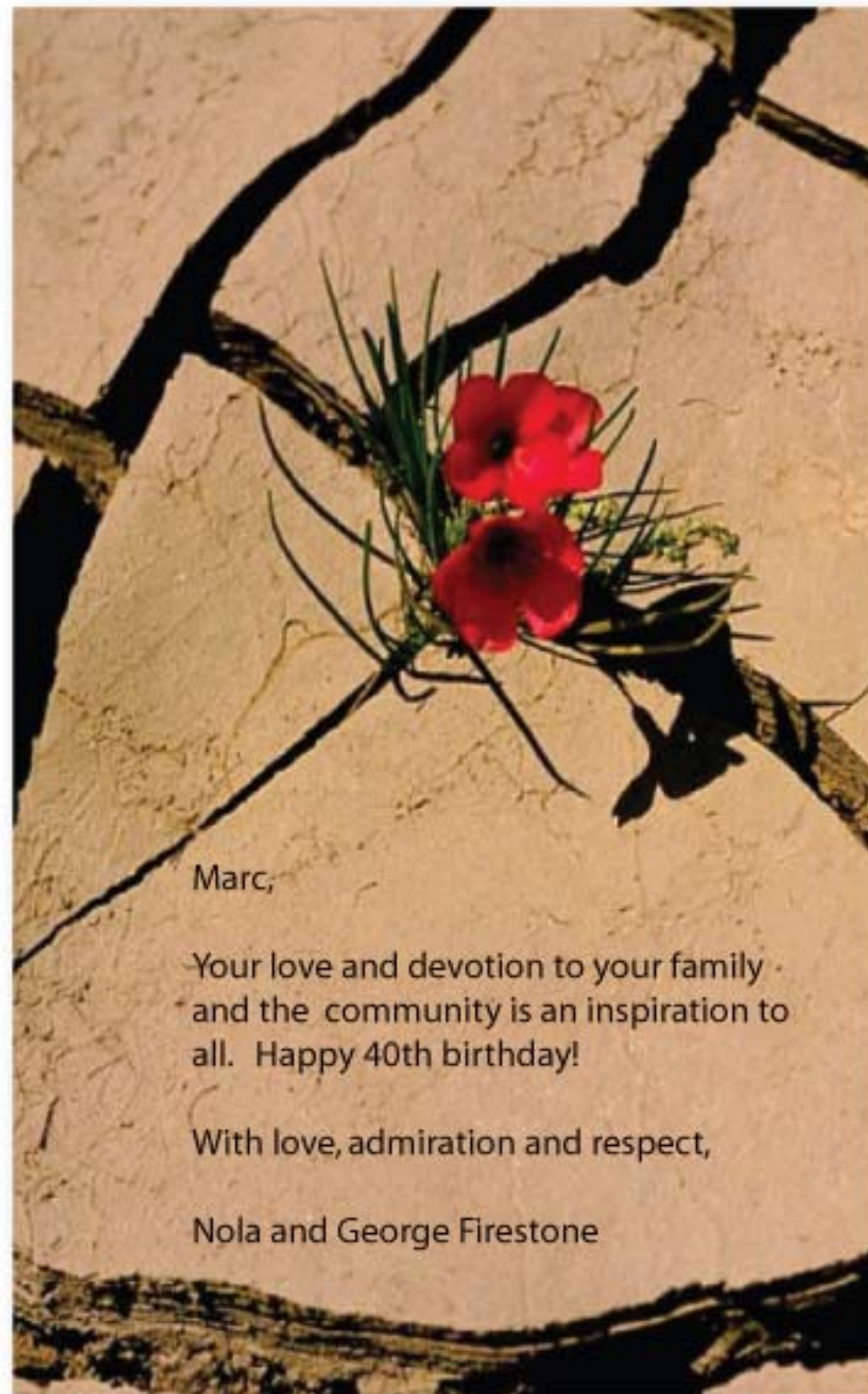
Jewish Renewal is non-denominational Judaism that emphasizes direct spiritual experience and mystical, Kabbalistic teachings.

While we seek to restore the spiritual vitality characteristics of the Hasidic movement of pre-war Europe, we believe that Judaism is an evolving religious civilization. This differentiates us from the Baal Tshuvah movement, which is Restorationist Judaism.

Women's & Men's Spirituality Groups create a sacred space to explore your life. The groups empower you through meditation, ritual, the healing power of breath work, movement, deep listening, experiential learning and sharing.

Havdallah Service & Social Evenings escort the Sabbath Bride and create a space for the Shabbos energy to move into your week.

We look forward to you joining our family.



Marc,

Your love and devotion to your family and the community is an inspiration to all. Happy 40th birthday!

With love, admiration and respect,

Nola and George Firestone

Tributes to Rabbi Marc

Bless you to teach us joyful Shlomo connections! - Adam & Pearl
Happy Birthday. We love you - The Abbott Family
May you be blessed as you bless others - Cindy & Hugh Beckman
Thank you for being there for us - Lynn & Les Berger
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Gerald & Eliana Block
Mazel Tov to a gentle, sweet, inspirational man - Bonnie Bloom
Thanks for tracking me down to pray with me - Elaine Bloom
The Very Best for a Super Year - Cathy Fleder Bowers
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Jacob Brodski
40 ways to wish your Rabbi a Happy Birthday - Love, Penny & Family
I am humbled by your holy light - Love, Phyllis Cohen
Thank you for your wonderful, constant support - Leila Cole
You're my transatlantic link to God - Love, Carole Constad
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Trudi DeGrazia
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Ron Deitelbaum
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Karen DelGuercio
You are fun and loving. I always love you - Pierre & Christina
Way to go, Marc - Stephen Barry Einbinder
It's been a pleasure studying with you - Rhonda & Nelson Faro
Thanks for everything. Mazel Tov! - Michelle & Lance Fein
How grateful that you've come to TAO - Love, Joyce Finn
We're very proud of you! We love you - Nola and George
Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc - Dora Fiser
Mazel Tov on 40 Great Years - Ken Fisher
Thank you for the love you share with my families - Rebekah Foley
You are the MAN: The Spiritual Man! - Love, The Frank Family
You have the wisdom of a 120-yr old in a 40-yr body - Kate Gemeiner
It is an honor to know & learn from you - Love, Annie Goldberg
Happy 40th, R' Marc. We love You! - Bob Singer & Liara Goldfield
Love, peace, bliss! - Sandy Goldman
Mazel tov on this milestone - Love, Lou & Bill Goldstein
Dear, holy friend, you are always an inspiration to me - Joyce Goobic
You bring us love, light and happiness - Nicole, Doug & Max Gotlin
You represent the immeasurables - Love, Sue & Ron Gotlin
Rabbi Marc, you are poetry - Judi Gulko
You bring light & love to all - With love, Renee & Michael
You're just getting started! Ad me'ah ve'esrim shanah! - Bob & Fleur
Friends for 35 years, continue to give us naches - Elaine & Leon Heller



In Loving Tribute of
a Long-Time Friend

Sharon Raddock

Tributes to Rabbi Marc

You are the snake charmer - Love Amichai and Shana Heppner
Good health, prosperity, peace & joy now and always - Carol Himmel

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Rochelle Horowitz

You are a divine spark of Hashem - Love Meryl & Mike Joblin
May love, joy and health be yours until 120 - Cindy & Raymond

Thank you for your friendship and concern - Dr. Selma Kahn

You create a calm shelter of peace and serenity- Keith Kander

Thanks Shoni & Phil for giving you to us - Adrian Sue and Phil

Sweet Rabbi, may you continue to light the world - Eleanor Kaye

Like Father and Mother, perpetuate the Tradition - Peter Keffner

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Marcy & John Kelly

Let your light continue to shine on us - Sandy King

Thank you for your friendship and loving spirit - Debbie Sue Kugelman

Many blessings on your birthday & beyond - The Kurtzmans

May you be blessed in your children as we are in you - Mom & Dad

May your strength and inspiration continue to lead us - Arik & Aliza

Thank you for being our light - With love and respect Ana & Lisa

Mazel Tov. Best wishes for a wonderful year - Debra Leibowitz

May you be showered in the reflection of your loving glow - Leight Family

A delight working with you on TAO: Together As One - Kathy Leonard

Joy and happiness today and always - The Levine & Polinsky families

To a leader and role model, congratulations - Love, Carol & Ed Lerner

Thank you for you love and inspiration - Heidi List

Have a Happy Birthday - With love, the Lofgrens and Skaroffs

Mazel Tov! You're the coolest Rabbi in town - Ynge & Herb

You light the path I yearn to travel, thanks for the journey - Love, Rivka

From your loving class of Melton - Judy, Lynn,

Susan, Joyce, Sandy, Berta, Rhonda, Harley and Nancy

Let life's celebrations continue - Carole & Michael McConnell

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Linda Miller

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Sandy & Jack Moldovan

Enjoy a blessed year. Happy Birthday - Love, Rose Moussa

Favorite cousin, we love and wish you well - Florence & Stephen

For all that you are and yet to become, we love you - The Perlmutter

With infinite joy, I call you My Rabbi, my teacher - Love, Miriam Perloth

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Honorable Gisele Pollack

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Rabbi & Mrs. Pressler

Happy Birthday , Rabbi Marc - Jean Pritchard

Fun loving brother!

At times you were Copland! Ah, I loved those drums!
Then George Benson, Ray Charles! You Love Jazz, and
The Police! We loved that Concert.

Elwood and Jake, that is you and me. It is one of the first
movies I saw with you. It was funny even though I didn't
understand the language. And how we watched *Saving
Silverman* together many times!! The best times were
when you pushed me in the pool!

You are fun and loving. Stay that way after 40. That is
you, my brother, and I always love you back.

Pierre

Rabbi Marc, we are so blessed to be among your family and
friends honoring you upon the occasion of your 40th
birthday. I clearly recall sitting around Reb Shoni's dining
room table with the original Torah study group, and confer-
encing you in on speaker from Arizona. You may have been
a student yourself back then, but we were getting a glimpse
of the brilliant teacher you were to become. Your wisdom
and insight moved us all. You continue to open my mind to
new ways of thinking, and challenge me to step fully into my
being. **Thank you** for the gift of the moon. **Thank you** for
every opportunity you have given me to discover and reveal
what lies within. **Thank you** for the holy task of helping to
care for Galia and Ocean. I look forward to learning and
growing with you until we are both very old and gray.
Wishing you a very happy birthday, and many more
occasions to celebrate together.

All our love, Dr. Lisa, Dr. Doug, Jenny, Amy and Alyssa




Rav Brachot -

Many blessings
to our Brother
Marc!

May your
strength and
inspiration
continue to lead
us all to the
deepest depths
of Torah and the
highest heights
of the soul.

We love you so
much,

Arik and Aliza



Tributes to Rabbi Marc

You are our spiritual
lighthouse
- Love, The Rodermans

You bring light to brighten the
world - Bubby Grandma
Florence & Andy

Best Wishes - Kim, Scott
Gay and Harvey Rothstein,
Lynn Shaffer, Bill Windell

We are thrilled to celebrate
your joy as you celebrate
ours - Love, Jenae

Mazel tov. Love your
"jewel" - Karen Rosenfeld

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc
- Joan Rosenwasser

Siman Tov! Mazel Tov!
Happy 40th!
- Love, Dee & Lee

Best Wishes
- Phyllis Sandler, Robin
Rubin, Andrea Schnurmacher

My sincerest wishes for a
remarkable life
- Bob Schwartz, MD


Oh, to be in this world but
not of it!
- Love, Norma Seegal

You are my Rabbi, my
friend, my brother and my
son - David Serfaty

Happy Birthday!
- Rabbi Larry Schuval

Warm, loving birthday
wishes - Love, Marti
Sinnreich & Elyn Zerfas


We are all enriched by you
- Love, Shirley Shelpan



Rabbi Marc,

May the most
that you want
be the least
that you get.

We love you,
Dee and Lee



Rabbi Marc,

I'm not the only one
who struggles to find
words sweet enough
to tell you how
important you are to
us - individually and
collectively. I strive
to acquire the Love
you so willingly share
and so freely see.
Thank you for this,
and many other, gifts.

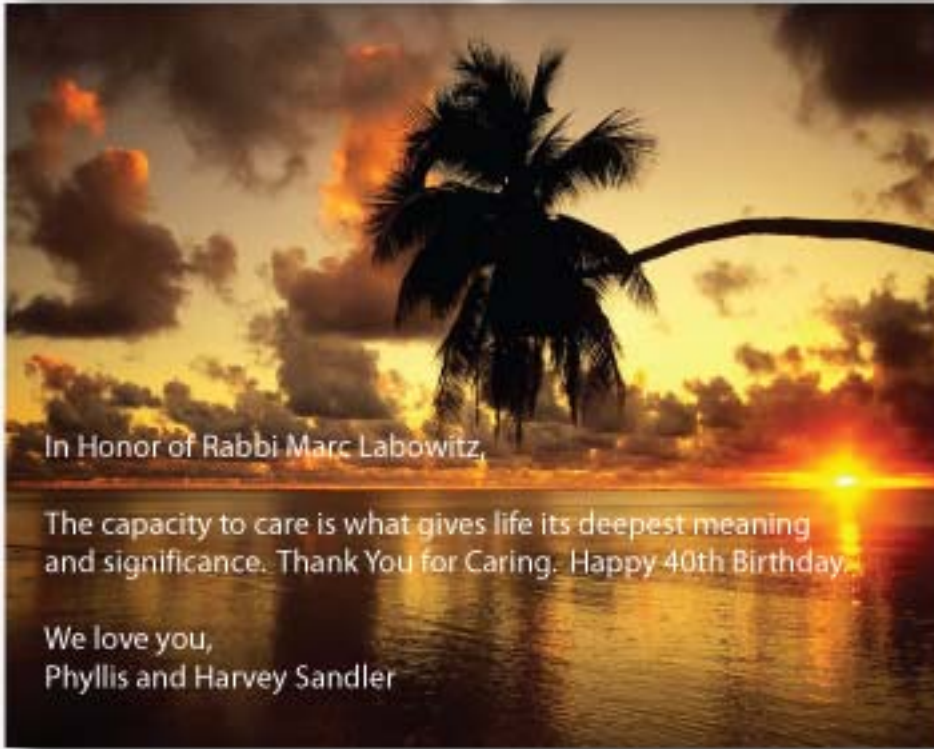
Love, Jenae



Rabbi Marc,

There are stars in heaven,
There are stars on earth,
You, the star in our lives,
bring light to brighten
the world.

Your Psychedelic
Grandma Florence & Andy Leeds



In Honor of Rabbi Marc Labowitz,

The capacity to care is what gives life its deepest meaning
and significance. Thank You for Caring. Happy 40th Birthday.

We love you,
Phyllis and Harvey Sandler

Rabbi Marc,

May you
continue to
be blessed as
you bless
others.

With love and
gratitude,

Cindy & Hugh
Beckman

Tributes to Rabbi Marc

We love your endless quest to
dwell on the good
- The Sherman Family

You are a light unto all who
meet you
- Kuren Tina Sheskin

Congratulations on this
grand occasion
- Tina & Gary Silverstein

You are truly an inspiration.
Mazel Tov to you and your
family - Love, Helen Skinner

Thanks for your love and
support - Doris Sobel

You're a beacon of light that
guides and illuminates our
paths - Gilbert Squires

Mazel Tov on sharing this
milestone birthday with us
- Iris Susser

You bring us knowledge,
love & wonderful spirit
- Marcia Sweedler

Many, many, many happy
birthdays - Lisa Taylor

Your bright light heralds
hope & faith - Rochelle &
Charles Tishler

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Marc
- Shirley Ullman

If life begins at 40, birthday
wishes for the new you
- Robin & Gabe Waldman

You show us how to live in
joy and completeness - Love,
Carrie & A.J. Wasserman

Wishes for many happy,
healthy birthdays - Lyanne
and Barton Wasserman

Silent Auction

Bid on fabulous auction items...

Two "Founders" tickets to a Marlins
Game, in second row behind Marlins
dugout! Donated by Linda & Jeff
Weissman. Value: \$206

Gorgeous Brazilian necklace donated
by Anne Goldberg. Double strand of
Sodalite, polished nuggets 18k gold
beads, finished with custom 18k gold
& natural clear Quartz clasp. Retail
value: \$800

Two passes to Flamingo Gardens.

Mini makeover (with Shaun Gannon of
www.WildOnStyle.com) includes: style
assessment, trend forecast, two outfits,
shopping, coordinating, returns
(clothing not included). Value: \$500

\$100 gift certificate to Salon Majik
(apply toward any service). Thanks to
Mariam Gonzalez.

One hour session with Dr. Richard Hey,
life and business coach for couples,
individuals, families, groups, and
businesses. Value: \$150

Basket donated by Heidi List from
WineCountryGiftBaskets.com.

\$50 Contour Day gift certificate
donated by Penny.

Sterling silver necklace and earrings
with Austrian Swarovski crystals by
Designs by Fleur. Value: \$95

One hour session with Rose Moussa,
Life Coach. Live in gratitude and bliss.
Realize joyful success in your
undertakings. Value: \$100

NOTE: Additional items may have been
donated after this book was printed.

Dear Rabbi Marc,

A Spiritual Leader is one who
guides or inspires others in
religious or sacred affairs. You are
a spiritual leader - the epitome of
loving kindness, tolerance,
generosity, humor & wisdom. Thank
you for making Judaism relevant, for
breathing new life into TAO and for
giving of yourself so generously.
And thank you for being a powerful
influence in my life. I am the best
version of myself in large part
because of you. I wish you a lifetime
of happy birthdays & pray that I am
here to share them all with you and
your wonderful family.

With love and gratitude
Annie

Our families have known each other
a long, long time. Our memories go
back to when you were a very young
child at Temple Beth Israel, standing
on the bimah tugging your dad's tallis.
Then onto your Bar Mitzvah and the
teen-age years. You became an
entrepreneur, and before we knew it,
you were a strong young man, soon a
Husband and Father embellishing the
best traits of your Mom and Dad.

You now come full circle back to your
roots and become our Rabbi!

Happy 40th. We must say how proud
we are of all your accomplishments,
and pray the best is yet to come.

We love you.
Lou & Bill

Rabbi Marc,

You bring happiness,
joy & wisdom to your
family and community.
Celebrate your life to
the fullest.

To a sincere leader and
role model for future
generations.

Congratulations!

Love,
Dianne & Nolan Lerner

*Inspirational
rabbi, friend and
human being...*

*Happy 40th
Rabbi Marc*

Myrna Wolf

Tributes to Rabbi Marc

Happy Birthday - Drs. Lisa
& Doug Weiner, Carol &
Milton Sirota

The first 100 years are good;
the second are incredible!
Mazel Tov - Arnie Welber

We wish you Happy Birthday.
Can we have an Omeyn!
- Ethelind & Rene

With much love and hugs,
Happy Birthday
- Janice Weintraub

Happy Birthday , Rabbi
Marc - Cynthia & Paul Weiss

May you go from strength to
strength! - Love, Linda and
Jeff Weissman

May you be inspired by faith,
love and angels
- Carolyn Whiteman

Sweet Rabbi, to know you is
to love you - Myrna Wolf

In this Book of Life chapter,
continued love and peace
- Irene Yovu & Shelly Straus

*We love
you
Rabbi
Marc!*

Thousands of
candles can
be lit from
one light.
Thank you for
being our light.

With love and
respect,
Ana & Lisa



*To my Spiritual Advisor, Friend
and Mentor Rabbi Marc,*

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY!

*We are truly blessed to have you
as our Rabbi at Adath Or.*

*Love, Light, and a long and
happy life. Patti Halprin*

Thank You for your
friendship and concern for
me and my family.

Love,
Dr. Selma Kahn

To my holy friend,
Rabbi Marc,

Best wishes from
Rabbi Bernie and
Honey Pressler

**Your Wisdom
Classes help me
understand myself.**

**Your teachings lift
my Spirit.**

Sandy King

Rabbi Marc,

Thank you
for bringing
Oleh Regel to
Temple Adath Or.

Linda & Jeffrey
Weissman

You are just
getting started!

Ad me'ah
ve'esrim shanah!

Bob & Fleur Heaton

Mazel
Tov!

Your friends at
Lakeside
Memorial Park
and
Menorah
Gardens
Funeral Homes

Marc,

My best wishes to you
and the extended
Labowitz family.
Like father and mother,
like son. Keep and
perpetuate the Tradition.

Peter Kellner

Tribute Chairpeople

Penny Cheever • Sandy Goldman

Committee

Annie Goldberg
Sue Gotlin
Bob Heaton
Sandy King
Rabbis Shoni & Phillip
Rivka Maiden
Karen Rosenfeld
Jenae Rubin
Dee Sacks
Karen Tina Sheskin
Rochelle Tischler
Myrna Wolf
Elyn Zerfas

Special Thanks

To Dee Sacks and Renee Greene.
Without them this keepsake would be
typo-city, and who knows what else
would have been wrong!

To Myrna Wolf for co-ordinating the
Telephone Committee. Without this
vital component, this event would
not have been as successful.

And to Jenae Rubin for this beautiful
keepsake directory and marketing
efforts.

We are blessed with their loving care
and energy. Thank you, thank you,
thank you for every thing you do.

Dear Marc,

We know the last thing you need as
you approach 40 is a subtle
reminder of your mortality.
According to your (loving) family,
not only do you not look any older
or sound any older, but you don't
act any older either; and hopefully
you won't for a very long time. We
feel honored to know you and to
share this special milestone with
you. It's obvious to us your zest for
life is governed by your generosity,
gratitude, enthusiasm and endless
quest to discover and dwell on the
good in others. We wish you the
happiest and healthiest birthday to
date and many more to follow.

With all of our love, Sissi & Bob
Sherman & Family

Marc,

Happy Birthday.
Can we have an Omeyn!

Ethelind & Rene

Rabbi Marc, your and
Paulina's dedication
shine over our
community.

Congratulations on your
40th Birthday


SPECTRACARE
and Sedra Family


To my dear friend Rabbi Marc Labowitz,

I have had the good fortune in my life to
know many people. There are people one
meets in life who are exceptional and
help change perspective and outlook
forever. Marc, you are one of these
remarkable individuals whose wonderful
humanistic qualities, spiritual connection,
dedication to your life's work as a Rabbi
are unique.

You were there for me during a most
difficult passage in my life, and I will
always be tremendously grateful. Out of
our "chance" meeting, we found a
friendship I hope will last forever. Your
Karmic connection always leads you in
the right direction; trust your instincts.

My sincerest wishes on this celebration of
a remarkable life and the expectation you
will bring great joy, wisdom and
leadership in the future.

Bob Schwartz M.D.



Rabbi,
Leader,
Teacher,
Husband,
Father,
Son,
Friend...

Dear Rabbi Marc,

For all that you are and
all that you are yet to become...

Thank you for your guidance,
your support and your love.
Happy 40th Birthday!

With love,
The Perlmutter Family