

**TAO**  
The South Florida  
Center for  
Jewish Renewal  
honors  
Rabbi  
Phillip  
Labowitz  
on his  
70th birthday  
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## Tribute to Rabbi Phil

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Rabbi Phil's open and loving heart  
touches us and so many others.  
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deeds, including those yet to be.



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your spirit. You  
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your divine voice . . .  
and your warm,  
engulfing hugs!*

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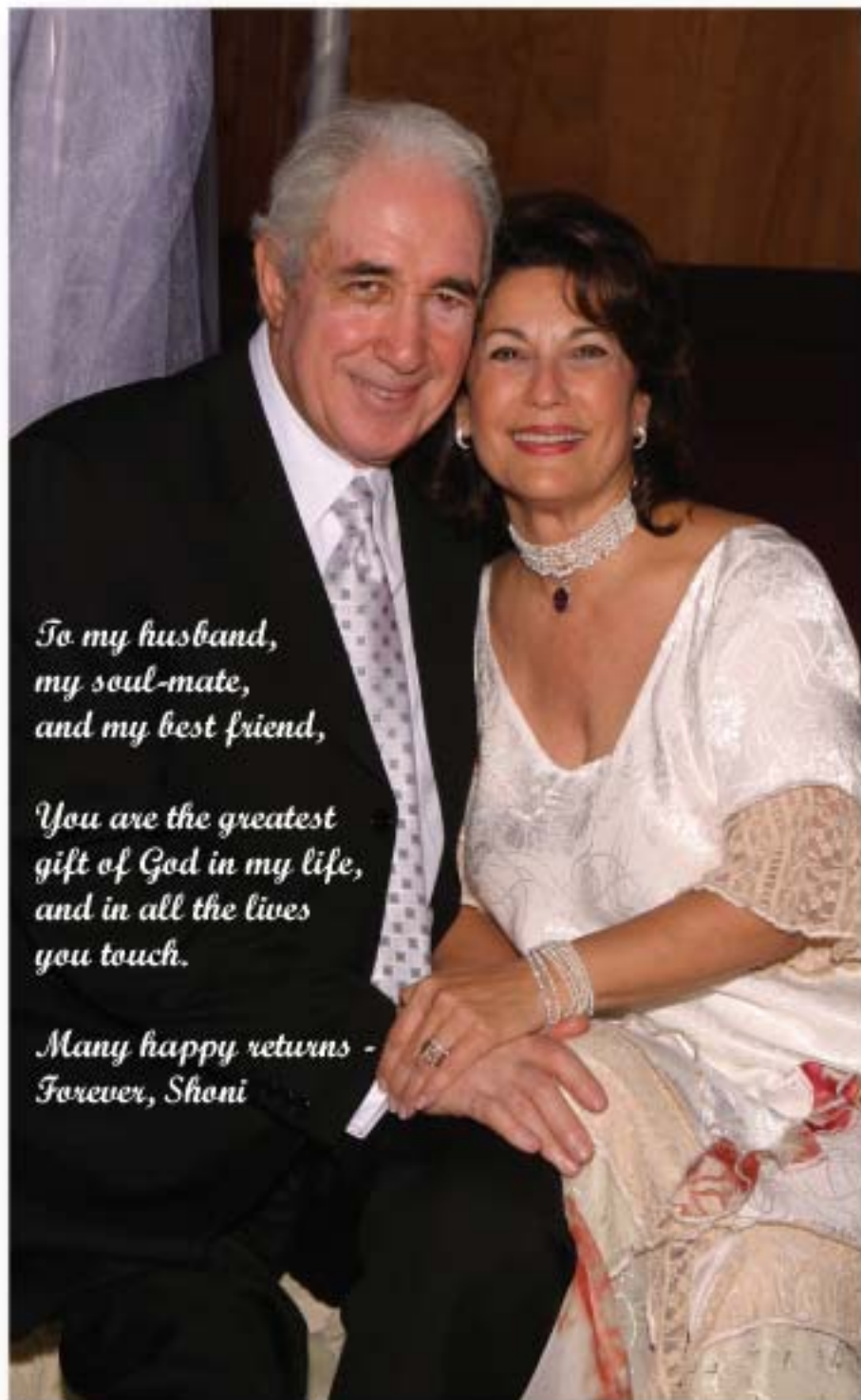


Joyfully honoring  
our dear, special  
friend, Rabbi Phil,  
on his 70th.

To Life!  
To Love!

*Paul & Lynn  
& Kinderlach*

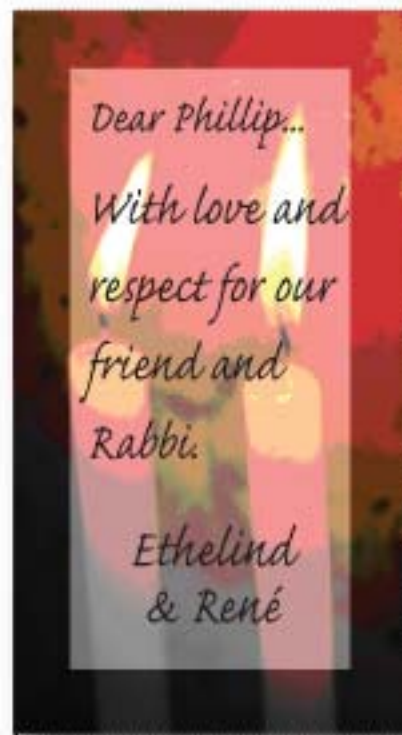




*To my husband,  
my soul-mate,  
and my best friend,*

*You are the greatest  
gift of God in my life,  
and in all the lives  
you touch.*

*Many happy returns -  
Forever, Shoni*



*Dear Phillip...  
With love and  
respect for our  
friend and  
Rabbi.*

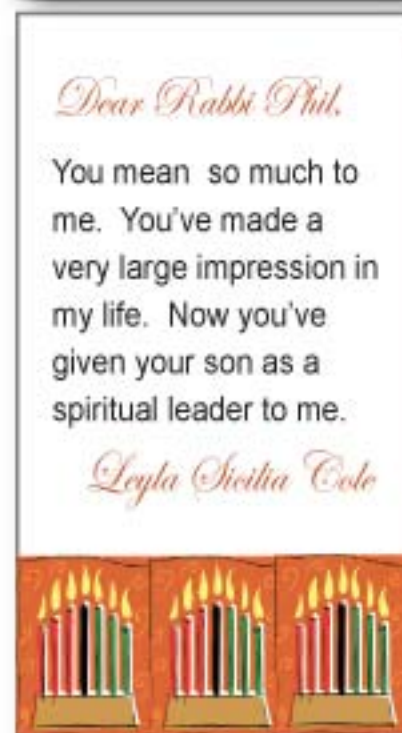
*Ethelind  
& René*



Rabbi Phil

We  
Celebrate  
You

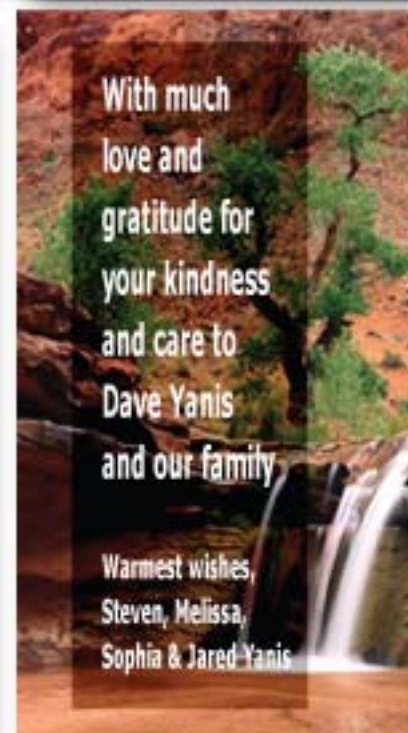
Love, Alan & Ann Kurtzman



*Dear Rabbi Phil,*

You mean so much to  
me. You've made a  
very large impression in  
my life. Now you've  
given your son as a  
spiritual leader to me.

*Loyla Sicilia Cole*



With much  
love and  
gratitude for  
your kindness  
and care to  
Dave Yanis  
and our family

Warmest wishes,  
Steven, Melissa,  
Sophia & Jared Yanis

## We long for the look in our Phillip's eyes



We long for nothing more from our friend  
Than to see his smile lines and his crow's feet bend.

But what he gives is so much more...  
His love, his service and his presence adorn.

Beneath his eyes an impassioned grin,  
His easy laugh and his holy whim.

God calls to him and he responds,  
And hearts around him are carried with his song.

It is consoling in grieving times,  
The concern the bereaved find when looking into these eyes.

Phillip's comforting words, his wisdom and patience  
Are his eager tools and our inspiration.

It is not understated to say Phillip is kind  
For goodness and sweetness befriend such a mind.

He overshadows none  
Yet leaves none behind.

Phillip's eyes would be fortune enough though  
They are accompanied by his voice, perfectly soothing and low.

He is what he gives, an expansive embrace...  
Warm with allure and tender with strength.

Community praise follows Phillip to no end.  
"We love this Rabbi... this Mentor... this Man."

We long for the look in our Phillip's eyes.  
We love you Father till eternity sighs.

*Your Loving Children & Grandchildren*

## Tributes to Rabbi Phil

Loving congratulations from our late, beloved R' Morris – Lori Gordon & the PAIRS  
Mazel Tov to Rabbi Phil Labowitz on your 70th – James Gordon

You are the true definition of the word "Mensch" – Susan & Ron Gotlin

Thanks for sharing your love, light and life with us all – Love you, Renee Greene

Thank you for the light you bring into our lives – Wilma Greenfield & Ken Moore

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Phil – Donna & Barry Grubman

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Phil – Lynn & Tom Gustafson

God bless the man who married us both times. We love you – Patti & Rob Halprin

70 years young can be far more cheerful than 40 years old – Leon & Elaine Heller

Love, hugs, and best wishes always – Amichai & Shana Heppner

From your friends at I.J. Morris Riverside & Menorah Funeral Homes

Happy Birthday to a wonderful man – Hilary Israch

You are a special person who is always there for us – Arlene & Irwin Issacs

Thanks for the best wedding ever – Adrian Sue and Phil Kasen

To Rabbi Phil, my beautiful Man, my Brother, my Rabbi – Paul Kay & Family

It is an awesome honor and privilege to know and to love you – Eleanor Kaye

You celebrated our life with us – With love, Karen, Ron & Hara Kaye-Lowther

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Peter Kellner

A truly loving human being – Sylvia, Jack, Alanna, Nedra & Marla Kopkin

You are a blessing in our lives – With love and appreciation, Susan & Kenny

Long life To Rabbi Phil who has blessed our lives – Elaine & Dick Lampi

We're blessed you are our Rabbi – Love, Gary Landau, Meryl Davids & Family

Anyone who has you as a friend should consider themselves lucky – Norma Lee

Happy 70th birthday! – David Leibowitz

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Lewis Leight

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Ahava Leiner

Deep gratitude for your beautiful voice, wonderful hugs & loving spirit – Kathy Leonard

We love you! Best wishes – Dianne & Nolan Lerner

Bless your warm heart and delicious hugs – With love, Carol & Ed Lerner

Thank you for being there with your love and hugs – Judy Levine & Family

Thank you for all your love and blessings in my life – Always, Heidi

I love you! – Ynge I love you too! – Herb

You bring light and love – Carole & Michael McConnell & Jules Hochman

Mazel Tov! – Your friends at Menorah Gardens

May you be happy, healthy and shine until 120 – Cindy & Raymond Michael

Happy 70th from two of your first Florida congregants – Joan and Ron Mishkin

You make the good wonderful and the bad tolerable – Roberta & Harvey Parker

## *Tributes to Rabbi Phil*

Celebrating your birthday is celebrating you! – Myriam Abbott

You mean more than words say – Love, Jodi, Neal, Michael & Jordan Aronson

With love, respect and enjoyment of singing with you – Adam & Pearl Atkin

To a loving Rabbi – Doris Baker

Mazel Tov! Many more healthy years with Shoni – Love, Shirley Bakun-Ullman

From your music at Kripalu to now, I treasure you, my guide – Cindy Beckman

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Lynn & Les Berger

Thank you for all the wonderful support! – Love, Elaine & Larry Bloom

Wishing you many more fruitful years of good health – Jacob & Harvey Brodzki

We love you! Mazel Tov – Michele & Robert Chandler

You are a Prince amongst men & a blessing in our lives – Cheyenne & Arthur

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Jane & Stan Cohen

Thank you for bringing Jewish Spirituality back into my life – Dr. Jules Cohen

Thank you for always being there – Love, light & blessings, Carol "Parvatl" Cohen

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Steven, Bonnie, Norma & Harold Cohen

Our Love Always – Cara, Phil and the boys

You're the reason half my life is in America – Love, Carole Constad

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Michelle Dysch

Happy 70th birthday, sweet Rebbilah Phil – Stephen Einbinder

To a great spiritual leader. All the very best on your 70th – Lou Eliesen

Your life is a spiritual example to those who know and love you – Louise & Libo

You are the best... my inspiration... Happy birthday! – Joyce Finn

You give your time, essence and love to all you meet – Love, Nola and George

Thanks for being in our lives – Doris Fiser & Luis Morales

You are a warm, caring Rabbi. Thanks and Mazel Tov! – Warmly, Michael Fish

Rabbi Phil, may you have 70 more birthdays! – Howard C. Forman

You are the BIG CHIEF! We love and appreciate you – The Frank Family

Happy Birthday, Rabbi Phil – Ruth Frank

Long life, health & happiness – With love, Fred Galland & Ann Dee Gruber

So happy to celebrate you, old friend, soul brother, spirit nurturer – Annie Garfield

You light up and hug me as if I were the only one in the room – Kate GeMeiner

May your light shine on us for many years – Anne, Jake & Robbie Goldberg

To the "Piped Piper" of our Temple Youth in PA! – Melvin & Seena Goldberg

Dearest Rabbi, you are a great inspiration to me – Love, Shirley Goldberg

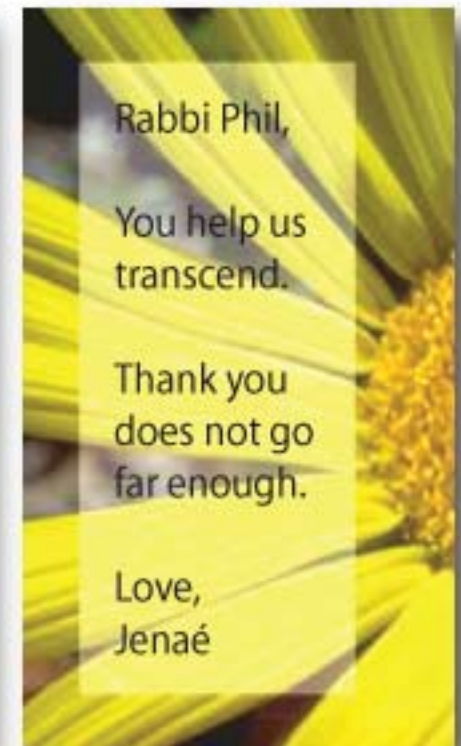
Mazel Tov to a good friend – With love, Lou & Bill Goldstein

To a great Rabbi on his 70th birthday – Love, Emma Goodman



We wish you all  
that you wish for  
yourself and more

Love,  
Dee & Lee Sacks



Rabbi Phil,  
You help us  
transcend.

Thank you  
does not go  
far enough.

Love,  
Jenaé

Dear Dad, There is nothing left to be said on your  
Tribute, as I am sure everyone has already said it.  
There are just a few things I would like to whisper...

- You are the biggest source of our strength.
- You are an angel sent from heaven.
- You were always there to solve our innumerable mathematics and science problems (life) and explain the same formula a hundred times, or better, until it is understood by us.

We are blessed and fortunate,  
and we love you ad infinitum. Christine & Pierre

## Welcome to TAO

The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal



TAO was founded 24 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 emphasizing direct spiritual experience and mystical/Kabbalistic teachings. Jewish Renewal is sometimes referred to as Neo-Hasidic or Four Worlds Judaism. 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 we refer to as Restorationist.

**Religious School** for children (and their parents if they desire).

**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.



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The capacity to care is what gives light its deepest meaning and significance.

Phyllis & Harvey Sandler

## *A Tribute to Rabbi Phil's 70th*



Rabbi Phillip Labowitz has been serving the Jewish Community of Fort Lauderdale since 1973. He has the honor of having one of the longest tenures of Rabbinic Leadership in Broward County. His many community involvements include serving on the Boards for Overseers of Broward Community College, Jewish Family Service, and the Jewish Federation.

Setting the tone for the new millennium, Rabbi Phil began his distinguished career in 1962 with his ordination from the Ner Israel Rabbinical College. He led congregations in the Northeast and in South Florida. Since 1972, people from every walk of life in Ft. Lauderdale have been inspired by his presence. Valuing the need for intensive Jewish education, Rabbi Phil was instrumental as one of the founders of the David Posnack Hebrew Day School.

In 1992, he and his wife and soul mate Rabbi Shoni embarked upon a new path, spreading the joyful spirit of Jewish Renewal with Temple Adath Or, known today as TAO, The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal. This labor of love helped the Jewish community of South Florida discover that Judaism can provide the spiritual sustenance we crave. From impromptu Shabbat services in their living room, TAO grew to a 250 member congregation. At TAO's Shabbat services, members of South Florida's Jewish "family" find themselves "coming home."

Today, Rabbi Phillip continues to be the same loving, gracious, and approachable soul he was when he began his rabbinical journey in 1961. He counts among his many blessings his sons, Pierre, Rabbi Marc and Rabbi Arik, who, inspired by their special parents, have chosen to emulate their pathways in life.

We are blessed to have Rabbi Phil as one of our two outstanding spiritual guides.

## *Tributes to Rabbi Phil*

May life unfold love, health, peace – Joan Rosenwasser & Dr. G. Norensberg

Happy Birthday – Love, Sonnie Novick, Sondra & Mark Knight

Wishing you love, light and friendship forever – Roz & Bob Perlmutter & Family

Good health, great joy, for a truly beautiful soul – Love, Miriam & Mort

You are a bright, shining light. To a healthy, happy life – Love, Rachel Rose

Rabbi Phillip, you are an artist of the heart – Florence Ross & Andrew Leeds

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Oliver & Jocelyn Ross

Our Rabbi, our Friend, continue to share your love and hugs – Dee & Lee Sacks

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Fania Sadovnik

Peace and blessings to our dear friend – Reb Larry & Ingrid

Happy birthday and Mazel Tov – Robert Schwartz

Happiness for all you are, all you do. May God bless you – The Schwartzbergs

Much health and happiness on this special day – Stan, Carol & Traci

To an extraordinary Rabbi and human being – Love, Rhonda Shapiro

Your friendship, music and prayers enrich my life – Love, Shirley Shelpman

You are a friend, mentor, angelic supporter and hugmaster – Gilbert Squires

Thank you for your inspiration and confidence in me – Cantor Marsha & David

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Sherry & David Steinberg

With love and appreciation – Marcia Sweedler

With all our love to a very special man – Charles & Rochelle Tischler

Happy birthday, Rabbi Phil – Lester Turchin & Pavlos Papadopoulos

God has bestowed many blessings upon us; you are one – Fran & Dan Ware Words

cannot express how you touched my heart and soul – Dr. Lisa Weiner

For all that you are and do, happy birthday, Rabbi – Janice Weintraub

For he and I, it has been a good 33 years. I love you – Marvin Weiss

The first 100 years are good and the second are phenomenal! – Arnie Welber

To God's gift to the world, we love you – Irene Yovu & Eddy Pieroni

Happy birthday and a group hug – Love, Elyn & Marti

Our heartfelt thanks for your loving, inspiring presence – Judy & Bob Zucker

## *Friends*

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Francine & Joe Gross • Evelyn Gross-Brein • Debbie Kugelman

Margo Mintzer • Lisa Taylor • Bob Singer • Carol & Milton Sirota

Flo Williams • Norman Williams • Paul & Michele Zacks

Rabbi Phil...  
*Leading  
By  
Example*

You are a  
fountain of  
knowledge,  
wisdom,  
inspiration  
and love.

You are truly a  
blessing in  
our lives!

With love,  
Jeff & Linda Weissman  
and family

*My love and  
respect to the  
"Hug-meister" of TAO  
on his 70th birthday*

*Myrna Wolf*



**Rabbi Phil,  
You have  
been an  
angel to me  
and my family.**

**Judith Gulko**

**Happy Birthday**

Love, Family, Serenity, Health  
Friends, Thanks, Cheer, Joy  
Laughter, Hope, Peace

**Happy Everything**

Tina & Gary Silverstein

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Jenaé Rubin



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## *Special Thanks*

To Dee Sacks for without her this keepsake would be typo-city, and who knows what else would have been wrong! To Myrna Wolf for co-ordinating the Marketing Committee. Without this vital component, this event would not have been as successful. We are blessed with their loving, care and energy. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you do.



## *Tributes to Rabbi Phil*

*Congratulations! We love you, Rabbi – Alisa, Allan, Jeffrey, Robert, Casey & Amy Farber*

*Thank you for being a true inspiration. You touch many lives. – Linda Raybin*

*Thank you for your contributions in my life, Broward and TAO – Judge Gisele Pollack*

*You open hearts better than anyone we know – In love and friendship, Marcy & John Kelly*

*Friends*

*Rachel Levy*

*We love you,  
Rabbi Phil*

**Congratulations  
on your 70th birthday.**

**We wish you many more  
Happy & Healthy Birthdays  
to come.**

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*This world is better  
because of your  
love and light.*

*Sharon Raddock*