

# TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

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# SHALOM AND WELCOME



## Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to  
Schedule  
January 3, 2008

Dear Jenae,

### New This Week. . .

**The January Rosh Chodesh is open to all TAO members . . .** men and women. This Rosh Chodesh is the first new moon of the year. We look forward to the union of our male and female TAO members joining us for this special gathering. See article below for location.

**Register for Rabbi Marc's 40th Tribute** at Laffing Matterz. We sold out for Rabbi Phil's Tribute last year, so don't delay, sign up today! Date: March 2, 2008. Details below.

### Please help. . .

**Please chair our P.R. Committee.** Call Myrna Wolf to volunteer or for answers to questions: (954) 370-4528 or [MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net](mailto:MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net)

Help us delete this item from our weekly newsletter! **We need a volunteer to take three non-functioning copiers** (fairly large) to the dump. Call the office 954-252-

### Welcome to TAO

At TAO, you find joy, meaning & purpose to life. We identify universal truths rooted in Torah, Kabbalah and other traditional Jewish sources and draw deeply on our inner truths, communal wisdom and spiritual traditions in accordance with the ongoing process of the living Torah.

Meditation, dance, chanting, song and music, present in Judaism throughout the ages, is an integral part of our services.

Join us and embark on a spiritual journey into your Jewish soul!

### Healing Prayers

The following people may need help remembering that they are whole and healthy. Please, whenever you are with them and whenever you think about them... see them as whole and perfect.

Sandy Alexander, Wayne Andrew, Marlene Berk, Carole Constad, Michael Corpuel, Evelyn Gold, Elda Himelblau, Paul Kaye, Kathy Leonard, Sonya Maiden, Phyllis Tess, Edward Seitz, Peter Alan Weiner, Leonard Weiss (Yehuda ben Chana), Yitzchak Ben Rachel Yisraelit, Brianna Dalnas, Myrna Greissman, Stan Harris, Paul Weiss, Michael Wittmer and Elyn Zerfas.

Please contact the office with requests for additions to the Healing Prayers and

1313 to help.

**We are searching for new office space** in close proximity to Hiatus and 595 in Davie. If you have 3-4 rooms you are willing to lease to TAO, please let us know.

## In the next 2 weeks. . .

**Details for TAO events are below.**

Jan 04 - Shabbos Service

Jan 05 - Spirit at Sea deposit due - [Register](#)

Jan 07 - Wisdom Class

Jan 09 - Women's Rosh Chodesh

Jan 15 - Women's Spirituality Group

Jan 18 - Interfaith TAO Service

Feb 10 - Holocaust Video

[Print](#) a copy of the TAO calendar, and post it on your refrigerator.

## For your information...

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**Jan 02 - Noon Kabbalah Class**

Condolences lists. We respect your desire to privacy and will only list with your permission.

## Welcome New Members

Keith Kander

## Oneg Sponsors

Please sponsor a Friday Shabbos or Saturday Shabbat Oneg, contact Renee or Dee at 954-252-1313.

## Heart to Heart



Share what's in your heart: simchas, gratitude, love, appreciation, life events. This is a sacred space where we give each other the gift of our words. \$18 donation per listing. [Share your heart.](#)



View [pictures](#) of Rhythm & Jews.

View [pictures](#) of Ocean Labowitz's bris and baby naming.

View [pictures](#) of the July 4 picnic & drumming circle.

View [pictures](#) and read about November 10 Rosh Chodesh Campfire.

## Upcoming TAO Events

**February 10, 2008**

Holocaust Video

**March 2, 2008**

Rabbi Marc's 40th Birthday Tribute at Laffing Matterz

**May 16 - 18, 2008**

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**Jan 2 - Noon Kabbalah Class**

**Noon - 1:30pm**

**Note:** Classes have moved to Wednesday through January 23

Once again, Rabbi Marc is leading a 13-week Kabbalah Class. Same curriculum as Monday night classes. You may also participate in Monday

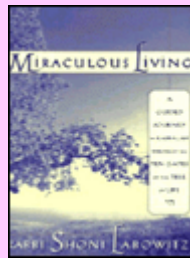
Second Annual TAO Spirit At Sea Cruise [Read about last year's cruise](#)

## Great Books



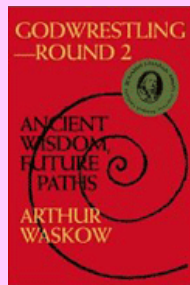
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**Miraculous Living**, by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz.

*Miraculous Living* draws on the teachings of the Kabbalah including intention, wisdom, understanding, compassion, strength, harmony, success, glory, creativity, and nobility. Meditations are included in each chapter. For more details and to order, click [here](#).



**Godwrestling, Round 2: Ancient Wisdom, Future Paths**

by R. Arthur Waskow.  
This is a chronicle of the history of Jewish Renewal.

Buy *God Wrestling-Round 2* through the Amazon link in paragraph below (and in the left column on every page of our website, [www.TAOcenter.net](http://www.TAOcenter.net)), and TAO receives a portion of every sale.

## Ongoing TAO Programs

### Affiliate Relationships

When you buy through the ads in our newsletter or the ones on the TAO home or links pages, TAO receives a donation for every purchase you make. It's an easy way to give,

night classes by telephone and/or listen to the recordings (via internet) any time you wish. See Wisdom Class article to register.

**Location:** Melton, North Miami Beach

Call to register: 305-576-5030 ext 121.

## Jan 4 - Shabbos Service



**Bring a friend,  
your children and  
grandchildren.**  
*Share the joy.*

In our sacred services, you will feel a sense of belonging to a committed and

loving group.

**Services:** First & Third Fridays · Fourth Saturday

### Friday Night Services

7:10 - Cantorial Chants

7:30 - Services Begin

Please help set up and break down. You may just show up (at about 6:30pm) or contact the office (954-252-1313) for details or to advise us of your wish to help. Thanks for this mitzvah.

### Upcoming Services

Schedule these dates in your calendar:

**2008**

Jan 18 ( TAO Interfaith Service -

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### Tree of Life

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### Cartridges for kids

Please save your used printer and fax cartridges, cell phones, laptops, and pda's. Bring them to services or the TAO office. You will help save the environment and raise much needed funds.

If you own or work at a business that is willing to help collect these items, contact Renee at the office. We will arrange for pick-ups at businesses throughout Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Thank you for helping.

### TAO Networking...

"Meditation Matters"- Jewish  
& Buddhist Perspectives)

Feb 1 and 15  
Mar 7 and 21  
Apr 4 and 18  
May 2 and 16

### Shabbos Oneg

Celebrate your special occasion (birthday, anniversary, promotion) or say thank you or honor someone special by sponsoring an Oneg. Full or partial sponsorships are possible. Sponsorships benefit your business too as it is publicized at the service, in our newsletter and website. The Rabbi will personally acknowledge and thank you.

To sponsor an upcoming Oneg, call the office to schedule: 954-252-1313.

**Feel free to bring a dish to share too!** Please write your name on homemade dishes for people who would like recipes. Thanks!

### Shabbos Food Drive

Please bring canned food to services for those who are hungry every day of the year. We are helping the Broward County Cooperative Feeding Program, so bring non-perishable food to services. Each time we bring our dancing feet to prayer and to The Holy One, we can fill our hands with cans. Help continue our mission.

### Location & Directions

ArtServe, 1350 East Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale

Jan 5 - Spirit at Sea Deposit Due

A place where members showcase their business. Look for "Networking" on the home page under "Find it Fast." Members may add their listing, by clicking on "Join Network" in top right corner. Your listing will appear the day your membership status is verified. If you wish to offer a discount to TAO members, indicate such.

## Friends Make TAO More Fun!

**Forward a copy of this email** to your friends and family. There's a link in the bottom left corner of this email. Clicking here allows you to send it to multiple people at once and to add a note telling them what events you are going to and invite them to join you. The more the merrier!

## Join a Committee

Participating on a committee enriches your life and builds meaningful relationships. Call TAO today: 954-252-1313 or a Committee Chairperson. Thank you.

### Board of Directors

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Deposit for May 16-19 Spirit At Sea cruise is due. Read complete article below.

[Register now](#)

## Jan 7 - Wisdom Class



NOTE: No Wisdom Classes December 24 or 31. Join us January 7 when classes resume.

We are *thrilled* that **Karen Tina Sheskin** will be leading the January 7 and 14 Wisdom Classes. If you have not attended her sessions in the past, you'll certainly want to mark your calendar and plan to attend. **Here's a preview of the upcoming class:**

The Jewish people lived in a loose confederation of independent tribes after they had left Egypt with Moses, wandered for 40 years, reentered and conquered portions of their homeland under Joshua. So why and how did they choose to exchange their autonomy for a monarchy? How did the person/God dynamic change? Who chose the Kings? How did they differ from other Kings? How did the two Jewish nations of Israel and Judea arise, not once, but twice? How did women help Judaism evolve *and* pose dangerous challenges to its continuity?

These questions and more will be answered by exploring the lives, times, relationships and choices of Hannah, Eli, Samuel, Saul and David. Prophecy, corruption, pledging of unborn children, curses, civil war, madness, love, murder, incest, city planning,

### Chessed/Social Action

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### High Holy Days

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### Men's Spirituality Group

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#### March Tribute

Penny Cheever

Sandy Goldman

#### Spirit at Sea

Marcia Sweedler

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#### Women of the Scriptures (2008)

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#### Women's Spirituality Group

Marcia Sweedler

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miracles....more action and intrigue than in any fictional novel!

Read about [Karen Tina](#).

Attend Wisdom Classes from home for only \$10 a meeting. Starting Monday, you can participate and listen to a recorded version of any given Wisdom Class for only \$10. Simply register before 5pm on Monday to receive the phone number and call in code for that week.

[Register](#) for next Monday's class now. *Old call in numbers and passcodes are no longer valid!*

### 7pm, Mondays

13-Week Kabbalah Class. Attend as many or as few as you wish. You may also attend from home by phone or listen to recordings any time of day or night at your convenience.

Join Rabbi Marc as he shares his remarkable insights with us. Here's the curriculum:

- Basic Texts of the Kabbalah
- Primary Kabbalistic Charts & Systems
- Kabbalah in our Daily Lives & Practices
- Kabbalistic Magic
- Kabbalistic Passover
- Kabbalistic Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur
- Kabbalistic Wedding
- Kabbalistic Sabbath
- Hebrew Letters
- Gematria - Numerology
- Sheeimot - Names of God
- Meditation & Chant

\$10 donation suggested.

#### **Location & Directions**

Between Heaven & Earth Health Center  
3601 W. Commercial Blvd., #25, Ft. Lauderdale

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## This Wisdom Class series is:

- Recorded and **can be attended by telephone** if you have conflicting plans
- **Can be attended live by phone** from home or any phone if you can't make the drive

*Can't make the drive to Wisdom Class and want to attend?* Wisdom Class is now available from home or any phone! Simply call in and participate. Want to attend, but you have conflicting plans? Wisdom Class is also being recorded! You can listen to it any time you wish or listen to it repeatedly.

### Frequently Asked Questions about Wisdom Telephone Call-in Classes and Recordings:

1. *How do I participate in the live classes from home?* Only a phone line is necessary to participate in the live calls. Register, and we'll give you a phone number to call. It's that simple. NOTE: It's a long distance call.
2. *How do I listen to the recorded class?* An internet connection is required to listen to recordings. When you register, we'll give you a web address you can go to and listen to recordings any time you wish, day or night, at your convenience. Starting with the third class (next week), you will also be able to dial a phone number to listen to the recordings.
3. *There's so much information presented in each class. Can I listen to a class repeatedly?* Absolutely! You may listen as



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many times as you wish through internet access. The phone recordings may be listened to as many times as you wish for six days following the class. Once the new class is recorded, it will replace the phone recording... but the class will be available on the internet to listen to as many times as you wish.

4. *What if I miss something, can I rewind it?* Of course! You may pause, fast forward and rewind the recordings, just like you would any recording. It's much faster on the internet than it is by phone, but it is possible both ways.

Sign up now, to participate by phone and internet for the next ten classes.

**Attend by phone... and/or have access to the recordings for only \$10 per class.** It's a great deal... and a mitzvah. [Register Now!](#) See FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) above.

Once you register, you will receive an email with the dial in information. To attend live, simply call the number at 7pm Monday nights and enter the access code. You will also receive a link to the weekly recordings.

To make sure you receive it in time for Monday's class (to attend live), register before 5pm on Monday. [Register Now!](#)

Click [here](#) to register now. Simply make a \$10 per class donation, and you will be emailed the registration information.

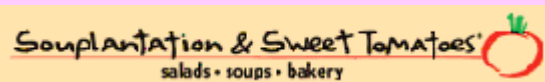
Thanks to Rachel Levy for putting this together. If you have questions, call Rachel at 305-761-1775 or email her at [Rachelevy@msn.com](mailto:Rachelevy@msn.com).



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## Jan 9 - Rosh Chodesh



**7pm**

Rosh Chodesh is the monthly celebration of the New Moon, according to the Jewish calendar.

**Join us, men and women, as we celebrate the first new moon of 2008.**

Learn more about [Rosh Chodesh](#). On the bottom of the page are links to each month to learn more about this month's event.

### **Future Rosh Chodesh Events.**

Schedule these dates in your calendar:  
Feb 6, Mar 5



**Location & Directions** - Anne Goldberg's home.

**RSVP** to 954-252-1313 so our hostess may set up accordingly.

**\*NOTE: Non-Members may attend two Member Events as Guests before joining TAO.**

## Jan 15 - Women's Spirituality Group

**7pm, Third Tuesday**



Women's Spirituality Group is a sacred circle of spiritual women who want to grow and share their souls. It requires no prior experience, but an open heart and a willingness to be in the company of loving

and accepting friends. We neither solve problems nor give advice; we listen and learn, love and accept. Please join us.

Facilitator: Joan Rosenwasser

Location & [Directions](#) - Myrna Wolf's home

**RSVP**

[TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net](mailto:TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net) or 954-252-1313.

If you are not on the email list for the women's spirituality group and would like to be, email Marcia Sweedler at [MSweedle@nova.edu](mailto:MSweedle@nova.edu).

**\*NOTE: Non-Members may attend two Member Events as Guests before joining TAO.**

## Jan 26 - Saturday Shabbat Service



10:30a  
m -  
12:15p  
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Join us  
Saturday

for our monthly Shabbat service. . . Fourth Saturday.

**Intimate... Connected... Joyful.**

This is how TAO does Shabbos.

Bring your drums, tambourines and your hearts as they will be touched. What a wonderful way to start the day! Please join us. You'll be delighted you did.

After the Service, hang out with your fellow congregants and enjoy Shabbos afternoon together.

**NOTE: Services at Rabbi Marc and Paulina's home are for TAO Members Only. Members are welcome to bring guests. Dress comfortably!**

**NOTE:** You may park on the swales *with one tire*. Both tires cannot be on the grass due to the sprinkler heads.

### Location

Saturday Service meets at Rabbi Marc & Paulina's home. Call the office for address and directions (954-252-1313).

**To sponsor this month's service, call the office 954-252-1313.**

Please bring non-perishable food items for our food drive as you join us in Shabbat spiritual prayer.

### Upcoming Services

Schedule these dates in your calendar now:

**2008**

Feb 23, Mar 29

[Renew or Join TAO Today](#)

**Join Now**

New & Renewal  
Membership  
Applications are

online.

Register [online](#) or [print application](#) to fax or mail.

Reminder: High Holy Day tickets are included with membership.

[Jan 26 - Men's Spirituality](#)

## Group



**New Time: 1:00-2:30pm**

Saturdays after service

Rabbi Marc facilitates this session. Invite a friend or neighbor to learn and enjoy.\*

**This group is growing and well attended. If you haven't been (in a while), come. You'll be glad you did.**

**2008**

Feb 23, Mar 29

### **New Location**

Men's Spirituality Group is at the home of Rabbi Marc and Paulina Labowitz following Saturday Shabbos service.

**NOTE:** You may park on the swales *with one tire*. Both tires cannot be on the grass due to the sprinkler heads.

**\*NOTE:** Non-members may attend twice before joining TAO.

## Jan 31 - Jewish Museum

**7.30pm**

Rabbi Marc leads Kaballah discussion

**Location:** Jewish Museum, Miami Beach

## Feb 10 - Holocaust Video

**Sunday, 3pm**

**\$18 donation** payable at the door

[Location & Directions](#) - Linda Weissman's home



## **REDISCOVERING MY CHILDHOOD**

*Memories of a Child Survivor of the Holocaust*

by Max Amichai Heppner

"Rediscovering" depicts my 1996 journey to the Netherlands to

revisit people and places I remembered, including the old windmill where I once hid out. The video sets a natural tone, letting witnesses talk without scripting. Crisp editing brings out the essence of their testimony. Running time is 60 minutes.

### **PURPOSE**

*For myself*, I wanted to produce this video to make sense of events that occurred when I was escaping the Holocaust as a pre-teen. Reliving my rescue helped me uncover the truth hidden behind my memories.

*For others*, I wanted to depict what life was like for Jews who succeeded in dodging the Nazis. Many aspects of my survival parallel the experiences of Anne Frank, whose hiding place (and former residence) on the Prinsengracht in Amsterdam, is across the canal from where I lived as a child. Like Anne's diary, this video contrasts the everyday life of Jewish people in hiding with the potential devastation facing all Jews during the Holocaust.

### **SAMPLE SCENE**

Near the start of the video, you see me walk down a long footpath toward a windmill where I once had been hidden during my escape from the Nazis. Guided by Jan Paardenkooper, who



coordinated our shoot in Holland, we are hailed by an old man. He lives along the path leading to a mill, and he recalls a young boy that had been hidden at the mill during the War:

"What luck he had," the old man says. "Is he still alive?"

Jan, a bit surprised that the old man doesn't recognize me, responds: "That other boy, yes, that's he." And he points at me.

"Yeah?" the old man says incredulously.

"Yes, that's me," I confirm, as the old man keeps shaking his head in disbelief.

### **PRODUCERS**

Ron Israel, Director, Cameraman, and Editor is an independent film, video, and theater producer headquartered in Baltimore, MD

Les Bradley, Post Production Editor shaped the video into its current format, bridging elements from 16 rolls of video film. He is a retired professor of media production at Notre Dame University in Baltimore, MD.

Max Amichai Heppner, Facilitator, Script Writer, and Narrator is a professional writer and lecturer who has spoken extensively on the Holocaust, notably at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore, which house mementos from my escape (in part shown in the video).

Natalie Sibiski, Cover Design, done as a 6-year-old artist. She has pictured my windmill hiding place, which is the

theme of the video, the way I might have done it if I'd have had my art supplies with me at the time.

This will be a touching viewing. Don't miss it. Write the date in your calendar now!

## Feb 13 - Distinguished Speaker Series

### **Wed, Feb 13**

Noon - 2pm -

Intro to Prayer

**Location:** JCC Orloff, Sunrise

**Info:** Judy

Asuleen, [Judyblue755@aol.com](mailto:Judyblue755@aol.com)

### **Wed, Feb 20, 27**

11am - 12:30pm - Intro to Kabbalah

**Location:** Sandler Center, Boca Raton

**Info:** Kathy Slutzky, 561-558-2504

### **Wed, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

Noon - 1:30pm - Prayer

**Location:** JCC Orloff, Sunrise

**Info:** Judy

Asuleen, [Judyblue755@aol.com](mailto:Judyblue755@aol.com)

### **Mon, March 31, April 7**

8pm - The minds of the Kabbalistic Mystics

**Location:** Beth Torah

## Mar 2 - Tribute to Rabbi Marc on his 40th



**Rabbi  
Marc's  
turning 40,  
and we're  
celebrating  
!**

Join us at  
Laffing

Matterz on March 2, 2008 at 4:15pm.

Last year's tribute sold out, and unfortunately, we cannot get more seats than the Fire Department allows, so make sure to [register](#) early to assure your seat.

Laffing Matterz is located at: 219 South Andrews in Ft. Lauderdale.

**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.

R' 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 forty years.

Click here to see the [sponsorship opportunities](#).

Click here to [register now](#) and reserve your seat.

Seating is limited to first come.

## May 16-19 - Spirit At Sea

Second Annual  
Spirit at Sea Retreat  
aboard Majesty of the Seas  
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

[Register now](#)

[Read](#)

about Last Year's Retreat



Study, interact and grow with Rabbis Marc and Phillip Labowitz as we explore together the universal topic...

The Spiritual Approach to Relationships  
Intimacy is Not for Lovers Only

"If I had known how amazing this retreat was going to be, I would have booked earlier, paid 50% more, and invited everyone I know to take part!"

- Bob Heaton (April 2007 retreat)

attendee)

### **You Deserve It**

On the sands of a private island, experience intimacy with others, with God, your spirit, your Higher Self.

Aboard a luxury cruise liner, be introduced to yourself and all your intimate relationships ... (parents, children, friends, lovers, significant other, spouse). Bathe in true understanding of those you love the most. Engage in the spiritual joy of connecting.

### **Some of the Events Planned. . .**

- Friday night service
- Mikvah (a ritual bath used for spiritual purification) on a beach on a private island in the Caribbean
- Havdalah (an end of Sabbath ceremony)
- Tisch (an open session) where you Ask the Rabbis questions that have been pulling at your heart
- Workshops and study groups all weekend plus. . .
- Music and drumming
- Optional, fun evening activities that build friendship and camaraderie
- Of course the dancing, shows, music and libation of a wonderful cruise
- Time to enjoy the ports
- FUN!!!!

### **Be Prepared to. . .**

- Dance, sing, chant, be in festivity
- Be in stillness and peace
- Connect with people and energy like yours
- Have Fun!!!

"Rabbi Marc has a way of touching sweet, simple truths with wisdom, humor and relevance. Each day we were drawn deeper into discovering ourselves. As the huge ship rocked us all with the same gentle motion, it seemed the perfect accompaniment to the romance we entered into with our souls."

- Anne Goldberg (April 2007 retreat attendee)

**Here's the Deal...**

All Cabins are Oceanview

	TAO Members		Non-Members & Guests	
	Paid In Full by Jan 5	\$250 Deposit by Jan 5 with Balance by March 5	Paid In Full by Jan 5	\$250 Deposit by Jan 5 with Balance by March 5
Cruise & Retreat	\$463	\$488	\$583	\$608
Port Charges & Taxes	114	114	114	114
Total per person, double occupancy	\$577	\$602	\$697	\$722
Single supplement	Add \$300 to Total Double Occupancy Rate			

([Join TAO](#), and get the member price)  
If you need a roommate, let us know,



and we'll try to find one for you (same gender, of course!)

**Cruise includes:**

- Welcome Party
- All *Spirit At Sea* retreat activities (available only to registered attendees)
- All meals aboard the ship
- Free room service - order anything you want delivered to your cabin at no extra charge!

**Bonus for first 25 Paid In Full Registrations**

You will receive TAO's beautiful boxed 6-CD set, *The Sounds of Tao*. . . songs, prayers, sermons and meditations. This is a \$97 value, free to the first 25 paid in full registrations.

**Gift for Every TAO Member who Brings a Non-Member**

Sign up a non-Member, and receive a bottle of wine or fruit basket. Double your gifts... bring more non-TAO friends! If they join TAO, you still get the gift!!!

**Questions?**

Trudi DeGrazia for cruise info @ 954-741-5082  
Marcia Sweedler for program info @ 954- 929-1684.

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**Wednesdays with Rabbi Marc**



### **Wednesday afternoons** *By appointment*

Every Wednesday, Rabbi Marc holds office hours by appointment. Call 954-252-1313 to schedule a private

meeting.

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