

# TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

Since 1986



# SHALOM AND WELCOME



## Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to Schedule  
January 25, 2008

Dear Jenae,

### New this week. . .

We received a loving message from **Father Michel**. Click [here](#) to read it. We start preparing this newsletter up to a week before you receive it. Yesterday (Wednesday eve), we received another email from Father Michel telling us he is facing deportation. He has a hearing on February 13, and requests letters from us to take with him. On the second page of the loving message is his full story and request. Click [here](#) to read it and help.

We are looking for **donations for the silent auction at Rabbi Marc's 40th Birthday Tribute**. If you own a business or are willing to ask people to whom you give your business (restaurants, hotels, cruise lines, service personnel) for a donation, TAO will gladly present them with a donation certificate for their gift. Please help support TAO and the tribute in this way. Contact Karen Tina Sheskin at [KSheskin@aol.com](mailto:KSheskin@aol.com); put SILENT AUCTION in the subject line so she doesn't delete it without reading further. Thanks for answering the call.

**TO: ALL CRUISERS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.** On Saturday night, February 23, everyone who has gone on a TAO cruise, is planning to cruise with us in May, and who are thinking about it but have not yet made the decision, is invited to a Pre-Sail Havdallah evening event. Read

### 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!

### Welcome New Members

Gail Rogers

### Condolences

To Rhonda & Richard Hey on the loss of her step-father, Arnie Feuerman. The funeral is Friday at 12:30pm at Levitt Weinstein Memorial Chapel, 7500 State Road 7 in Coconut Creek, 33073.

To Bob Schwartz on the loss of his beloved mother Valerie Schwartz.

### 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.

Wayne Andrew, Marlene Berk, Carole Constad, Michael Corpuel, Arnold Feuerman, Harry Frank, Evelyn Gold, Joyce Goobic, Elda Himelblau, Sonya Maiden, James Price, Norma Seegal, Edward Seitz, Karen Tina Sheskin, Leonard Weiss (Yehuda ben Chana), Yitzchak Ben Rachel Yisraelit, Brianna Dalnas, Myrna Greissman, Stan Harris, Paul Weiss, Michael

more in the article below. This year's theme is: *The Spiritual Approach to Relationships. . . Intimacy is not just for Lovers.*

Many thanks to **Jaye Abbate**, Affinity Marketing Manager at **Parker Playhouse**, who gifted TAO with more than 20 tickets to Irving Berlin's "I Love A Piano" on Wednesday evening. A great time was had by our members who appreciated this unexpected membership gift.

We are seeking a facilitator and host for the **February 6 Rosh Chodesh**. Please call the office to volunteer: 954-252-1313.

Read about the January 31 discussion on the PsalmSong Exhibit and Kabbalah at the Jewish Museum of Florida. Rabbi Marc is one of the panelists. Details in the right column.

## In the next 2 weeks. . .

### Details for TAO events are below.

Jan 26 - Saturday Shabbos Service  
Jan 26 - Men's Spirituality Group

Jan 28 - Wisdom Class  
Jan 31 - Jewish Museum Kaballah Discussion

Feb 10 - Holocaust Video - Amichai's Story

Feb 23 - Cruise Havdallah

Mar 02 - Tribute to Rabbi Marc's 40th

May 16-18 - *The Spiritual Approach to Relationships. . . Intimacy is not just*

*for Lovers* - Spirit At Sea

Weekend

Cruise Retreat

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

## For your information...

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Wittmer and Elyn Zerfas.

Please contact the office with requests for additions to the Healing Prayers and Condolences lists. We respect your desire to privacy and will only list with your permission.

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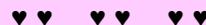
Please sponsor a Friday Shabbos or Saturday Shabbat Oneg, contact Renee or Dee at 954-252-1313.

## 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

### February 23, 2008

Cruise Reunion Havdallah

### March 2, 2008

Rabbi Marc's 40th Birthday Tribute at Laffing Matterz

### May 16 - 18, 2008

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

## Other Upcoming Events

### January 31, 2008

Jewish Museum of Florida Presents Discussion on the PsalmSong Exhibit and Kabbalah. 7:30 pm at the Jewish

Issue" below, and you will go there directly.

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**Jan 26 - Saturday Shabbat Service**

Museum of Florida on South Beach, three authorities (including Rabbi Marc) on Kabbalah will present a panel discussion focused on the healing power of Kabbalah, accompanied by a question and answer session. The event promises to offer diverse insights into the world of Jewish mysticism. This program complements the Museum's new art installation, PsalmSong: Healing Through the Art of Carol Hamoy. Admission is \$6 for non-members. Members and press are free. Reservations: call 305-672-5044, ext. 3175.

## Great Books



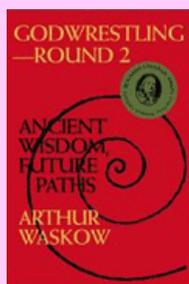
**2008 Miraculous Living Calendars** are available.

Order them [here](#). Only \$15 each.



**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, and we appreciate it. Thank you! [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) - You know them for new, like new, and used books, DVDs & VHS. You can also buy BRAND NAME clothing & accessories; computer, office supplies & electronics, food, groceries & household items;



10:30a  
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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

health & beauty; home & garden; kids & toys; sports & fitness; tools & automotive.

[Israel Catalog](#) - Everything Jewish! Holidays (Pesach, Purim, Chanukah), jewelry, encyclopedias, learn Hebrew, videos & DVDs, natural sea beauty products, gifts, music, software, books and magazines, art, Judaica.

[Judaica Plus](#) - Home, gifts, books, simcha, holidays, Shabbat, music & DVDs, software, kids, religious supplies, and everyone's favorite... clearance.

[Kabbalah Corner](#) - Original and authentic Kabbalah items including: Jewelry (Amulets, Rings, Pendants, Bracelets), Multi-media music CDs, Mezuzahs and decorative items. Free Red String with purchase of any jewelry item.

### Tree of Life

Expressing the unique spiritual grace and energy reflecting our loving Oneness. . . that's our Tree of Life.

Gift a leaf as to your loved ones. Each honors a person or couple. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births, marriages. . . life! [Order a leaf](#) and show someone how much you love them. . . forever.

### 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...

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!

## 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 28 - Wisdom Class



**7pm, Mondays**

Join Rabbi Marc as  
he shares his  
remarkable

## 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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Rabbi Marc Labowitz

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#### **Men's Spirituality Group**

Rabbi Marc

#### **Nichum (Bereavement)**

Kate GeMeiner

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Anne Goldberg

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Fleur Heaton

Sandy King

Marti Sinnreich

Elyn Zervas

#### **Programming**

#### **March Tribute**

Penny Cheever

Sandy Goldman

#### **Spirit at Sea**

Marcia Sweedler

Trudi DiGrazia

#### **Women of the Scriptures (2008)**

Marcia Sweedler

Ethelind Wiener

Kabbalistic insights with us. Here's the curriculum:

January 28 - Healing / Pattern Recognition  
February 4 - Dream Interpretation

\$10 donation

**Location** & [Directions](#)

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

## Feb 1 - 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**

Feb 15  
Mar 7 and 21  
Apr 4 and 18

Florence Ross  
**Women's Spirituality Group**  
Marcia Sweedler

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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 and 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

## Feb 6 - Rosh Chodesh



7pm

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

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.**



### Between Heaven & Earth Health Center

Back Pain Specialists  
3601 Commercial Blvd., Suite 25  
Fort Lauderdale  
954-667-6637



### Spectra-Care

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4750 N Federal Hwy  
Fort Lauderdale  
954-772-5431



### Emunah Restaurant

a kabbalistic cafe & tearbar

an experience for the senses, & an oasis for the mind, body and soul. . .

a physical journey into your spiritual self

3558 N. Ocean Blvd.  
Ft. Lauderdale

Schedule these dates in your calendar:  
Mar 5



**Location** & [Directions](#) -  
To be announced.

We are seeking a  
**facilitator and host for  
the February 6 Rosh  
Chodesh.** Please call the  
office to volunteer: 954-252-1313.

**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.**

**Feb 10 - Amichai's Story -**

**A Holocaust Video**

An exceptional tale of survival and faith!

**Sunday, 3pm**

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

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



**REDISCOVERI  
NG 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**

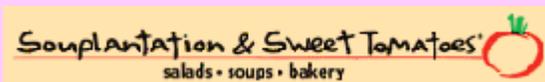
*For myself,* I wanted to produce this  
video to make sense of events that

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[Sweet Tomatoes](#)

6245 N. Andrews Ave.  
at the corner of Cypress Creek Road  
Very close to the Sheraton Suites Hotel

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

## Feb 19 - 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: Marcia Sweedler

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

### **RSVP**

[MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net](mailto:MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net) or 954-370-4528.

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.**

## Feb 23 - Cruise Reunion

Anchors Away, Red Sails in the Sunset and all that jazz...

TO: ALL CRUISERS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

On Saturday night, February 23, everyone who has gone on a TAO cruise, is planning to cruise with us in May, and who are thinking about it but have not yet made the decision, is invited to a **Pre-Sail Havdallah evening event**.

We will set the stage for the loving experience that makes our Spirit at Sea the incredible, loving and fun-filled weekend that it is. You will have an opportunity to talk with those who have been there and done it, see a video of last years cruise, and combine that with the sacredness of Havdallah.

So if you are contemplating joining us on the weekend cruise in May, come and feel what our Rabbis bring to our lives.

The theme of the cruise, *A Spiritual Approach to Relationships: Intimacy is Not For Lovers Only*, speaks to all loving relationships: couples, parents, close friends and partners.

There is still time to sign up, we have reserved extra rooms, just for you!

Join our circle of caring, spiritual souls and feel what Community is all about.

Location: Rabbi Marc's home at 7:30 pm. [Directions](#).

Pot Luck Dessert Havdallah.

Mar 2 - Tribute to Rabbi Marc on his 40th



**LAFFING MATTERZ**  
SERIOUS DINING. HILARIOUS SATIRE.

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.

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 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

## The Spiritual Approach to Relationships... Intimacy is Not for Lovers Only

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...

"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

	<b>TAO Members</b>	<b>Non-Members &amp; Guests</b>
	\$250 Deposit	\$250 Deposit
	Balance by	Balance by

	March 5	March 5
Cruise & Retreat	\$408	\$528
Port Charges & Taxes	125	125
Total per person, double occupancy	\$533	\$653
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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## Help Needed

**Please sponsor an Oneg.** Without your help, this delightful part of our Shabbos gathering will change its shape. Help us start our New Year off with prosperity. Thus we are told that it is a wise practice to contribute to a worthy charity before praying. What better time than sponsoring an Oneg. . . which is after praying. Please call the office to reserve your Oneg. (954-4252-1313). Oneg sponsorships available starting with the January 18, Interfaith service.

**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 954-252-1313 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.

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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