

TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

Since 1986



SHALOM AND WELCOME



Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to
Schedule
January 31, 2008

Dear Jenae,

New this week. . .

Rosh Chodesh date February 6.
Dr. Lisa will host. We still need a
facilitator. Please call the office to
volunteer: 954-252-1313.

We are proud to announce the
addition of a new "column" to our
newsletter. Starting this week,
you will find a **HELP WANTED**
column in the right column of your
weekly newsletter. This is a free
service to TAO member employers
and employees. Simply email
your short paragraph description
to Jenae@SalesPowerhouse.com
for inclusion. Tzedakah is
appreciated from employers but
not required.

Learn to read Hebrew - FREE!
Sunday morning BEGINNER
classes start in Mid-March from
11:30-12:30 (subject to change).
Students should be 10 years old
through 99. The goal is to read
prayers and basic Hebrew. We
need to collect names and
numbers of those interested so we
know how much classroom
materials to get. Please RSVP if
you think you are interested.
Dates and times will be confirmed
prior to commencement: 954-

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

Caren Vivado
Gail Rogers

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, 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

252-1313.

Sunday, March 16 at 2pm, **Kolot** Coalition (Voices to End Abuse in the Jewish Community) presents "Flowers Aren't Enough."
Complete article in right column under "Other Upcoming Events."
Link to movie clips and more.

If you wish, you may make your Donation for **Wisdom Classes** online prior to attending. Simply click on the [link](#) in the Wisdom Class section.

In the next 2 weeks. .

.

Details for TAO events are below.

Jan 31 - Jewish Museum
Kaballah Discussion

Feb 04 - Wisdom Class -
Healing/Pattern Recognition

Feb 06 - Rosh Chodesh

Feb 10 - Holocaust Video -
Amichai's Story

Feb 11 - Wisdom Class -
Dream Interpretation

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...

Click and Go! Click any item "In

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.

Help Wanted



TAO members looking for employment or employees are welcome to place a one paragraph announcement in the TAO newsletter at no charge. Employers wishing to [give Tzedakah](#) are invited to do so. Email your announcement to Jenae@SalesPowerhouse.com.

Posting #1:

Are you looking for an exceptional, part-time, Office Manager, Administrative or Executive Assistant? Contact **Joyce Finn** for resume or interview (954) 435-3008 or JFinn1012@bellsouth.net.

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

this Issue" below, and you will go there directly.

Pass Me On. Forward a copy of this email to friends and family who will enjoy TAO.



To unsubscribe, simply click SafeUnsubscribe on the bottom, and poof, your name is immediately removed.

In This Issue

[Feb 01 - Shabbos Service](#)

[Feb 04 - Wisdom Class](#)

[Feb 6 - Women's Rosh Chodesh](#)

[Feb 10 - Amichai's Story - An Exceplional Tale of Surival and Faith during WWII](#)

[Feb 13 - Afternoon Kabbalah Class](#)

[Feb 19 - Women's Spirituality Group](#)

[Feb 23 - Saturday Shabbos Service](#)

[Join TAO](#)

[Feb 23 - Men's Spirituality Group](#)

[Feb 23 - Cruise Reunion Havdallah](#)

[Mar 02 - Tribute to Rabbi Marc, Laffing Matterz](#)

[May 16-19 - Spirit At Sea Retreat](#)

[Help Needed](#)

[Wednesdays with Rabbi Marc](#)

[Sign Up for Newsletter](#)

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 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.

Sunday, March 16 - 2pm

Kolot (Voices to End Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community) presents "Flowers Aren't Enough." This movie ([view clips](#)), written and performed by [Naomi Ackerman](#) includes audience discussion. Flowers Aren't Enough is a monologue that tells the story of Michelle, a young woman from an upper-middle class family who finds herself in an abusive relationship. We follow her relationship from it's beginning, where love and attention cause

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 (Fifth Saturday if
Fourth is day after Third Friday.
Confused? Read below!)

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 | May 2 and 16 |
| June 6 and 20 | July 4 and 18 |
| Aug 1 and 15 | Sept 5 and 19 |
| Oct 3 and 17 | Nov 7 and 21 |
| Dec 5 and 19 | |

Shabbos Oneg

Celebrate your special occasion

Michelle to excuse and overlook abuse. Michelle describes how her partner gradually managed to narrow her world and isolate her; how she slowly sank into a world of denial, guilt and despair; how she blamed herself for her partner's escalating violence. She explains why she could not bring herself to accept the help offered by social service workers. Michelle describes the roller coaster of violent quarrels and tearful making-up that became her life, until she had to make a change. Ms. Ackerman is a graduate of Hebrew University, Nissan Nativ Acting Studio, and holds teaching credentials. She is also a conflict resolution specialist working throughout the world to create drama dealing with social change, gender and educational issues. On **Monday, March 17 from 7-9pm**, there is a Teen Interactive Relationship Workshop with Naomi. This is Free, and snacks are served. The movie is \$36 for Preferred Seating for Adults, \$18 General Seating and \$10 for Teens (13+). **Location:** David Posnack JCC - 5850 S. Pine Island Road, Davie. For **information**, to register and for sponsorships, contact Janice Weintraub at 954-753-7940 or JaniceLCSW@bellsouth.net.

Great Books



2008 Miraculous Living Calendars are available.

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

Miraculous Shoni

draws on Kabbalah wisdom, compassion, success, and nobility. Meditations are included in each chapter. For more details and to order, click [here](#).



Living, by Rabbi Labowitz.

Miraculous Living the teachings of the including intention, understanding, strength, harmony, glory, creativity, and nobility. Meditations are included in each chapter.

(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

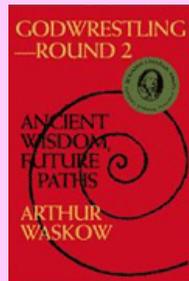
ArtServe, 1350 East Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale

Feb 4 - Wisdom Class



**7pm,
Mondays**

Join Rabbi Marc as he shares his remarkable Kabbalistic insights with us. Here's



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.) 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 - 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; 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.

the curriculum:

February 4 - Dream Interpretation

\$10 donation at venue or [online](#).

Location & Directions

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

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.

Feb 6 - Rosh Chodesh



7pm
NOTE: Change in date

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.
Schedule these dates in your

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!

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

Rabbis

Rabbi Phil Labowitz
Rabbi Marc Labowitz

calendar: Mar 5



Location & [Directions](#) -
Dr. Lisa J. Sirota-
Weiner's home.

**We are seeking a
facilitator 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

-
**An Exceptional Tale of
Survival and Faith during
WWII**

Sunday, 3pm

\$18 donation payable at the door

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



REDISCOVER RING 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

Founder

Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

Honorary President

Dr. Florence Ross

President

Myrna Wolf

Marketing

Jenae Rubin

Membership

Bob Heaton

Programming / Secretary

Anne Goldberg

Treasurer

Alan Kurtzman

Committee Chairs

Chessed/Social Action

Janice Weintraub

High Holy Days

Dee Sacks

Membership

Shirley Shelpman

Joyce Finn

Men's Spirituality Group

Rabbi Marc

Nichum (Bereavement)

Kate GeMeiner

Oneg

Anne Goldberg

Patti Halprin

Fleur Heaton

Sandy King

Marti Sinnreich

Caren Vivado

Elyn Zerfas

Programming

March Tribute

Penny Cheever

Sandy Goldman

Spirit at Sea

Marcia Sweedler

Trudi DiGrazia

Women of the Scriptures (2008)

Marcia Sweedler

Ethelind Wiener

Florence Ross

Women's Spirituality Group

Marcia Sweedler

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

Quick Links

[Donate Now](#)
[Join Now](#)
[Post Member Listing on TAO site](#)

[Send a Mitzvah Card](#)
[Tree of Life Plaque](#)
[Yahrtzeit Plaque](#)

[Send Heart to Heart Message](#)
[Listen To TAO Music](#)
[Buy a TAO Sidor](#)

[More About TAO](#)
[What is Jewish Renewal?](#)
[About Our Rabbis](#)

[Monthly TAO Calendar](#)
[Words to TAO Songs & Prayers](#)
[TAO Affiliates & Recommended Sites](#)

Our Sponsors



[Overcome Objections - Sales Training & Consulting](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

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

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

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 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.

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

**Feb 23 - Saturday
Shabbat Service**



10:30am - 12:15pm

Join

us for our monthly Saturday Shabbat service. . . Fourth Saturday. . . (Fifth Saturday if Fourth is day after Third Friday. Confused? See dates below!)

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

Mar 29 (Fifth Saturday), Apr 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29 (Fifth Saturday), Dec 27

[Renew or Join TAO Today](#)

Join Now

New & Renewal
Membership
Applications
are [online](#) or [print application](#) to
fax or mail.

Feb 23 - 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
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.**

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



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.

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; put SILENT AUCTION in the subject line so she doesn't delete it without reading further. Thanks for answering the call.

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

| | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | TAO Members | Non- Members |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|

| | | & Guests | |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | \$250 Deposit | | \$250 Deposit |
| | Balance by March 5 | | Balance by 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.

[Read more](#)

[Register now](#)

[See pictures and read](#) about last year's retreat

Help Needed

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; put SILENT AUCTION in the subject line so she doesn't delete it without reading further. Thanks for answering the call.

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 March service.

Chair our P.R. Committee. Call Myrna Wolf to volunteer or for answers to questions: (954) 370-4528 or 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.

[Directions to TAO Office](#)

Nourish Your Soul

Donations to TAO are tax deductible.

Sponsor this newsletter or make a [donation](#). We are, as always, so grateful for your passion and love for TAO.

Newsletter sponsorships are \$180 for one week and \$480 for four. Call 954-252-1313 to reserve your dates.

Your support makes a huge impact on the work we do. Many of us, without TAO, would not be affiliated. TAO, The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal, brings a special connection to you, the Divine and Judaism.

Please remember TAO in your will.

This newsletter is sponsored by Jenaé Rubin of Sales Powerhouse, a marketing and [sales training](#) firm.