

TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

Since 1986



SHALOM AND WELCOME



Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to
Schedule
April 17, 2008

New This Week

There is NO Wisdom Class Monday, April 21 due to Yom Tov. See you on the 28th at Between Heaven and Earth.



Are you willing to open your home to TAO members seeking a place to have Pesach Seder April 19 or 20? Call 954-252-1313 or email (TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net) the office and let them know so they can help the people who call with requests.

Wrapped in a Holy Flame: An On-line Course in Hasidic Thought based on the Teachings of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (May 19th - July 14th).

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July 4 - Picnic & Drumming Circle. Last year, 101 people had a blast. This year, we're starting during the day time. Bring your beach towel, swim suit and Frisbee. In the evening we'll bring in the Shabbos and follow it with a Drumming Circle. View [pictures](#) and

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!

Condolences

To **Karen Tina & Ira Sheskin** on the loss of Ira's beloved mother, Lillian Sheskin. Shiva will continue from noon each day through Thursday evening with minyan at 7:30 each night at the Sheskin's home: 4133 Trenton Avenue, Cooper City, FL 33026. (They are in the Embassy Lakes development,

read about last year's event. Save the date! Details to follow.

In the next 2 weeks. . .

Details for TAO events are below.

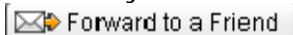
Apr 18 - Friday Shabbos Service
Apr 21 - NO Wisdom Class, Yom Tov
Apr 28 - Wisdom Class - *Regular Location*

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

For your information...

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Capistrano subdivision.)
954-435-7070.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to **Dr. Lisa J. Sirota-Weiner** for receiving the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award" on Sunday, April 6th by the Jewish Museum of Florida. Dr. Lisa was celebrated for her accomplishments, which most recently include becoming the first female in the history of the of Plantation General Hospital to serve as Chief of Staff. We celebrate Dr. Lisa's accomplishments and recognition.

Mazel Tov to **Elyse Blum** on the birth of her first grandson, Liam Gary Dalnes.

Healing Prayers



The following people may need help remembering they are whole and healthy.

Please, whenever you are with them and whenever you think about them... see them as whole and perfect.

Rachel Yidit bat Shayna Reva, Elaine Bloom, Doris Baker, Sharon Cohan, Angela Weiss, Wayne Andrew, Joni Fine, Sonia Maiden, James Price, Edward Seitz, Karen Tina Sheskin, Leonard Weiss (Yehuda ben Chana), Yonah bat Mazel Tov, Yitzchak Ben Rachel Yisraelit, Brianna

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Apr 18 - 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 (Unless noted otherwise)

Regular 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.

Please help with cleanup after Friday Services. Very few people do, and it's a lot of pressure on the Rabbi and the few who are. Thank you so much!!

Upcoming Friday Night Services

Schedule these dates in your calendar:

2008

May 2 and 23
June 6 and 20

Summer Services are not yet scheduled

Sept 5 and 19
Oct 3 and 17

Nov 7 and 21
Dec 5 and 19

Dalnas, Myrna Greissman,
Stan Harris and Michael
Wittmer.

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.

Transportation As One (TAO)



There are people from Miami to Aventura to Boca to Palm Beach who want to attend Services and

Wisdom Class and are unable or uncomfortable driving. If you are willing to take someone with you, please email Jenae, and we'll update the list to help make it easy for everyone to attend and participate in our events.

Even if you don't mind driving, it's the green thing to do! Carpooling will conserve gas and offer the opportunity to enjoy your TAO friends at the same time.

Click [here](#) for a list of volunteers.



Job Opportunities

TAO members looking for

Shabbos Oneg

Our Shabbat Service tomorrow night, April 18th, is sponsored by **Rochelle & Richard Horowitz** in honor of the **baby naming of their granddaughter, Eliah Rose Horowitz.**

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

April 28 - Wisdom Class



7pm, Mondays

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

April 28, we are back at our regular location at Between Heaven and Earth.

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

Bob Offer

Seeking immediate work: warehouse, maintenance, painting, etc. I'm good at organizing, event planning etc. I can do salaried selling and marketing of all types. I've opened and run four companies, two in Europe and, of course, can drum and play the flute. I can help you launch a new career in extreme life make-overs to help others avoid the mistakes I made (financial life planning), make-over spiritual and personal life purpose counseling, health, etc., do deep home cleaning and garage sales.

References on request **Bob Offer** (954) 801-8300 or Bob@OfferInc.com

Rochelle Tischler

Seeking part or full time position. Excellent computer skills. Great phone personality. Full myriad of office skills. Good with people. Multi-tasker. Flexible. Contact **Rochelle Tischler** at (954) 249-6941 or RTisch2147@aol.com.

Karen Rosenfeld

CPA with 30 years experience in all areas of accounting and business- office management looking for employment with a small company. No retail or

Join Monday night Wisdom Class from the comfort of your home. Register online now. Once again, you can attend virtually... via teleconference... and be present... from the comfort of your home, or while you're on the road. [Read more and register.](#)

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

Location & Directions

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

May 16-19 - Spirit At Sea

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

"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)

Relationships - A Spiritual Approach

*A Kabbalistic journey to the heart & soul of relationships
with Rabbi Marc Labowitz*

To be added to the wait list, contact. . .

Trudi DeGrazia for cruise info @ 954-741-5082

[Read more](#)

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

May 20 - 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

manufacturing companies.
Please contact **Karen Rosenfeld** (954) 536-7916
or kbr921@comcast.net.

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.](#)



Dear TAO family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping me celebrate my auspicious birthday and participating in placing a gold leaf on our Eitz Chaim. I feel so loved and accepted by you all and your enthusiasm is appreciated so very much. We all hold each other as loving examples of what community can be and are living proof that love makes our world go round.

B'shalom to all of you,
Myrna



View [pictures](#) of the 40th Tribute to Rabbi Marc.

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

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

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.

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

Facilitator - Carol Himmel

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.**

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation ~ The Network Campaign Associate

Major non-profit Jewish organization seeks full-time Campaign professional for The Network, which works with those ages 22 - 40 years old. Responsibilities include fundraising, networking, recruiting, developing volunteer leaders, as well as planning programs, events and meetings. Bachelor's degree required, demonstrated skills in written and verbal communication, planning, coordinating and managing multiple projects. Knowledge of Jewish customs and traditions preferred. This position reports to The Network Director.

Fax resume to 305.573.8115, attention: Katy Boyask, Director of The Network, or e-mail NetworkJobs@gmjf.org.

Qualifications:

- Exceptional organizational, communication and writing skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and knowledge of

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

Upcoming TAO Events

May 16 - 18, 2008

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

July 4, 2008

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Other Upcoming Events

May 23, 2008

P.A.N.D.O.R.A. Golf Classic. Supports Finding cure for neuroendocrine- immune disorders and Lyme disease. For information and to register, call (305) 441-1591 or [register online](#).

May 19 - July 14, 2008

Wrapped in a Holy Flame
An online course in Hasidic Thought based on the teachings of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. This online course offers rare insight to the meaning and value of the stories and

- volunteer/professional dynamics
- Quick learner, resourcefulness, one who takes initiative and can spearhead new initiatives
- Computer skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Fundraising experience
- Event planning experience
- Masters degree preferred

Campaign Responsibilities:

This position entails some responsibility for donors who are ages 22-40 for all aspects of the Annual Campaign, which includes organizing a minimum gift event, solicitation trainings, phon-a-thons and The Network Board Retreat, as well as assignments for community-wide Campaign events, such as Super Sunday.

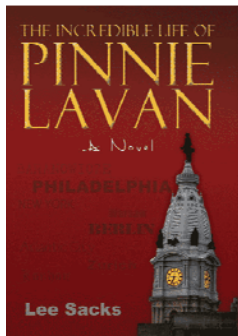
Programming:

The Network Campaign Associate is responsible for outreach and educational programming, as well as staffing committees such as The Twenties Network. Examples of responsibilities include coordinating several events, such as Shabbat Dinners, happy hours and Parlor Meetings. These sometimes involve partnering with other departments or organizations.

Marketing:

This professional will take the lead on The Network e-newsletter and other promotional pieces.

The Incredible Life of Pinnie Lavan



Mazel tov to Lee Sacks on the release of his first novel *The Incredible Life of Pinnie Lavan*.

Lee is generously donating the entire proceeds to TAO from the first ten books sold through the temple.

Order today by contacting Lee at 954-437-8228 or at

LeeSacksAuthor@bellsouth.net.

Books will also be available for purchase and autograph at services on April 18th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support TAO and enjoy reading a wonderful story.

Step into *The Incredible Life of Pinnie Lavan*, and

teachings of Hasidism, a unique Jewish mystical movement begun in 18th century Eastern Europe. Using Reb Zalman's book, *Wrapped in a Holy Flame: Teachings and Tales of the Hasidic Masters*, and audio lectures of Reb Zalman from Naropa University, you are introduced to Hasidic thought through its stories and teachings. This course makes these teachings applicable to your own life, no matter what background you have in Judaism. The on-line instructor and course facilitator is Reb Zalman's student, Netanel Miles-Yepeez, who edited the book. Click [here](#) for online class registration details.

Oneg Sponsors

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

Great Books & CDs



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,

become a part of the events in the life of the immigrant tailor Pinchas Lavansky who arrives in Philadelphia and quickly leaps to success two steps at a time to become Delaware Valley's largest manufacturer of men's wear. Some men would be willing to stop right there but not Pinnie Lavan, the new American. Listen to Pinnie as he interrogates German SS officers and journeys through the displaced persons camps of bombed out Berlin. Follow Pinnie through love and war to forgiveness and fulfillment. This story of passion, adventure, conflict, love and most of all forgiveness is one that you will not want to miss.

The Incredible Life of Pinne Lavan is available exclusively from the author Lee Sacks for \$29.95.

Help Needed

If you are willing to help update the website once a week with news from the newsletter, we would be most appreciative. Your time investment is about an hour a week. Please contact Jenae@SalesPowerhouse.com. Thanks!

Please sponsor an Oneg. Without your help, this delightful part of our Shabbos gatherings will change its shape. 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 are available for many Services throughout the balance of 2008.

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.

strength, harmony, success, glory, creativity, and nobility. Meditations are included in each chapter. For more details and to order, click [here](#).

Revive - New CD by Arik, Rabbi Marc's brother



I (Rabbi Arik) am thrilled to announce the arrival of my new Jewish

music CD, *Revive*. There are some original and some favorites that I recorded with my musical collaborator and flute player extraordinaire, Maxxine Smith.

Maxxine and I recorded "Simu Lev" (which means "Give Your Heart" in Hebrew). People responded so positively, we decided to record another (slightly better produced) CD. We're excited about the result.

You can (preferably) buy the CDs directly from me. *Revive* is \$18 and *Simu Lev* is \$15. Or get both for only \$30 plus \$2 for shipping.

To order, please make a check payable to "Simu Lev" and send to: Arik Labowitz, 2203 Spaulding Ave., Berkeley, CA 94703

The CDs are also available on CD Baby (www.CDbaby.com), with some [samples to listen to](#).

If you know of a Jewish

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.

Saturday Shabbat Service



10:30am - 12:15pm

Join us for our monthly Saturday Shabbat service. . . Fourth Saturday. . . (Unless noted otherwise)

Saturday Services Are On Hold as Parking Negotiations Continue with City and Development.

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!

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.

bookstore, synagogue, community, or some friends that might be interested in buying or promoting this music, please let me know.

I hope you enjoy the music!

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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.

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

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

Upcoming Saturday Services

Saturday Services are on hold while the Rabbi, his development and the town of Davie work out parking details.

2008: May 31, 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.

Men's Spirituality Group



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.

Men's Group is On Hold as Parking Negotiations Continue with City and Development.

Upcoming Meetings, 2008

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

New Location

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

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

[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.

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.

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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.

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