

# TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

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# SHALOM AND WELCOME



## Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to  
Schedule  
May 15, 2008

### New this week. . .

Tomorrow Rabbis Marc, Phil and Shoni depart for a weekend retreat with your fellow congregants. As a result, **there is no service at ArtServe on Friday.**

**Learn how to read Hebrew classes** begin in June, three Sunday mornings a month from 11:00-12:30. They will be held in Penny Cheever's home in Fort Lauderdale, right off of 95 & Davie Blvd. Directions will be sent to those who sign-up in advance. There will be an info session on May 31st, same time. The location will be announced.

Gail Rogers is very interested in going to the May 20 **Women's Spirituality Group** but prefers not to travel alone. She lives in Coconut Creek near Banks and Coconut Creek or Atlantic, and works in Boca Raton. If anyone would either like to drive or be driven, please contact Gail at [gailb0715@aol.com](mailto:gailb0715@aol.com).

June 9 brings a special Wisdom Class... **Shavuot Yizkor Service and "The Book of Ruth."**

We are creating a Summer **Bikur Cholim** (Comforting the Infirm)] and are looking for places to visit and we would love you input. Please let us know of Hospitals, ACLF's, Nursing or Rehab Facilities, Homes for the Blind, etc. you would like us to include in our tour.

There is a **new event in the right column** under "Other Upcoming Events." Check it out!

### In the next 2 weeks. . .

**Details for TAO events are below.**

- May 16 - 19 - Spirit at Sea Retreat
- May 19 - Wisdom Class
- May 20 - Women's Spirituality Group
- May 23 - Shabbos Service
- May 31 - Saturday Shabbos Service

### 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!

### Mazel Tov

To Elena & Bruce Sher on the birth of their son, Max Guy!

To Debbie and Barry Chandler on the birth of their grandson, Rhylan Berman Gabriel.

### Healing Prayers



The following people may need help remembering they are whole and

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

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Reminder: High Holy Day tickets are included with membership.

## May 19 - Wisdom Class

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

Ann Kurtzman, Caren Vivado, Ephraim ben Mira Leah (Greg), Rochelle Tishchler's nephew, Barbara Berg, Adam Atkin, Miriam Benchimol Bas Flora (David Serfaty's sister), Elaine Bloom, 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 Dalnas, Myrna Greissman 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



7pm, Mondays

### Haven't been to Wisdom Class?

*Here's what to expect. . .*

We begin each class with a sweet prayer set to music. We sing, chant and dance together, opening our hearts and our minds. Then Rabbi Marc leads us through a magical, mystical journey into the wisdom of our sages. We are transfixed by his wisdom, compassion and humor. You must experience this class to understand how powerful it is. Join us and see for yourself how wise and special our teacher is and how refreshed you will feel when you leave from this evening.

### Wisdom Class, May 19

*Herb & Ynge are leading this week's class. They're always a favorite, so make sure to come.*

**There will be no wisdom class on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. Classes will resume the following Monday night.**

**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 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 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

TAO friends at the same time.

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

## Job Opportunities



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:RTisch2147@aol.com).

Facilitator - Carol Himmel

## 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.**

## May 23 - 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

June 6 and 20

*Summer Services are not yet scheduled*

Sept 5 and 19  
Oct 3 and 17

## 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 manufacturing companies. Please contact **Karen Rosenfeld** (954) 536-7916 or [kbr921@comcast.net](mailto: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.](#)



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

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

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

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

## Upcoming TAO Events

### July 4, 2008

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 read about last

Nov 7 and 21  
Dec 5 and 19

### 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

## May 31 - Saturday Shabbat Service



**10:30am - 12:15pm**

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

### 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.

**We want to make sure we don't lose the ability to**

year's July 4 picnic & drumming circle. Save the date! Details to follow.

## 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 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-Yepez, who edited the book. Click [here](#) for online class registration details.

### June 30 - July 6 Ruach Ha'Aretz

Spend a week at a Jewish spiritual retreat in beautiful, Central Oregon where there's something for the entire

**continue to have services at the Rabbi's home**, so please follow this parking procedure:

Drive to the Rabbi's house. An attendant will give you a handout with the places you may park. **YOU MAY NOT PARK ANYWHERE YOU WISH.** Rabbi Marc did a lot of work to secure parking places acceptable to his development's Board and the City. We must respect the allotments and not park elsewhere.

Please respect the neighbors if they should ask you to move your car or not park in their swale - even if they had previously given permission to park there. By being respectful of their wishes, it will guarantee fewer problems in the future.

**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.**

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

## May 31 - Men's Spirituality Group



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

Saturdays after service

Join Lee Sacks, TAO member and author as he shares "The Anatomy of a Novel" with the Men's Spirituality Group.

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.**

We want to make sure we don't lose the ability to

family. Deepen your Jewish connection in a host of courses and workshops, while enjoying hiking, swimming, yoga, meditation and golf. All of this is in a full service resort where you stay in comfort. You can have it all at this summer's Ruach Ha'Aretz Retreat held June 30th-July 6th at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon.

With all the amenities, enjoy a summer vacation that is as nourishing for the body as it is for the soul. Engage in deep learning with world renowned Jewish spiritual teachers who ignite your soul through dynamic courses in Kabbalah, relationships, Spiritual Eldering, nature, movement and song. Choose from daily offerings of meditation, dance, yoga and davenen (meaningful prayer).

The Program for Children and Teens is led by experienced Jewish educators. Children and teens enjoy a balance of activities that are integrated into the greater Community at mealtimes, recreation time, evening programs and Shabbat.

Join us for a fabulous week experiencing our connection to the earth, our Jewish roots and the Divine. For more information and registration see our [website](#). Rooms are only available until June 6.

## Oneg Sponsors

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

continue to have events at the Rabbi's home, so please follow one of these procedures regarding parking:

1. If you can, please park on Flamingo and enter through the back. It's a brief walk and it allows the closer parking spots for those who cannot walk as far.
2. Drive to the Rabbi's house. An attendant will give you a handout with the places you may park. YOU MAY NOT PARK ANYWHERE YOU WISH other than on Flamingo. Rabbi Marc did a lot of work to secure parking places acceptable to his development's Board and the City. We must respect the allotments and not park elsewhere.

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### Upcoming Meetings, 2008

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

### 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.**

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## Help Needed

**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](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

## Great Books & CDs



**2008 Miraculous Living Calendars** are available. Order them [here](#). Only

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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](#).

**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.

rooms you are willing to lease to TAO, please let us know.

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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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## Nourish Your Soul



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

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**Please remember TAO in your will.**

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## Quick Links

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](http://www.CDbaby.com)), with some [samples to listen to](#).

If you know of a Jewish 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!

Arik

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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.

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**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!

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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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