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Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to Schedule
Dec 24, 2009

New this week...

Men's Spirituality Group

Due to many of the men being occupied on 12/24 Xmas eve, we are taking off BOTH 12/24 and 12/31, and re-starting 1/7/10. Our new ending date of this series is 2/4/10.

Rabbi Shoni Participates in Florida Jewish History Month

Florida Jewish History Month kicks off **January 3** at Jewish Museum of Florida with discussion of cultural identity through art and one-day art show.

Defining who is a Jew is the perennial question. Defining Jewish art is almost as challenging. And then there is the question for artists of "How does one's identity influence your art," and if it does, "How is it expressed?" Is Jewish art any art produced by a Jewish artist, regardless of content? Is Jewish art any art product that focuses on a specifically Jewish theme? Where does the 'Jewishness' lie, in the artist or in the art?

These thought-provoking questions will be presented on this seventh annual observance of Florida Jewish History Month - **Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 10:30 am** at the Museum.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Diane Camber; participants are Deborah Disilets, Dina Weinstein, **Rabbi Shoni Labowitz** and Neitzah

Next Service

Saturday, December 26

At the Rabbi's Home - Members Only

Learn the Friday night Shabbos prayers. Click here to print [Prayer book](#).

NOTE: Jan. 1 Service at the Rabbi's home... Members Only!

Today's Parsha

Dec 24, 2009 - 7 Tevet 5770

Vatigash: Genesis: 44:18-47:27

"Joseph's brothers prepare to travel from Egypt to Canaan. Joseph tells them to not be troubled by their path."

Wisdom by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

Release old and limited ways of being as you open to boundless new opportunities for growth and adventure.

Reprinted from "Miraculous Living" Calendar.

Benbenisti. Following the program is an art show, featuring acrylics, sculpture and silk screenings by Florida Jewish artists Shimon Dray, Natasha Ten, **Shoni Labowitz** and Neitzah Benbenisti. There is no admission charge for this event. RSVP: 305-672-5044, ext. 3175. [Read complete article](#)

Tree of Life / Yahrtzeit Plaque

A new leaf has been placed on the Tree of Life by the TAO community in honor of the marriage of Jacci & Sandy King.

A new Yahrtzeit Plaque has been placed, by her Chavura, in memory of Patti Halprin and by Leslie & Mitch Lazar in memory of his father, Jack R. Lazar.

Heart to Heart

Read the new Heart to Heart message in the right column.

"Heaven on Earth for Jews & Muslims: How Do We Create This World?"

Inter-active talk by Dr. Martin Rutte, co-author of **Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work**

Tuesday, January 19th, at 6pm - Sponsored by: Nova SE University's Spiritual Life, Hillel and International Muslim Association Nova in partnership with JAM & All, an organization of Jews, Muslims, Christians and all people dedicated to peace and social harmony.

Imagine these two children of Abraham creating a new bond for modern times - ones that heal the past and establish a new foundation for enrichment and contribution. Imagine this union serving as a model for solving other seemingly impossible problems.

Mr. Rutte is the founder of Project Heaven on Earth, an initiative that encourages people to get involved to make the world the kind of home of which they dream. He is a dynamic speaker, who has worked with such organizations as the World Bank, SONY Pictures Entertainment and Virgin Records. He has addressed the Corporate Leadership and Ethics Forum of the Harvard

Special thanks to Dr. Lisa J. Sirota-Weiner.

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

Help us welcome **Gwenne Fox** to TAO.

Condolences

To the Family of our beloved **Patti Halprin**. The family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or TAO. [Click here to donate now.](#)

Healing Prayers

Business School four times. He is also the founder and Board Chair of the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada.

DATE/TIME: January 19 at 6pm

VENUE: Knight Auditorium, Carl DeSantis Business Bldg. (off 30th Street) at Nova SE University, 3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

DIRECTIONS: From I-595, Get off at University Drive going south, turn left at S.W. 30th Street and proceed east into entrance on right. DeSantis Building and Huizenga School of Business is on left.

SPONSORED BY: Nova SE University's Spiritual Life, Hillel and International Muslim Association Nova and JAM & All, an organization of Jews & Muslims, Christians and Others.

COST: FREE

CONTACT: Kathleen Leonard 561-289-4621 or Irma Sulaiman 561-251-5336



Renee J. Greene



Marla Sweedler Ph.D.

Jan 31 - Women of Distinction

Join us in Honoring (for their contributions at large as well as to TAO).



Lisa Lachs



Ethelind Wiener

Featured Speaker:
Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

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Complete article below.

Coming up...

December...

26 - Saturday Morning Service

Upcoming Events...



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.

Abby Siegel, Joan Sadik, Rita Feuerman (Rhonda Hey's mother), Roberta Vogel (Sister of Rick Vogel), John BiFolco (Trudi's son-in-law), Christina Marciano, Blanche Gulko (Bayla Rivkah bat Batya) - Mother of Judith Gulko, Maxine Brodsky (Malcha Bat Fraeda), Ana Cedeno, Wayne Abbott, Joshua Abbott (son of Jennifer and Wayne Abbott), Joyce Goobic, Anya Rudzinski, Gilah Fish (daughter of Renee Greene and Michael Fish), Steve Covert, Ilene Joseph, Sharon Raddock, Ron Price, Sara Rosenbaum, Mark Friedman, Elyse Blum, Zhara Zwerling (daughter of Carole & Michael McConnell), Jules Hochman (father of Carole McConnell), Barbara Berg, Iris Susser, Paula Rubin (Jenae's mother), Robert Perlmutter, Andy Leeds, Kate GeMeiner, Jenae Rubin, Marilyn Gnapp (sister of Doris Baker), Caren Vivado, Angela Weiss, Karen Tina Sheskin, Brianna Dalnas, Cathy Spencer-Lane.

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. Please notify TAO office to remove names from healing.

Great Chanukah Gifts

Jan 01 - Friday Service (at Rabbi's House)

Jan 03 - Jewish Museum of Florida

Jan 07 - Men's Spirituality Group

Jan 21 - Women's Spirituality Group

Jan 30 - Saturday Morning Retreat

Jan 31 - *Women of Distinction*

Luncheon · Boutique · Tribute

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Click [here](#) to print a copy of the TAO calendar to post on your refrigerator.

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- Rabbi Shoni's [prayer book](#)
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Everything is available on our online [Store](#).

Tree of Life



Express the unique spiritual grace and energy that reflects our loving Oneness. That's our Tree of Life.

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December 22 - Wisdom Class



Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

At Wisdom Classes, we begin 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.

Join the Kabbalah series at Wisdom Class
This series is for beginners and experienced

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.

Special thanks to **Sharon Raddock** for sponsoring our new Tree of Life Plaque. We thank you so very much for this eternal gift.

Photo by Elyn Zerfas.

Yahrtzeit Plaque



Jewish tradition externalizes our beloved departed by honoring the blessed memory of family members who passed on (parents, siblings, aunts/uncles, children). The Yahrtzeit Plaque is a permanent memorial to your loved ones.

To add your loved one to the plaque, [click here](#).

We need to order a new Yahrtzeit Plaque. If you would like to sponsor the plaque, call the office to participate in this eternal gift. 954-888-1408.

Photo by Elyn Zerfas.

Job Opportunities

students alike. Though we'd like you to join us every week, the program is designed so you can attend when it fits your schedule. Bring your friends!

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

Location

JCC - Pine Island & Stirling Roads
Main Building, Holocaust Learning Center
[Map and directions](#)

Member Benefits



Free Member Events & Member Only (MO) Events

Mark your calendars!

Chanukah
Purim

Sukkot Havdallah (MO)
Shabbat Retreats (MO)
Wisdom Classes
Women's Spirituality Group (MO)
Men's Spirituality Group (MO)
Sunday Salon (MO)
Shabbat Services - Twice a Month (Free)
Saturday Shabbat Service at Rabbi's house (MO)
New Year's Day Shabbos for 2010 (MO)

[Join TAO now!](#)

Dec 26 - Saturday Shabbat Service

TAO members looking for employers and employees are welcome to place an announcement in this newsletter at no charge.

Employers wishing to [give Tzedakah](#) are invited to do so.

Email your announcement to
Jenae@SalesPowerhouse.com

Responsible, dependable & energetic!

Hi! I'm Sandra Miller. I am coming out of retirement and need to work.

I am looking for part-time sales, reception or anything I can do of service. I am a good organizer, responsible, caring, dependable and friendly. I am a people person, carry myself well and am personable. I not only need to work, I want to work. Contact me at 954-825-3390

Heart to Heart



Share what's in your heart: love, simchas, gratitude, life events, appreciation. . . or help promote an event that is meaningful to you. This is a sacred space where we give each other the gift of our words. \$18 donation per listing.

Carole Constad's cousin, Gabi Boraks, has been on the Healing List for more than a year and is now well enough to be removed from the list. She wishes to thank everyone at TAO for their prayers and good wishes.

[Click here to Share Your Heart](#)

Past events...

[Planet Florence
Spa Day 2009](#)



10:30 a.m. Service
Oneg Follows

Fourth Saturdays
Date exceptions noted 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!

After the Service, enjoy Oneg with your congregants. **Will you sponsor Oneg?** Call the office 954-888-1408.

Services

2010

Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29, Jun 26

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

Please join Pearl and Adam Atkin on Saturday, January 23 as Adam celebrates his "second Bar Mitzvah" on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. Adam's Bar Mitzvah will take place at the 10:30 Service at Rabbi Marc and Paulina's home and the entire TAO family is invited to join in this celebration.

Among Spiritual and religious Jews, it is customary for a man who reaches 83 to celebrate a second Bar Mitzvah, under the logic that a "normal" lifespan is 70 years, so an 83-year-old can be considered 13 in a second lifetime.

Please consider celebrating your "second Bar Mitzvah" with your TAO family and sponsoring the service and oneg for that special event. In lieu of gifts, please [make a donation in Adam's honor to TAO](#) or [send Adam a Mitzvah Card](#).



Members Only
Services at Rabbi Marc and Paulina's home are for TAO Members Only.
Members are welcome to bring out-of-town guests. Dress comfortably!

[Road Rally 2009](#)
[2009 Cruise Retreat](#)
[Chanukah 2008](#)

[Campfire, November 2008](#)
[July 4, 2008](#)
[40th Tribute to Rabbi Marc](#)

Tikkun Olam

Ongoing TAO Program Cartridges for kids

Please save your used **printer** and **fax cartridges, laptops** and **PDAs**. Bring them to services or 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.

Help Repair the World Clothing

Whenever possible, buy clothing made from organic cotton or hemp. Around the world, more toxic insecticides are used on cotton than on any other crop. Locate a store through the [International Organic Cotton Directory](#).

REFUSE - REUSE - RECYCLE - REPURPOSE

Repurpose & reuse your trash. Turn it into art! Take it to **Trash to Treasure**. Here's a list of items they take. If you have something not on this list, call them, they might want that too!

- ALL Plastics #4 - 7

Location

Saturday Service is at Rabbi Marc & Paulina's home. Call Office for address: 954-888-1408.

Parking

To keep the ability to enjoy services at the Rabbi's home, please follow this parking procedure:

At the Rabbi's house, an attendant will give you a handout with the places you may park. Rabbi Marc did a lot of work to secure parking places acceptable to his development's Board and the City. We must heed 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 previously gave permission to park there. By being respectful of their wishes, we assure fewer problems in the future.

Do a Mitzvah Make a Tax-Deductible Donation

Jan 1 - Friday Service - At Rabbi's Home



**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.

Learn the Prayers
[Click for free prayer book](#)

In the TAO tradition, please bring your menorahs and candles. As a community we can light our menorahs to celebrate the last night of Chanukah.

- Bottle caps - all types
- Scrap wire, fabric, string, rope
- CDs, DVDs
- Carry-out drink trays
- Wire hangers (even tiny plastic hooks from socks packaging)
- Baskets - all sizes, including veggies and berries
- Landscape timbers
- Broken garden fencings
- Working ceiling fans

Set aside a carton to collect items every day... the same as you do with your Recycle Bin. **Bring it to Services** when it's full, and we'll take it to Trash to Treasure... or take it yourself.

Trash to Treasure

1100 NW 53 Street, Suite 1
Fort Lauderdale 33309
888-282-8242

Wednesdays with Rabbi



By appointment

To schedule a private meeting with Rabbi Marc Wednesday afternoon, call 954-888-1408.

PhotoShop: Elyn Zervas

Mitzvah Corner

Send a Soldier a Smile
[Click here](#)

Ads for Israel
[Click here](#)

Help members who need rides
On occasion, members need rides to the doctor. If you're willing to help, we'd like

Services

First & Third Fridays
Fourth Saturday (Unless noted otherwise)
Summer Schedule Varies

Regular Friday Night Services

7:10 - Cantorial Chants
7:30 - Services Begin

Please help setup and cleanup after Services.

You'll make it a lot easier on the Rabbi and the few people who are helping now. To help with set up, show up at about 6:30pm. Thank you so much!!

Help sign in attendees

Call Dee at the office: 954-888-1408.

2010 Schedule

January 15
February 5, 19
March 5, 19
April 2, 16
May 7, 21
June 4, 18
July 2, 16

Oneg Sponsors

Last week's Oneg was sponsored by **Sandy King and Jacci Nieves** in honor of their marriage.

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 and in our newsletter. The Rabbi will personally acknowledge and thank you.

To sponsor an upcoming Oneg, call the office to schedule: 954-888-1408.

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 supporting Jewish Family Services and the Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food to services.

to keep a list of people to call. Remember, we also have members looking for rides to Services as well. Please call or [email us](#) if you're willing to help.

Sponsor an Oneg

Without your help, this delightful finale 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. Call the office to reserve your Oneg: 954-888-1408.

Community Service Hours for High Schoolers

We have many opportunities to fulfill service hour requirements. Call Anne Goldberg at 954-476-0110 to volunteer.

Donate Timeshare

Please contact the office with details: 954-888-1408.

Tell Someone You Appreciate Them

Write a Heart to Heart message. Donation is only \$18. What a mitzvah! Click [here](#) to start.

Transportation As One (TAO)



People from Miami to Aventura to Boca to Palm Beach want to attend TAO Services and Wisdom Class and are unable or uncomfortable driving. If you will 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.

Plus, it's the green thing to do! Carpooling conserves gas and offers the opportunity to enjoy your TAO friends at the same time.

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

Galia & Ocean Funds

In the spirit of Tzedakah, Paulina and Rabbi Marc set up two funds at TAO - a

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

ArtServe, 1350 East Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale.
Click here for [Directions](#).

Jan 7 - Men's Spirituality Group



New

8-week session

Session #4

7 p.m.

This open and ongoing inquiry into the nature of being male emphasizes the joys, privileges, and constraints of being a Jewish male in today's world. Designed to facilitate the unfolding of our uniqueness as individual males as well as our inseparability from and bond with other men; here is an opportunity to be a "man among men."

You are encouraged to take your mask off and learn how to be intimate with other men, build empowering relationships and support other men as only men can do for each other.

We continue and expand our exploration of the myth, mystery and reality of being a Jewish male, which we began in Session 1. Each week, other spiritual topics are introduced as well.



All TAO men are invited to this unique strictly-male opportunity. Please call Dr. Richard Hey if you have any questions 954-806-6601.

This session meets the following seven

Galia fund and an Ocean fund. A portion of these funds will be used to send toys and other needed items to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations that serve children, including Jafco.

When you share your sweetness to celebrate Galia's birthday (December 6) and Ocean's birthday (June 28) and other occasions, please donate to TAO and specify the Galia or Ocean fund instead of generously offering toys, clothing and other gifts. In this way, children will benefit from your sweet generosity.

Paulina and Rabbi Marc will be informed that you gifted their children and performed an act of Tzedakah in their children's honor.

Both Paulina and Rabbi Marc appreciate the health, toys and love their children have and want to give others the opportunity to share as well. To donate, [click here](#), and indicate in the Notes box which fund (Galia or Ocean) this tax deductible gift is for.

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Thursday evenings, with the exception of 12/31 for obvious reasons. The last session is Thursday, February 4.

Once a new eight-week session has begun, the group is closed to new members until the next session begins.

Facilitator

Dr. Richard Hey has been actively involved in the Men's movement on a variety of levels since 1984. He can be reached at 954-806-6601 or DrRichardHey@gmail.com.

Location

Second Floor Conference Room at Office - 10200 West SR 84, Davie 33324. **Non-members may attend the first two sessions after which TAO membership is required.**

Directions

From Nob Hill Road, just south of SR 84, turn as if you are going into Burger King and follow the road as it curves to the right. We are just west of Imperial Lighting. There is ample parking.

Please arrive a few minutes early as the front door to the building locks at 7pm.

RSVP

954-888-1408 or TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net

Jan 21 - Women's Spirituality Group

7:00 p.m.



Women's Spirituality Group is a sacred circle of spiritual women who want to grow and share their souls. Participation requires no prior experience, just an open heart and willingness to be in the company of loving, accepting friends. We neither solve problems nor give advice; we listen and learn, love and accept.

Please join us.

Non-members may attend twice before joining TAO.

[Location & Directions](#)

Myrna Wolf's home

Join a Committee

Participating on a committee enriches your life and builds meaningful relationships. Call a Committee Chairperson or the office 954-888-1408. Thank you.

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MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net

954-370-4528

2010 Schedule

Even months, third Monday. Odd months, third Thursday.

Jan 21 (Thurs)
Feb 15 (Mon)

Mar 18 (Thurs)
Apr 19 (Mon)
May 21 (Thurs)
Jun 21 (Mon)
Jul 15 (Thurs)

Aug 16 (Mon)
Sept 16 (Thurs)
Oct 18 (Mon)
Nov 18 (Thurs)
Dec 20 (Mon)

To be included in the email list for Women's Spirituality Group, email Marcia Sweedler
MSweedle@nova.edu

Jan 30 - Saturday Morning Retreat

10:30 a.m.



The TAO Shabbos Hour Retreat is a sacred sanctuary of silent inner reflection and sacred presence. Give yourself this hour to be soothed and transformed, through quiet prayer, euphoric chanting, gentle (Renewal-style) yoga, and holy meditation, all in a tranquil, loving environment with your TAO community and friends.

This glorious hour, led By Rabbi Marc, is fabulous for your physical and mental health.

Upcoming Morning Retreats

- March 13
- April 10
- June 12

Choir & Musicians

Anne Goldberg
Joyce Goobic

Bob Heaton
Rebbetzin Paulina
Fred Zuker

Nourish Your Soul



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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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Location

At the home of Rabbi Marc and Paulina. *This is a members only event.*

Note: There is no Oneg.

Myrna's Musings...

"I am filled with joy and fulfillment after last Saturday's yoga/meditation/chanting Shabbos Hour Retreat at the Rabbi's home. It set the tone for my entire week. I feel so lucky to be part of this incredible community.

"I used to think Friday night TAO services were the most precious place to touch God. The love and energy swirled and then rested and then gathered momentum and then quieted again and my soul connected.

"Then I found Saturday mornings at our private sanctuary in Davie. The music and the intimacy and the soulfulness touched me deeply, and I knew this was the most precious place for me to touch God in the presence of my beloved community.

"Then I returned to our sanctuary for a gentle yoga/meditation/chanting morning, and I truly knew that this was my most precious place and time to open my heart to my God. My eyes filled with tears of joy and my soul filled with the love and fulfillment that sacred silence in the presence of loved ones can bring.

"I find the connection in many places, the mountains in the early morning, walking with a loved one on the beach, the silence of the in-between places of my life. How grateful I am to be able to share this incredibly loving God space. And I am so grateful that I know it. Really know it."

Jan 31 - Women of Distinction

Luncheon · Boutique · Tribute

Sunday, December 13

11:00 - 2:00

[Read more Online](#) · [Register Online Now](#)

Bonaventure Hyatt
250 Racquet Club Road, Weston, FL 33326

**For Contributions at Large and to TAO
Community, We Honor...**



Renee J. Greene



Marcia Sweedler Ph.D.

Renee J. Greene

Innovative problem-solver. Dedicated to Judaism. Lifelong commitment to a kinder, gentler, cleaner earth. Advocate for those unable for themselves. Honest, respectful and loving wife, daughter, mother, friend.



Lisa Lachs



Ethelind Wiener

Lisa Lachs

Woman of character.

Compassionate soul. Unwavering friend, mother and wife. Incomparable strength of spirit.

Marcia Sweedler, Ph.D.

Professor, school principal, teacher. Director of conflict resolution and mediation services. Mediator, facilitator, trainer. Mother, grandmother.

Ethelind Wiener

Career in philanthropy. Social activist. Community leader. Dedicated to family, friends and exploring the world.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

Join us in celebraation and honor. RSVP by
January 10.

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Reminders

Rabbi Marc used to send on Thursdays prior to Services? We'd like to bring them back again. Will you sponsor the calls for the next 12 months? If so, we're seeking you. What a mitzva it will be to restart this lovely practice. Please call the office with your \$2,500 donation, or click here to [donate online](#) now. Please indicate "Reminder Calls" in the message box if donating online. Thanks... LOTS! Your sponsorship will bring much joy to our community.

Do you read Hebrew?

If so, join our team of people to help with the Virtual Siddur (PowerPoint presentation) for Friday night Services. Contact Rabbi Marc or Anne.

We'd like to help celebrate your birthday

Click here to [email](#) your birth date (we don't need the year).

We're out of room on our Yahrtzeit Plaque

Please sponsor a new one. Call Renee in the office for details: 954-888-1408. Thanks for helping us and everyone else who participates in this eternal gift.

TAO Networking...

A place where members showcase their business. Look for "Networking" on the home page. Members, add your listing by clicking "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.

Join TAO



Have you been to a few Services or classes?

It's membership renewal time.

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Membership Benefits

- Free Admission to High Holy Days
- Saturday Shabbos Services at Rabbi's Home
- Discounts at most TAO Events
- Reduced Advertising Rates in this Newsletter
- Member Only Events like Women's and Men's Spirituality Groups

And most importantly, you support and are a part of a joyous, loving community where you expand your heart within a Jewish framework. *Nothing beats that!*

Your membership empowers TAO and Jewish Renewal. Your participation is crucial to the continuation and growth of a home for us. Just as in an election where each vote counts, your personal contribution tells us that you care and are willing to be counted as a supporter of our Jewish Renewal Center. Your membership allows the continued growth of our community.

Please consider donating the higher level of membership, for there are some who cannot afford even the basic level of giving. We turn no one away, and your donations help us support all who need us. Anyone who wants to pray with us is welcome.

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