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Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to Schedule
Mar 11, 2010

New this Week...



Special Saturday Shabbas Service

Join us this Saturday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. for a Special Saturday Morning Service. We are proud to have Renewal Rabbi Marcia Prager and Hazzan (Cantor) Jack Kessler. Click [here](#) to read about our honored guests. Location: Rabbi's Home.

To sponsor the Oneg for this Service, call the office. 954-888-1408. NOTE: The Mini Meditation Retreat is postponed until April 10.

Seder Teaching at Wisdom Class

Join us for Tuesday's Wisdom Classes where Rabbi Marc will bring fulfillment and meaning to Seder at a Seder teaching. Discover how these Kabbalistic teachings can have a profound impact on your life.

Data Entry Job Opportunity

TAO has a temporary (paying) job for a detail oriented, accurate data entry person. We estimate 30 - 40 hours worth of work to be input into an Access database at the office afternoons. Call Renee to apply. 954-888-1408.

Next Service

Saturday, March 13

Learn the Friday night Shabbos prayers. Print [Prayer book](#); link online.

Today's Parsha

Mar 11, 2010 - 25 Adar 5770
Vayakhel: Exodus: 35:1-38:20

"Shabbat HaCodesh occurs on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Chodesh Nisan. Its special Maftir reading contains the verse about the first month of the calendar, 'This shall be to you the head of the months.'"

Wisdom by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

Remember that it is not possible ever to return to what was, for everything is in constant flux, waiting to be redeemed, redefined, and re-created.

Reprinted from "Miraculous Living" Calendar. Special thanks to Dr. Lisa J. Sirota-Weiner.

Spa Day Committee Meeting

Join the Spa Day Committee at our upcoming meeting, **Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.** at Jenae's home. Last year's event was spectacular, and we're planning an even more exciting day that will be open to men and women this year. To attend the Committee meeting, call Jenae for address and to RSVP: 954-290-9896. Thanks!

Save the date (Sunday, May 23)... It's between Mother's and Father's Day and is a fabulous gift for that special Mom or Dad in your life.

Towne Hall Meeting

Save the date: Sunday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m.
Location: Office

At this Member's Only event, you will have an opportunity to interact with our Rabbis and Board of Directors and then go out to dinner with your friends after. We look forward to seeing you there.

Haiti Help Needed

Yanik Goutier from the Renman Foundation, the local contact person for Father Michel at the Haiti orphanage, has an urgent request. Currently, they do not have a working kitchen and are in dire need of these food items: dry breakfast cereals, dry milk, proteins (cans of salmon, tuna, sardines).

Bring donations to either of the Saturday Services at the Rabbi's house this month. If you wish to drop off at office, call first to make sure office is open: 954-888-1408.

Purim Photos

Special thanks to Bert for all the Purim pictures he took. Take a look at them on our website. [Click here.](#)

Passover Seder

To open your home to TAO members searching for a place to celebrate, please contact the office 954-888-1408 or TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net, so we can find homes for those searching. Thanks!

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

Rena & Jacob Marvin and their children Dalia and Stephanie Plantation

Mazel Tov

To Grandmother **Trudi DeGrazia** and parents Donna & John Bifulco on the forthcoming marriage of their granddaughter Stephanie Rose Bifulco to Marco Antonio Casillo on March 20th in Mexico.

Condolences

To **Joyce Finn** on the loss of her beloved mother, Marcia Olshan. Please offer your love, support and prayers to Joyce.

Road Rally Details - March 20



You had so much fun last year. Well "gear up" for more fun this year! As always, the destination's a surprise, but meet us in the Bank Atlantic parking lot at 10299 Royal Palm in Coral Springs at 6 p.m., and you'll "figure" your way to a fabulous dinner and have great, great fun en route.

This fun evening (which includes a sumptuous dinner) is only \$36 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Win a 36" Hi Definition TV!

\$18 - One Chance

\$36 - FIVE Chances... and

\$54 - EIGHTEEN Chances. You do not have to be present to win...

So Click "Register Now" link below to get your raffle tickets.

Bring your friends! [Register now](#). More details in article below.

Coming up...

Mar 11 - Men's Spirituality Group #3

Mar 13 - Special Shabbos Service

Mar 16 - Wisdom Class

More this month...

Mar 18 - Men's Spirituality Group #4

Mar 18 - Women's Spirituality Group

Mar 20 - Road Rally - [Register now](#)

Mar 25 - Men's Spirituality Group #5

Upcoming events...

May 16 - Towne Hall Meeting

May 23 - Spa Day - Save the Date

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

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.

Joseph Kugelman (father of Debbie Kugelman), Edythe Zimmerman, Miriam Zervas (Elyn's mother), Shayna Reeva bat Sara, Susan Gotlin; Masha bat Pnina, Chatz Feige bat Pnina (daughters of Pearl & Adam Atkin); Debbie Vincent, Florence Ross, Rabbi David Novak, Michael Antonelli, Linda Sharon Carroll, Joan Rosenwasser, Richard Grove, Abby Siegel, Joan Sadik, Rita Feuerman (Rhonda Hey's mother), Roberta Vogel (Sister of Rick Vogel), Maxine Brodsky (Malcha Bat Fraeda), Wayne Abbott, Steve Covert, Ilene Joseph, Ron Price, Sara Rosenbaum, Elyse Blum, Jules Hochman (father of Carole McConnell), Iris Susser, Robert Perlmutter, Andy Leeds, 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.

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Mar. 20 - Road Rally



Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members \$36 · Non-Members \$40
Bring your friends! [Register Now](#)

Wait a Minute... What's a Road Rally?

A Road Rally is a scavenger hunt with teams in cars. Pile in the car with your friends where you'll get clues and be on the road to laughter and merriment as your team strives to win the first (or second) place trophy. The clues ultimately lead you to the location for the fabulous dinner that will top off the night!



Don't know who you'd ride with? Come and we'll match you up with a great group!

Plan for loads of fun!

Express the unique spiritual grace and energy that reflects 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.

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 Zervas.

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](#).

Photo by Elyn Zervas.

Job Opportunities

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Meet us at 6:00 p.m. at:

10299 Royal Palm Blvd., Coral Springs in the Bank Atlantic parking lot. But [register first!](#)

If you have any questions, call chairpeople:

Rhonda Hey: 954-205-3441

Lowell Gannon: 954-240-1944

NOTE: TAO supports a cleaner planet! Greenhouse gasses generated from this event will be reduced through the purchase of Carbon offsets. For more information on carbon offsets and how you can reduce your own carbon footprint, please visit www.TerraPass.com.

Classified: Vacation to Peru & Nepal/Bhutan

Click [here](#) for printable flyer.

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

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.

[Click here to Share Your Heart](#)

Past events...

[Women of Distinction 2010](#)
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Tikkun Olam

Ongoing TAO Program

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February 2, 2010

PERU TRIP DATES: JUNE 12-18 DESTINATIONS: Lima / Cusco / Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Lake Titicaca	Sunie Stockler is leading two fabulous tours this year. Join us for an experience of a lifetime.	NEPAL & BHUTAN TRIP DATES: OCTOBER 1-13 DESTINATIONS: Katmandu / Tigers Nest Monastery / Wangdue / Thimphu / Paro & Fabulous Regional Festivals
		
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Mar. 11 - Men's Spirituality Group #3



NEW 8-week session

Through April 15

Attendance is mandatory
and closed after first
session!

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

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 Building & Remodeling

Flooring

Click [here](#) for samples of sustainable flooring material.

Wednesdays with Rabbi



By appointment

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

PhotoShop: Elyn Zerfas

Mitzvah Corner

Help members who need rides

On occasion, members need rides to the doctor. If you're willing to help, we'd like to keep a list of people to call. Remember, we also have members looking for rides to Services as well.

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.

Current themes include: integrity, commitment, service, acknowledgment, appreciation and gratitude.



Come home to the brotherhood of men, and take your place as a man among men. All TAO men are invited to this unique strictly-male opportunity. Please call Dr. Richard Hey if you have any questions 954-806-6601.

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

Mar. 13 - Special Saturday Shabbos Service

Please call or [email us](mailto:TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net) 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](mailto:Jenae@TAOcenter.net), 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



10:30 a.m.

Join us this Saturday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. for a Special Saturday Morning Service. We are proud to have Renewal Rabbi Marcia Prager and Hazzan (Cantor) Jack Kessler with us.

Rabbi Marcia Prager is a vibrant teacher, storyteller, ritual artist and therapist. She is Director and Dean of Ordination Programs for ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, and rabbi of P'nai Or, the Jewish Renewal Congregation of Philadelphia, PA. Her book, *The Path of Blessing* (Bell Tower 1998 /Jewish Lights 2003) is an exploration of the profound spiritual wisdom that lies in the Jewish practice of blessing. She is the creator of the unique P'nai Or Siddurim for Shabbat and other innovative approaches to prayer and liturgy. She and her husband Hazzan Jack Kessler travel widely to teach in an array of Jewish and interfaith settings.



Hazzan (Cantor) Jack Kessler was ordained as a Cantor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and went on to have a twenty-year career serving Conservative congregations. During that time he received a Master's degree in voice from Boston Conservatory and pursued studies in composition in the graduate department of Brandeis University. In addition to his ongoing career as a hazzan (cantor) and vocal coach, he supervises the cantorial training of students in the ALEPH Cantorial Program, and directs two touring ensembles: ATZILUT- CONCERTS FOR PEACE, a duet format of Arab and Jewish musicians performing together, and KLINGON KLEZMER, which does Jewish music from other planets.

To sponsor the Oneg for this Service, call the office. 954-888-1408.

NOTE: The Mini Meditation Retreat is postponed until April 10.

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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Location: Rabbi's home. Member's only event.

Mar. 19 - Friday 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.

Learn the Prayers

[Click for free prayer book](#)

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

April 2, 16 - Holocaust Remembrance Service
May 7, 21
June 4, 18
July 2, 16

Oneg Sponsors

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

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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Saturday Oneg

Gwenne Fox

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. 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](#).

Mar. 16 - Wisdom Class



Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Whether you're frazzled from the day or already in a sweet space, join us for this uplifting and inspirational evening.

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

Marcia Peschitz

Tova Weinstock

Choir & Musicians

Anne Goldberg
Joyce Goobic

Bob Heaton
Rebbetzin Paulina
Laura Edge Truong
Fred Zuker

Nourish Your Soul



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Call 954-888-1408

to reserve.

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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This series is for beginners and experienced 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](#)

Mar. 18 - 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

Facilitator

Jenae Rubin

RSVP

MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net

954-370-7273

2010 Schedule

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

Apr 19 (Mon)
May 20 (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

Mar. 27 - Saturday Shabbat Service



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.

Upcoming Services

2010

Apr 24, May 29, Jun 26



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!

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.

Classified: Laffing Matterz



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Apr. 10 - Saturday Morning Retreat

10:30 a.m.



The TAO Shabbos Hour Retreat is a 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

- June 12

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."

Do a Mitzvah
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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)

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May 27 - Summer Internship Application
Due

June 21 - August 31, 2010

Isabella Freedman Summer Internship Program
Elat Chayyim Center for Jewish Spirituality

Take 10 weeks at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in the foothills of the Berkshires to discover yourself through our unique internship program, incorporating: Jewish spiritual practice; healthy, natural living; service to others; and membership in a loving, inclusive community within which to connect deeply to Jewish life, learning, lore, and spirituality.

As an intern, you will give 36 hours each week of service to facilitate the experience of summer retreat participants. You will choose the study opportunities that interest you, and learn from great teachers of esoteric, spiritual, artistic, and grounded aspects of

Judaism. You will help build a conscious community and develop personally motivating spiritual practices. You will have daily and weekly opportunities to explore meditation, yoga, communal prayer, organic gardening, Torah study, the great outdoors, and Shabbat.

Throughout the course of the program, you will dwell in a community rooted in emotional safety, mutual respect, and authentic sharing. This conscious community supports each individual's exploration of self, God, Jewish identity, and personal relationships in a vibrant, deep, and inclusive Jewish context.

Interns generally range in age from 20s to 60s. They come from all over the world and from diverse backgrounds with different levels of Jewish education and practice. Interns may work in recreation (lifeguard at pool and lake, nature hiking, rope course and rock scramble), arts and crafts, children's program, kitchen, housekeeping, retreat and A/V production, &/or guest services.

It is important that interested applicants are: willing and able to work hard and to see work itself as a spiritual practice; willing to co-create and participate wholeheartedly in a respectful and caring, multi-generational and diverse community of interns, staff members, teachers, and retreat participants.

The Internship program costs \$180 including work, all programs, very basic housing, and wholesome kosher meals. Spaces are limited. Acceptance into the program is at the sole discretion of the Summer Internship Coordinator and Isabella Freedman's executive leadership. The program is trans-denominational and inclusive.

Applying to the Program

Please visit [our website](#) for the 2010 Summer Internship Application. Email application to Rhonda Rosenheck at ECinternship@IsabellaFreedman.org. Admission is rolling, with no applications taken later than May 27, 2010.

The program application fee is \$80. If you are accepted as an intern and choose to participate in the program, this \$80 application fee will be applied towards the \$180 Internship Program fee. If you are not accepted into the Internship Program, we will refund your \$80 application fee.

Reminders

Do you remember the sweet reminder calls

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 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.

We'd like to help celebrate your birthday

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

Please Sponsor Our Second Yahrtzeit Plaque

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

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- Free Admission to High Holy Days

- Discounts at most TAO Events
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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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