



## TAO . The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to Schedule  
Mar 25, 2010

### Lots New this Week...

#### Wisdom Class

**No Wisdom Class Tuesday, March 30** in celebration of Passover. **April 6 Wisdom Class - Rhythm & Jews.** Bring your instruments! Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the JCC in Davie.

#### Good Yom Tov

Hag Sameach! In celebration of Passover, the office is closed next week.

Enjoy these articles from the founder of Jewish Renewal, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi:

- Free yourself from the Maxwell House Haggadah >> [www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=58](http://www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=58)
- Seder as an honest witnessing of our conditions >> [www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=63](http://www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=63)
- Alternate "Four Sons" Haggadah text >> [www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=159](http://www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=159)
- Pesach's symbolism along the lines of Olamot and Sefirot >> [www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=161](http://www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=161)
- Afikoman and Pesach's deep transformations >> [www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=162](http://www.rzlp.org/wordpress/?p=162)

#### Special Thanks

To **Jacci** and **Sandy King** for their donation of a Torah Scroll to TAO in honor of their wedding. Mazel tov and much appreciation!

### Next Service

**Saturday, March 27**

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

### Today's Parsha

**Mar 25, 2010 - 10 Nissan 5770**

Tzav: Leviticus: 6: 1-8: 36

"Moses took some of the blood and put it on the ridge of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toes of his right foot."

#### Wisdom by Rabbi Shoni

When you pay attention to details as though they are endowed with enormous spiritual powers, your life becomes infinitely more interesting, magical and new.

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

## Join TAO Mission to Haiti June 7-13

*Join Rabbi Marc and TAO on a mission to Haiti.*

How many times have you watched the news and silently commented to yourself, "That's terrible. I wish there was something I could do." Well, now there is. Join Rabbi Marc and other TAO members on a mission to Haiti. Through Father Michel's good work, we identified that we can help rebuild the orphanage's massive rubble heap into livable conditions.

Will you join us? While we are searching for architects, contractors, people in construction, brick layers, medical personnel and the like, the only real requisite is that you are **willing and able to participate in manual labor**.

This mission is not for those who have compromised health or immune systems as you may be exposed to airborne health threats. Please be cautious and make sure you are well enough to handle the elements and the physical labor required.

This is not a resort activity. We cannot guarantee what your living or sleeping conditions will be. We cannot guarantee you will have three square meals a day.

According to CDC (Center for Disease Control), "Before visiting Haiti, you may need to get vaccinations and medications for vaccine-preventable diseases and other diseases you might be at risk for at your destination. Your doctor or health-care provider will determine what you will need, depending on factors such as your health and immunization history, areas of the country you will be visiting, and planned activities. To have the most benefit, see a health-care provider at least 4-6 weeks before your trip to allow time for your vaccines to take effect and to start taking medicine to prevent malaria, if you need it." Please read CDC's article online at [wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx) for the latest information for Haiti relief workers.

We are trying to block a group of airline seats. Though you will be responsible for your own airfare and incidental costs, please call soon as we need to get an idea of how many people plan to go so that we can negotiate lower airfares.

For more details, call Rabbi Marc.

## 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

**Katie Whiteman & Barry Reiman**  
Plantation

**Rena & Jacob Marvin**

and their children Dalia and Stephanie  
Plantation

## Mazel Tov

### Mazel Tov to Arik & Aliza

It is with great joy and unimaginable relief to be able to announce the birth of our beautiful baby boy at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, weighing 5 pounds 11 ounces. He was beautiful the moment he came out and seems to be getting cuter with every moment. Thank you all for your blessings and support.

Love,  
Arik & Aliza Labowitz

## March Women's Spirituality Group

Click [here](#) for this month's Passover talk.

### Road Rally - A Blast!

We traveled all over Northern Broward and discovered some really funny, unusual and outrageous places as part of the clues. Everyone came back with some pretty funny stories and great pictures of their experiences. It was amazing where some people wound up! The Road Rally ended at Pappas Restaurant for a fabulous four course dinner of salmon or veggie lasagna, thanks to Spiro Pappas, in Coral Springs.

As the evening went on **Bob Heaton** entertained us with his great guitar, and we all joined in a spirited sing-a-long to oldies but goodies.

"The road rally was a blast!" said Penny Cheever. We sped around the county in search of clues and business cards. I haven't a 'clue' what we did right, but I do know that we missed the commerce clue by a mile! It was fun to hangout with new friends and chase the neon lights and hoofing feet. We're happy we participated. Thanks TAO for a fun evening."

Thanks to Chairpeople **Rhonda Hey** and **Lowell Gannon** for coordinating this fun, fun event and to their committee: **Jacci King, Joy Lasky, Nancy Mendelson, Rose Moussa, Helen Skinner** and everyone who sold raffle tickets.

Defending last year's win, and capturing it again this year were **Sheila & Richard Tobier**. Also in their car contributing to this year's win were also **Arnie Katz, Richard Horowitz, Jon Rosen** and **Eleanor Orzeck**.

Winning the Hi-definition 36" television (even though she's gallivanting around the world on vacation) was **Ethelind Wiener**. We thank you and everyone else who could not attend for participating. And congratulations!

At the last clue, we were asked to take a funny picture of ourselves at our stop prior to finding the dinner location. Click here to see [Road Rally pictures](#).

## 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.

Danny Shia, Arnie Welber, 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.

## Coming up...

Mar 25 - Men's Spirituality Group #5  
Mar 27 - Saturday Morning Service  
Mar 30 - Wisdom Class  
Apr 02 - Friday Night (Passover) Service  
Apr 16 - Friday Night (Holocaust Memorial) Service

### Upcoming TAO 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.

## For your information...

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## Meaningful Gifts



### Unique, inexpensive and meaningful

- Leaf on [Tree of Life](#)
- Rabbi Marc's [Ocean](#) and [Galia](#) music and [meditation](#) CDs
- Rabbi Shoni's [prayer book](#)
- [Ocean and Galia fund](#)
- [Heart to Heart](#) Message

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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## Mar. 25 - Men's Spirituality Group #5



**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 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**

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

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:TAOadmin@TAOcenter.net)

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

Employers wishing to **give Tzedakah** are invited to do so.

Email your announcement to [Jenae@SalesPowerhouse.com](mailto: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](#)  
[Planet Florence](#)  
[Spa Day 2009](#)

[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 **PDA's**. Bring them to services or office. You will help save the environment and raise much needed funds.



**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.

## Mar. 30 - 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

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

### Green roofs - Plant based roofin

lick [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. 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

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 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](#)

Apr. 2 - Friday (Passover) 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**

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 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

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

### 2010 Schedule

April 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 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](#).

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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.

### Quick Links

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[Join Now](#)  
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### 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.

### Board of Directors



For details on running newsletter ads, [click here](#).

## 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.

#### Rabbis

Rabbi Phil Labowitz  
Rabbi Marc Labowitz

#### Founder

Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

#### Honorary President

Dr. Florence Ross

#### President

Anne Goldberg

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Sandy King

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Jenae Rubin

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Bob Heaton

#### Immediate Past President

Myrna Wolf

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Janice Weintraub

#### High Holy Days

Dee Sacks

#### Membership

Shirley Shelpman

#### Programs

Lowell Gannon

#### Spirituality Groups

Men - Dr. Richard Hey

Women - Marcia Sweedler

#### Nichum (Bereavement)

Kate GeMeiner

#### Friday Oneg

Fleur Heaton

Sandy King

Richard Horowitz

Caren Vivado

Tova Weinstock

#### Saturday Oneg

Gwenne Fox

Marcia Peschitz

Tova Weinstock

### Choir & Musicians

Anne Goldberg

Joyce Goobic

Bob Heaton

Rebbetzin Paulina

Laura Edge Truong

Fred Zuker

"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  
[Make a Tax-Deductible Donation](#)

April 17 - Peaceful Pairings

**5:30 p.m.**

Islamic Foundation of South Florida at 5457 W.  
108th Avenue, Sunrise, 33351 954-741-8130.

Apr. 19 - Women's Spirituality Group

## Nourish Your Soul



Sponsor this newsletter or make a [donation](#). We are so grateful for your love and support.

Newsletter sponsorships are \$180 for four weeks.

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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**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**

Trudi DiGrazia

**RSVP**

[MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net](mailto:MyrnaWolf07@comcast.net)

954-370-7273

**2010 Schedule**

Even months, third Monday.

Odd months, third

Thursday.

May 20 (Thurs)

Jun 21 (Mon)

Jul 15 (Thurs)

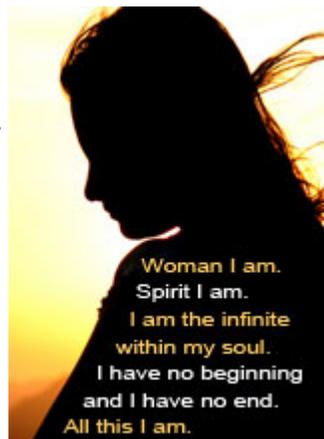
Aug 16 (Mon)

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](mailto:MSweedle@nova.edu)

May 16 - Towne Hall Meeting



### Member Only (MO) Event

4:30 to about 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Office Conference Room

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.

## 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!](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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](mailto: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.

## **TAO Networking...**

A place where members showcase their business. Click here or look for [Networking](#) on the [TAO 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.. and welcome to the Network!**

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.

What you derive from membership is priceless and often cannot be put into words, but without the price, we can't offer the service.

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