

# TAO - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal

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# SHALOM AND WELCOME



## Upcoming Programs & Events

TAO Events to  
Schedule  
February 14, 2008

Dear Jenae,

### New this week. . .

**Tribute ads and listings close February 15.** All admissions include a Tribute listing. If you can't make it, you can still include a listing or ad. Show Rabbi Marc how much you love him. [Sign up now](#). Read the article below to see what items have been donated for the Silent Auction so far.

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

**Check out the new**  
*Transportation As One* Members-Helping-Members in the right column.

### In the next 2 weeks. . .

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**Details for TAO events are below.**

## 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!

## Healing Prayers

The following people may need help remembering that they are whole and healthy. Please, whenever you are with them and whenever you think about them... see them as whole and perfect.

Wayne Andrew, Carole Constad, Michael Corpuel, Joni Fine, Harry Frank, Evelyn Gold, Joyce Goobic, Elda Himelblau, Sonya Maiden, James Price, Norma Seegal, Edward Seitz, Karen Tina Sheskin, Leonard Weiss (Yehuda ben Chana), Yitzchak Ben Rachel Yisraelit, Brianna Dalnas, Myrna Greissman, Stan Harris, Paul Weiss, Michael Wittmer and Elyn Zerfas.

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.

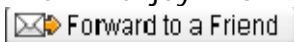
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May 16-18 - *The Spiritual Approach to Relationships. . . Intimacy is not just for Lovers* - Spirit At Sea Weekend  
Cruise Retreat

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

## For your information...

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## Transportation As One (TAO)

There are people from Miami to Aventura to Boca to Palm Beach who want to attend Services and Wisdom Class and are unable or uncomfortable driving. If you are willing to take someone with you, please email [Jenae](#), and we'll update the list to help make it easy for everyone to attend and participate in our events.

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

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

## Welcome New Members

**Helen Skinner**

## 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).

### Posting #3:

*Submitted by Irene Yovu*

20 + year old company, seeking product Demonstrators to represent Kiss My Face Organic personal care products. Must be fun, attractive, and enthusiastic to match company profile! Will receive full product line training in preparation for store level demos. 1-6 hours per day/\$20 per hour. Contact [Mia@KissMyFace.com](mailto:Mia@KissMyFace.com)

### Posting #2:

Our newest member, **Gail Rogers'** daughter, Allison Woodham, who lives in Lauderdale by the Sea, is looking for a Nanny or someone who takes care of babies in their home. My granddaughter is

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**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.

two months old. My daughter is going back work at Bank Atlantic's corporate office early March. Call Allison at 954-491-2837.

### **Posting #1:**

Are you looking for an exceptional, part-time, Office Manager, Administrative or Executive Assistant? Contact **Joyce Finn** for resume or interview (954) 435-3008 or [JFinn1012@bellsouth.net](mailto:JFinn1012@bellsouth.net).

## **Oneg Sponsors**

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

## **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 Rhythm & Jews.

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

View [pictures](#) of the July 4 picnic & drumming circle.

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

## **Upcoming TAO Events**

**February 23, 2008**

Cruise Reunion Havdallah

**March 2, 2008**

Rabbi Marc's 40th Birthday Tribute at Laffing Matterz

**Services:**

First & Third Fridays  
Fourth Saturday (Unless noted otherwise)

**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.

**Upcoming Friday Night Services**

Schedule these dates in your calendar:

**2008**

Mar 7 and 21	
Apr 4 and 18	May 2 and 16
June 6 and 20	July 4 and 18
Aug 1 and 15	Sept 5 and 19
Oct 3 and 17	Nov 7 and 21
Dec 5 and 19	

**Shabbos Oneg**

Many thanks to Janice Weintraub and the Institute of Jewish Knowledge and Learning for cosponsoring our last Shabbat oneg in honor of Janice's 70th birthday. Many thanks also to Joan Graff for cosponsoring our last oneg in appreciation for the wonderful spiritual energy she has shared with the TAO congregation in the past years.

Celebrate your special occasion (birthday, anniversary, promotion) or say thank you or honor someone special by sponsoring an

**May 16 - 18, 2008**

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

**Other Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, March 16 - 2pm**

**Kolot** (Voices to End Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community) presents "Flowers Aren't Enough." This play ([view clips from movie](#)), written and performed by [Naomi Ackerman](#) includes audience discussion. Flowers Aren't Enough is a monologue that tells the story of Michelle, a young woman from an upper-middle class family who finds herself in an abusive relationship. We follow her relationship from it's beginning, where love and attention cause Michelle to excuse and overlook abuse. Michelle describes how her partner gradually managed to narrow her world and isolate her; how she slowly sank into a world of denial, guilt and despair; how she blamed herself for her partner's escalating violence. She explains why she could not bring herself to accept the help offered by social service workers. Michelle describes the roller coaster of violent quarrels and tearful making-up that became her life, until she had to make a change. Ms. Ackerman is a graduate of Hebrew University, Nissan Nativ Acting Studio, and holds teaching credentials. She is also a conflict resolution specialist working throughout the world to create drama dealing with social change, gender and educational issues. On **Monday, March 17 from 7-9pm**, there is a Teen Interactive Relationship Workshop with Naomi. This is Free, and snacks are served.

The play is \$36 for Preferred Seating for Adults, \$18 General Seating and \$10 for Teens (13+).

**Location:** David Posnack JCC - 5850 S. Pine Island Road, Davie. For **information**, to register and for sponsorships, contact Janice Weintraub at 954-753-7940

or [JaniceLCSW@bellsouth.net](mailto:JaniceLCSW@bellsouth.net).



**Great Books**

**2008 Miraculous**

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

## Feb 18 - Wisdom Class



**7pm,  
Mondays**

Join Rabbi Marc as he shares his remarkable Kabbalistic insights with us. Here's the curriculum:

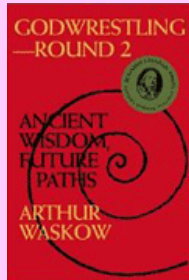
**Living Calendars** are available.

Order them [here](#). Only \$15 each.



**Miraculous Living**, by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz.

*Miraculous Living* draws on the teachings of the Kabbalah including intention, wisdom, understanding, compassion, strength, harmony, success, glory, creativity, and nobility. Meditations are included in each chapter. For more details and to order, click [here](#).



**Godwrestling, Round 2: Ancient Wisdom, Future Paths**

by R. Arthur Waskow.  
This is a chronicle of the history of Jewish Renewal.

Buy *God Wrestling-Round 2* through the Amazon link in paragraph below (and in the left column on every page of our website, [www.TAOcenter.net](http://www.TAOcenter.net).) and TAO receives a portion of every sale.

## Ongoing TAO Programs

### Affiliate Relationships

When you buy through the ads in our newsletter or the ones on the TAO home or links pages, TAO receives a donation for every purchase you make. It's an easy way to give, and we appreciate it. Thank you! [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) - You know them for new, like new, and used books, DVDs & VHS. You can also buy BRAND NAME clothing & accessories; computer, office supplies & electronics, food, groceries & household items; health & beauty; home & garden; kids & toys; sports & fitness; tools & automotive.

[Israel Catalog](#) - Everything Jewish! Holidays (Pesach, Purim, Chanukah), jewelry, encyclopedias, learn Hebrew, videos & DVDs,

February 18 - Kaballah Magic  
February 25 - Dream Interpretation

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

**Location & [Directions](#)**

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

## Feb 19 - 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.

Facilitator: Marcia Sweedler

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

**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).

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

[Kabbalah Corner](#) - Original and authentic Kabbalah items including: Jewelry (Amulets, Rings, Pendants, Bracelets), Multi-media music CDs, Mezuzahs and decorative items. Free Red String with purchase of any jewelry item.

### **Tree of Life**

Expressing the unique spiritual grace and energy reflecting our loving Oneness. . . that's our Tree of Life.

Gift a leaf as to your loved ones. Each honors a person or couple. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births, marriages. . . life! [Order a leaf](#) and show someone how much you love them. . . forever.

### **Cartridges for kids**

Please save your used printer and fax cartridges, cell phones, laptops, and pda's. Bring them to services or the TAO office. You will help save the environment and raise much needed funds.

If you own or work at a business that is willing to help collect these items, contact Renee at the office. We will arrange for pick-ups at businesses throughout Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Thank you for helping.

### **TAO Networking...**

A place where members showcase their business. 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.

## **Friends Make TAO More Fun!**

**Forward a copy of this email** to your friends and family. There's a link in the bottom left corner of

**\*NOTE: Non-Members may attend two Member Events as Guests before joining TAO.**

## Feb 20 - Distinguished Speaker Series

### Wed, Feb 20, 27

11am - 12:30pm - Intro to Kabbalah

**Location:** Sandler Center, Boca Raton

**Info:** Kathy Slutzky, 561-558-2504

### Wed, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Noon - 1:30pm - Prayer

**Location:** JCC Orloff, Sunrise

**Info:** Judy Asuleen, [Judyblue755@aol.com](mailto:Judyblue755@aol.com)

### Mon, March 31, April 7

8pm - The minds of the Kabbalistic Mystics

**Location:** Beth Torah

## Renew or Join TAO Today

**Join Now**

New & Renewal Membership Applications are

online.

Register [online](#) or [print application](#) to fax or mail.

Reminder: High Holy Day tickets are included with membership.

this email. Clicking here allows you to send it to multiple people at once and to add a note telling them what events you are going to and invite them to join you. The more the merrier!

## Join a Committee

Participating on a committee enriches your life and builds meaningful relationships. Call TAO today: 954-252-1313 or a Committee Chairperson. Thank you.

### Board of Directors

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#### Men's Spirituality Group

Rabbi Marc

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Patti Halprin

Fleur Heaton

Sandy King

## Feb 23 - 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.

**NOTE: Services at Rabbi Marc and Paulina's home are for TAO Members Only. Members are welcome to bring guests.** Dress comfortably!

**NOTE:** You may park on the swales *with one tire*. Both tires cannot be on the grass due to the sprinkler heads.

### 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

Marti Sinnreich  
Caren Vivado  
Elyn Zerfas

### Programming

#### March Tribute

Penny Cheever  
Sandy Goldman

#### Spirit at Sea

Marcia Sweedler  
Trudi DiGrazia

#### Women of the Scriptures (2008)

Marcia Sweedler  
Ethelind Wiener  
Florence Ross

#### Women's Spirituality Group

Marcia Sweedler

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**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**

Schedule these dates in your calendar now:

#### **2008**

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

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Membership  
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are [online](#) or [print application](#) to fax or mail.

## Feb 23 - Men's Spirituality Group



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

Saturdays after service

Rabbi Marc facilitates this session. Invite a friend or neighbor to learn and enjoy.\*

**This group is growing and well attended. If you haven't been (in a while), come. You'll be glad you did.**

#### **2008**

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

Saturday), Dec 27

**New Location**

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

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

**Feb 23 - Cruise  
Havdallah & Reunion**

Anchors Away, Red Sails in the Sunset and all that jazz...

TO: ALL CRUISERS: PAST,  
PRESENT & FUTURE

On Saturday night, February 23, everyone who has gone on a TAO cruise, is planning to cruise with us in May, and who are thinking about it but have not yet made the decision, is invited to a **Pre-Sail Havdallah evening event**.

We will set the stage for the loving experience that makes our Spirit at Sea the incredible, loving and fun-filled weekend that it is. You will have an opportunity to talk with those who have been there and done it, see a video of last years cruise, and combine that with the sacredness of Havdallah.

So if you are contemplating joining us on the weekend cruise in May, come and feel what our Rabbis bring to our lives.

The theme of the cruise, *A Spiritual*

*Approach to Relationships: Intimacy is Not For Lovers Only*, speaks to all loving relationships: couples, parents, close friends and partners.

There is still time to sign up, we have reserved extra rooms, just for you!

Join our circle of caring, spiritual souls and feel what Community is all about.

Location: Rabbi Marc's home at 7:30 pm. [Directions](#).

Pot Luck Dessert Havdallah.

**March - ?? Learn Hebrew FREE!**

**Learn to read Hebrew - FREE!**

Sunday morning BEGINNER classes start in Mid-March from 11:30-12:30 (subject to change). Students should be 10 years old through 99. The goal is to read prayers and basic Hebrew. We need to collect names and numbers of those interested so we know how much classroom materials to get.

Please RSVP if you think you are interested.

Dates and times will be confirmed prior to commencement: 954-252-1313.

[Location](#)

**Mar 2 - Tribute to Rabbi**

## Marc on his 40th



**Rabbi Marc's turning 40, and we're celebrating!**

Join us at Laffing Matterz on March 2, 2008 at 4:15pm.

Last year's tribute sold out, and unfortunately, we cannot get more seats than the Fire Department allows, so make sure to [register](#) early to assure your seat.

Laffing Matterz is located at: 219 South Andrews in Ft. Lauderdale.

**Rabbi Marc Labowitz was born to be a rabbi.** Like his namesake, Rabbi Mordechai Rabinovitch of Baltimore, Z'l, his grandfather Rabbi Herschel Leibowitz Z'L, and his parents Rabbis Shoni and Phillip Labowitz, he brings the deepest spirit of Judaism and Torah to his life and his community.

Rabbi Marc brings his passionate expression of Judaism and his strong sense of social justice to the community. His deepest spiritual practice is to foster a world in which freedom, acceptance and love are the essence of all paths.

With his warmth and exuberance, he enhances the meaning in our lives with his personality, his depth of teaching and sharing, his love of Torah and Kaballah.

When he sings and composes music with Paulina, those melodies lead congregants in exploring their

spirituality in a manner that brings balance to their lives and freedom to their spirits.

Rabbi Marc is passionate about life and Judaism. His warm and caring approach to life attracts people from all corners of the community. With the help from the Holy One, we know that he will bring the sweetness of Torah and Judaism to our world so in need of Tikkun Olam. May he continue to be a guiding light for TAO for at least another forty years.

Click here to see the [sponsorship](#) opportunities.

Click here to [register now](#) and reserve your seat.

**Seating is limited to first come.**

Here are some of the auction items that have graciously been donated:

- Two guest passes to Flamingo Gardens which includes admission to arboretum, citrus groves, bird of prey center, Wildlife Encounter shows, alligators, flamingos, otters, Florida Panthers and Wray Home museum. Value: \$34
- Mini makeover in your office or home including: customized style assessment aka questionnaire, measurements, trend/style forecast, and 2 outfits according to your needs. I actually go shopping for the person and bring everything back to them, coordinate it, try it on etc, do all returns. (clothing is not included). Check out [www.WildOnStyle.com](http://www.WildOnStyle.com) to

see what Shaun Gannon does. Value: \$500

- Gift certificate to Salon Majik towards any service done in the salon (color, cut, perm, manicure, pedicure, waxing, threading, facials, permanent makeup). Thanks to Mariam Gonzalez. Value: \$100

If you cannot attend the Tribute and would like to bid on any of these items, click here for a [LEFT BID form](#). Explanation is in the document that will appear. Please also notify the office at 954-252-1313 that you submitted a left bid form.

To make a **donation for the silent auction at the Tribute**, contact Karen Tina Sheskin at [KSheskin@aol.com](mailto:KSheskin@aol.com). Put SILENT AUCTION in the subject line, so she doesn't delete it without reading further. Thanks for answering the call.

## Mar 5 - Rosh Chodesh



**7pm**  
**NOTE: Change in date**

Rosh Chodesh is the monthly celebration of the New Moon, according to the Jewish calendar.

Learn more about [Rosh Chodesh](#). On the bottom of the page are links to each month to learn more about this month's event.



**Location & [Directions](#) -  
We are seeking a  
facilitator and host.**

Please call the office to  
volunteer: 954-252-  
1313.

**RSVP** to 954-252-1313 so our  
hostess may set up accordingly.

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**May 16-19 - Spirit At  
Sea**

**The Spiritual Approach to  
Relationships... Intimacy  
is Not for Lovers Only**

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

[Register now](#)

[Read](#) about Last Year's Retreat



Study, interact  
and grow with  
Rabbis Marc  
and Phillip  
Labowitz as  
we explore  
together the

universal topic...

"If I had known how amazing this  
retreat was going to be, I would  
have booked earlier, paid 50%  
more, and invited everyone I know  
to take part!"

- Bob Heaton (April 2007 retreat

attendee)

### **You Deserve It**

On the sands of a private island, experience intimacy with others, with God, your spirit, your Higher Self.

Aboard a luxury cruise liner, be introduced to yourself and all your intimate relationships ... (parents, children, friends, lovers, significant other, spouse). Bathe in true understanding of those you love the most. Engage in the spiritual joy of connecting.

### **Some of the Events Planned. . .**

- Friday night service
- Mikvah (a ritual bath used for spiritual purification) on a beach on a private island in the Caribbean
- Havdalah (an end of Sabbath ceremony)
- Tisch (an open session) where you Ask the Rabbis questions that have been pulling at your heart
- Workshops and study groups all weekend plus. . .
- Music and drumming
- Optional, fun evening activities that build friendship and camaraderie
- Of course the dancing, shows, music and libation of a wonderful cruise
- Time to enjoy the ports
- FUN!!!!

### **Be Prepared to. . .**

- Dance, sing, chant, be in festivity
- Be in stillness and peace
- Connect with people and energy like yours

- Have Fun!!!

"Rabbi Marc has a way of touching sweet, simple truths with wisdom, humor and relevance. Each day we were drawn deeper into discovering ourselves. As the huge ship rocked us all with the same gentle motion, it seemed the perfect accompaniment to the romance we entered into with our souls."

- Anne Goldberg (April 2007 retreat attendee)

**Here's the Deal...**

All Cabins are Oceanview

	<b>TAO Members</b>	<b>Non-Members &amp; Guests</b>
	\$250 Deposit  Balance by March 5	\$250 Deposit  Balance by March 5
Cruise & Retreat	\$408	\$528
Port Charges & Taxes	125	125
Total per person, double occupancy	\$533	\$653
Single supplement	Add \$300 to Total Double Occupancy Rate	

([Join TAO](#), and get the member price)

If you need a roommate, let us know, and we'll try to find one for you (same gender, of course!)

#### **Cruise includes:**

- Welcome Party
- All *Spirit At Sea* retreat activities (available only to registered attendees)
- All meals aboard the ship
- Free room service - order anything you want delivered to your cabin at no extra charge!

#### **Bonus for first 25 Paid In Full Registrations**

You will receive TAO's beautiful boxed 6-CD set, *The Sounds of Tao*. . . songs, prayers, sermons and meditations. This is a \$97 value, free to the first 25 paid in full registrations.

#### **Gift for Every TAO Member who Brings a Non-Member**

Sign up a non-Member, and receive a bottle of wine or fruit basket. Double your gifts... bring more non-TAO friends! If they join TAO, you still get the gift!!!

#### **Questions?**

Trudi DeGrazia for cruise info @ 954-741-5082  
Marcia Sweedler for program info @ 954- 929-1684.

[Read more](#)

[Register now](#)

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

## Help Needed

We are looking for **donations for the silent auction at Rabbi Marc's 40th Birthday Tribute**. If you own a business or are willing to ask people to whom you give your business (restaurants, hotels, cruise lines, service personnel) for a donation, TAO will gladly present them with a donation certificate for their gift. Please help support TAO and the tribute in this way. Contact Karen Tina Sheskin at [KSheskin@aol.com](mailto:KSheskin@aol.com); put SILENT AUCTION in the subject line so she doesn't delete it without reading further. Thanks for answering the call.

### **Please sponsor an Oneg.**

Without your help, this delightful part of our Shabbos gathering will change its shape. Help us start our New Year off with prosperity. Thus 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 available starting with the March service.

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

## 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 a CD in 2000 under the name "Simu Lev" (which means "Give Your Heart" in Hebrew). People responded so positively, we decided to record another (slightly better produced) CD. We're very excited about the result.

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

To order, please make a check out to "Simu Lev" and send it 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

## Wednesdays with Rabbi Marc



**Wednesday  
afternoons**  
*By appointment*

Every  
Wednesday,  
Rabbi Marc  
holds office  
hours by  
appointment.

Call 954-252-1313 to schedule a private meeting.

[Directions to TAO Office](#)

## Nourish Your Soul

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