



CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!

September 2007

Rosh Hashanah evening	Wednesday	Sep 12	6 pm
<i>Calvary Community Church. Kiddush follows</i>			
Rosh Hashanah morning	Thursday	Sep 13	10 am
<i>Calvary Community Church. Kiddush follows</i>			
Shabbat Shuvah (Preceded by) Tashlich	Friday	Sep 14	5 pm
<i>Kalanikai Pavilion, Keauhou Beach Resort. Potluck supper follows (no pork or shellfish)</i>			
Kol Nidre	Friday eve	Sep 21	6 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday	Sep 22	10 am
Yizkor			4:00 pm
Neilah			5:30 pm
<i>Calvary Community Church. Bagels and break-the-fast pupus follow after Neilah, hosted by Lorraine Highkin (to honor the memory of her granddaughter, Talia Miller) and the WaKoBeS</i>			
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Sukkot	Building Service	Sunday	Sep 23
	Service	Friday	Sep 28
	Service	Saturday	Sep 29
			11 am
			6 pm
			10 am
<i>All Sukkot celebrations at the Myhre's home, Potluck Friday night, call 325-5140 for directions</i>			
Simchat Torah	Sunday	Oct 7	2 - 5 pm
<i>YMCA Town Hall, Waimea, Potluck. Music by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band</i>			
ALL BIG ISLAND JEWISH COMMUNITIES INVITED			
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KBS Annual Meeting	Friday Eve	Oct 26	4:30 pm
<i>Kalanikai Pavilion (OKBR). Sabbath eve service follows meeting. Then Kiddush and potluck supper</i>			
Shabbat morning	Saturday	Oct 27	10 am
<i>Keauhou Beach Resort. Kiddush follows</i>			

Your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION /CONTRIBUTION FORM is included with this newsletter. Call Shari Berman at 322-0659 or Joel Gimpel at 325-4991 for more information.

Admission to all the High Holiday Services is free of charge for members of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom. There are no tickets. Non-members who wish to attend are asked to make a contribution to help defray the costs of bringing the Rabbi to Kona. No one will be turned away for inability to contribute.

CALENDAR

September - October 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						September 1
Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8

KBS Board Meeting	Labor Day					
Sep 9	Sep 10 High Holiday Sing-in	Sep 11	Sep 12 Erev Rosh Hashana	Sep 13 Rosh Hashana	Sep 14 Tashlich Shabbat Shuvah Kalani Kai Keauhou Beach	Sep 15
Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20 Yom Kippur Workshop	Sep 21 Kol Nidre	Sep 22 Yom Kippur
Sep 23 Build Sukkah	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26 Sukkot begins	Sep 27	Sep 28 KBS celebrates Sukkot	Sep 29 KBS celebrates Sukkot
Sep 30						

	October 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 Actual SimchatTorah	Oct 5	Oct 6
Oct 7 KBS celebrates SimchatTorah	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13
Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20
Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26 Annual Meeting Shabbat eve	Oct 27 Shabbat
Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31			

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services will be conducted at
 The Calvary Community Church
 76-4295 Leilani St., Kailua-Kona

5768 High Holy Day Rabbi
RABBI DANIEL LEV

Daniel Lev began serving the Jewish communities in Northern California and the San Francisco Bay Area 25 years ago. As both a Rabbi and Maggid (storytelling teacher), he was inspired by his mentors, Rabbis **Shlomo Carlebach** (z'l), and **Zalman Schachter-Shalomi**, to dedicate himself to sharing the wild joy and earthy delight of Jewishness with everyone. He uses song, story, Jewish ritual, meditation, and lots of jokes to convey the everyday holiness of Jewish tradition. **Rabbi Lev** is also a chronic pain psychologist for the Kaiser community.

To schedule a Monday, Sept 10 counseling session with Rabbi Lev, call Shari: 322-0659.

WEDNESDAY, SEP 12, at 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, SEP 13, at 10:00 am

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH

ROSH HASHANAH marks the time when we Jews begin our annual process of renewal. We hear the sound of the shofar announcing the birthday of the world and use this special time to renew and revitalize our connections with our families and friends. New Years Resolutions have a special meaning for us as we seek inspiration for the coming years and also use the ten “Days of Awe” from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur to ask forgiveness from people we may have offended. The greeting at this time is: **L'shana tovah tikateivu**, “May you be written into the Book of Life.”

KEAUHOU BEACH RESORT – KALANIKAI PAVILION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at 5:00 pm

SHABBAT SHUVAH (between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) is the “**Sabbath of the (Re-) Turning.**” A day of rest, contemplation and rejuvenation, as is every Sabbath, this particular Shabbat is the awesome time to return and reconnect to our heritage and to the gifts we were given and have only to claim. (No Saturday Service.)

TASHLICH is the ceremony conducted at the water’s edge when we throw bits of bread or lint into the ocean as a symbolic act of casting sins away. We will start at 5 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 6:00 pm

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, at 10:00 am

As the sun sets on Friday evening we chant the **KOL NIDRE**, a prayer written in ancient Aramaic containing a formula that asks Gd's forgiveness for any oaths or vows we have made to Gd that we have failed to keep. Our greeting changes to **L'shana tovah tikateivu ve teichateimu** or **Gemar chatima tovah**, “May you be sealed into the Book of Life,” because tradition tells us that we have until sundown on Yom Kippur before the Book of Life is finally sealed for the coming year.

YOM KIPPUR is the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar. We start fasting at sundown on Friday evening and continue until sundown Saturday to enable us to remain focused and free of distraction. We own up to our behaviors of the past year and we think about commitments we made, not just to others, but also to ourselves and to Gd. The Yom Kippur service begins at 10:00 am. There will be a break at around 1:00 pm and **Rabbi Lev** will lead an afternoon discussion session.

YIZKOR (the Memorial Service) begins at 4:00 pm when we reconvene. When you send in your **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM**, please include the names of family and friends you wish to have remembered so that **Rabbi Lev** can recite their names at this time. Many people like to observe the tradition of donating **tzedaka** (charity) in the name of their loved ones.

NEILAH is the concluding service for Yom Kippur. We in Hawaii have a profound responsibility at this time as our congregations are the last on the planet to perform this service before the Book of Life is sealed for another year. We get to put in the last word, so to speak. After the sun has set we will break the fast together with light snacks hosted by the **WaKoBeS** and **Lorraine Highkin** in memory of her granddaughter, **Talia Miller**.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23 We gather to build the Sukkah.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 10:00 am **Helen and Erwin Myhre's Home, KAILUA-KONA**

SUKKOT begins on Wednesday evening, September 26, and continues for a full week. We will celebrate the holiday on **Friday, September 28** for our regular Shabbat Eve service and **Saturday, September 29** for our morning service in Kailua-Kona **at the home of Helen and Erwin Myhre**. For directions, please call 325 5140. We will gather under the Sukkah with the traditional **lulav** and **esrog**. Bring potluck to share on Friday night. The Saturday service will include our usual Kiddush.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, from 2 – 5 pm

WAIMEA YMCA TOWN HALL

This is Hawaii’s sixth island-wide **SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION** in North Hawaii. Last year’s celebration was canceled at the last minute because of the earthquake. Everyone from all over the Big Island is invited. Every person attending will receive an **aliyah** and we will be unrolling and re-rolling our beautiful Torah Scrolls. We’ll have the opportunity to literally dance with the Torahs accompanied by music from **Kona’s Traveling Jewish Wedding Band**. Bring the children! They will also receive **aliyot**. There will be a snack/dessert potluck afterwards.

OTHER EXCITING EVENTS:

There are additional events planned with Rabbi Lev, including discussion groups and educational programs:

Monday, September 10, at 7:30 pm, High Holiday Sing-in with Rabbi Lev at the home of **Joel Gimpel and Jan Rae**, call **325-4991** for directions.

Come practice the tunes and words in preparation for Rosh Hashanah.

Thursday, September 13, following services, **Oneg** sponsored by Ruth and Jason Kantrowitz in honor of the birth and naming of their daughter Emma, at the home of **Aviva and Yehudah Plaut**, call **322-9860** for directions.

Friday, September 14, at 11:00 am, ROSH HASHANAH STUDY SESSION with **Rabbi Lev and Malka Walkover (Rebbetzin)** at the home of **Shari Berman and Alice Bratton**, **Potluck, RSVP/directions: 322-0659**

Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 pm, YOM KIPPUR WORKSHOP with **Rabbi Lev and Malka Walkover (Rebbetzin)** The rabbi and rebbetzin will lead us in spiritual preparation for Yom Kippur.

To receive up-to-date news of these and other events, be sure you’ve given us your e-mail address when you send in your **MEMBERSHIP / CONTRIBUTION FORM**. Also keep your eye on the **West Hawaii Today** KBS releases each Saturday and visit our website at www.konabethshalom.org.

CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM’S ANNUAL MEETING

The **KBS Annual Meeting** will take place prior to Friday night services on October 26 at 4:30pm at the Keauhou Beach Hotel, Kalanikai Pavilion. We’ll consider how we want our Congregation to move along in the coming year and elect Trustees to our Board. If you have suggestions or if you are interested in joining our Board, call Joel Gimpel (325-4991) and be sure to come to the meeting.

Our present Board is shown below with the dates that the trustees’ terms expire. Terms are for three years. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting. The maximum number of Board members is eighteen (not including the immediate past president).

CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, from 4:30 – 6 pm

KEAUHOU BEACH HOTEL

SABBATH SERVICES follow at 6 pm
PAVILION

KALANIKAI

Everyone is welcome to join as the annual meeting. Friday evening Shabbat service begins at 6 pm following the meeting. A potluck supper follows.

Our present Board is shown below, with the dates that the trustees' terms expire. Terms are for three years. The term of anyone elected or re-elected now will expire in September 2010, or 5771. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting. The maximum number of Board members is eighteen (not including the immediate past president).

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Term expires</u>	<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
1. Ruth Ader	5770 (2009)	10. Lorraine Highkin	5770 (2009)
2. Marilyn Anderson	5769 (2008)	11. Paul Janes	5769 (2008)
3. Shari Berman*	5768 (2007)	12. Barbara Lewis	5769 (2008)
4. Michael Bernstone	5769 (2008)	13. Erwin Myhre	5770 (2009)
5. Barry Blum **	past president	14. Alan Pollak	5770 (2009)
6. Debera First*	5768 (2007)	15. Bob Rhée*	5768 (2007)
7. Joel Gimpel	5769 (2008)	16. Helen Salzberg*	5768 (2007)
8. Ruth Glatt	5770 (2009)	17. Noah Salzman	5770 (2009)
9. Una Greenaway	5769 (2008)		

* Term ending now. Trustee standing for reelection.

**Immediate past president.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW -- DO YOU REMEMBER?

Our Congregation is blessed with enormous wealth in the form of members who work hard to support our activities and also who care about their commitment to Judaism enough to choose to celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvah with us. This year's Newsletter does not display all the wonderful details of everyone's activities but does include some of the most momentous occasions we have had the pleasure of celebrating.

What a year this has been! Since our **November 5, 2006 Annual Meeting**, at which we elected **Ruth Glatt and Noah Salzman** and reelected **Ruth Ader, Lorraine Highkin, Erwin Myhre and Alan Pollak** to our **Board of Trustees**, we've had many events to celebrate. Our **High Holiday services** were led by **Rabbi Yossi Carron** of Los Angeles, who inspired us with his superb musical talents and his unique ability to reach out and offer pastoral counseling and friendship to many, many members of our community. We built a marvelous Sukkah at **Erwin and Helen Myhre's home** and celebrated under it. Simchat Torah was planned at the Waikoloa Elementary cafeterium on October 15, but the formidable earthquake that rocked us made that event impossible. The medical professionals from our congregation rushed to the hospital to help with the ensuing injuries.

We gathered at the end of October for the first of several B'nei Mitzvah that took place in the last year. October was the adult Bar Mitzvah of KBS trustee **Paul Janes**. Paul led the entire service. Throughout the year, we celebrated the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of local residents and visitors, including: **Madison Blau, Sierra Manker, Richard Chamberlin, Justin Garfield and Samuel Luchsinger**.

December marked the retirement of **Barry Blum** as KBS president. Barry served us faithfully for over a decade. Our gratitude to Barry for all his many contributions is boundless. **Shari Berman** officially took over as president at the Board meeting on December 2.

Chanukah was celebrated with the community on December 17, and the party at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort was a huge success with dancing and merriment.

Lois-ellin Datta, Ruth Glatt and Lorraine Highkin organized a Tribute to **Barry Blum** on March 9. The event was held at the Kona Outdoor Circle and attended by about 80 people. **Ruth Glatt** created a wonderful scrapbook for **Barry**. **Alice Bratton** prepared the

luscious meal. **Alan Pollak** was the Master of Ceremonies. Many others helped in making the event an evening to remember. There was musical entertainment by a classical group and a special tribute by **Rabbi Hanan Sills**.

The board decided to institute a program to welcome visiting rabbis and cantors. **Rabbi Hanna Sills** made a special presentation for the KBS Jewish Studies group at the home of **Shari Berman** and **Alice Bratton** in early March. Later in the month, we invited **Cantor Kenneth Michael Cohen** from Honolulu to lead our Shabbat services. Saturday evening, he graced us with a Havdalah concert at the home of **Joyce Schiffer** and **Peter Luchsinger**. Everyone enjoyed the music immensely. Some members of **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** performed. **Joyce Schiffer** and friends prepared some lovely savory snacks, which were followed by an awesome assortment of baked goods from **Debera First**. April services were held at the **Schiffer/Luchsinger** home on Friday night and the **Berman/Bratton** home on Saturday morning in anticipation of special services the first week of May. **Rabbi Jack Gabriel** came from Colorado to lead services and perform in a special concert. On Saturday night, **Rabbi Gabriel** sang and told stories at the home of **Gerald Klaz** and **Paige Holliday**. The evening was memorable for all. **Cantor Sarah Zemel** joined us for our August services. She led parts of our Friday night service and then conducted an Israeli song sing-along in honor of the 60th birthday of the nation of Israel.

Once again we observed **Pesach** with a Seder led by **Barry Blum** and **Shari Berman**, attended by over 80 people, at the **Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort**. At May 25-26 services, we celebrated the nuptials of **Elana Olitsky & Noah Salzman** with an oneg and an aliyah. They both read from the Torah.

Of course, none of the events, observances and celebrations during the year would have been possible without the dedication and service of our **Board of Trustees**, the members of the **WaKoBeS** (the women of Kona Beth Shalom) co-chaired by **Jan Rae** and **Ruth Ader**, the **AlteKaKoBeS** (the wise not-so-old men of Kona Beth Shalom) co-chaired by **Erwin Myhre** and **Alan Pollak**, and the many other volunteers who gave so much of their time and energy to our Congregation.

Yasher Koach to you all!! You are inspirations to all of us!

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MAHALO AND TODAH RABAH

We thank the **Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort** for their long-term commitment of support for our Congregation. Way back in 1985, it was at the original Keauhou Beach Hotel that we dedicated our precious Torah just after it arrived here from Westminster Synagogue in England where it was restored after having been discovered in a warehouse in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Then in August of 2006, the Torah was rededicated at the hotel.

Mahalo to **Yehudah Plaut** for maintaining the KBS website. Many thanks to **Judi Steinman** for her extensive committee work. Thank you to **Mike** and **Ruth Bernstone** for their prayer book donations.

THE KBS LEYNER

Thank you to all of the people who chanted Torah for us this past year on the High Holy Days and Shabbat: **Marilyn Anderson, Shari Berman, Richard Chamberlin, Paul Janes, Barbara Lewis, Elana Olitsky, Aviva Plaut, Ben Plaut, Yehudah Plaut, Noah Salzman** and **Neil Soicher**.

HEBREW AND TORAH STUDY (HATS)

Activities include a Hebrew School program for children and adults and Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation classes, also for children and adults. Classes are conducted in Waimea and in Kona (Holualoa) as the need dictates. We thank **Neil Soicher** for his many years of service in both Waimea and Kona. This past year, a group that began with 15 adults studied Hebrew at the home of **Shari Berman**. This was part of the National Jewish Outreach Program. NJOP provides us with free materials. We will start a 5768 group in November. This is free and is very much geared to learning to read prayers more fluently. Please look for this in your e-mail updates. Call **Shari Berman** at 322-0659 for information. Private Hilo group, call: **Judi Steinman**, 987-8752.

KBS JEWISH STUDIES GROUP

Established in the summer of 2005, Kona Beth Shalom has a small study group made up of approximately twenty adults and teens. In March, **Rabbi Hanan Sills** made a presentation for our group that ended in a Havdalah service.

WaKoBeS (Wahines/Women of Kona Beth Shalom)

Contact **Jan Rae** (325-4991, janiamone@aol.com) or **Ruth Ader** (325-0008, rader36@yahoo.com) for more information on activities and get-togethers.

AlteKaKoBeS ("Wise Men"/Kane of Kona Beth Shalom)

Contact **Ernie Knapp** (714 423-0601, ebkeze@aol.com) for information.

NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

Contact **Vivienne Aronowitz** in Waimea (885-3217, aronowitz@gmail.com) for information.

HOMELANI CEMETERY

With the deepest humility and with a commitment to honor the memories of our departed ancestors, we have purchased a section of the Homelani Cemetery in Hilo to use as a Jewish Cemetery. As Jews, although the specifics of our practices may differ, we commit ourselves to the respectful care of those sacred grounds and the trust that has been bestowed upon us. It has or will have physical boundaries, a *mechitsa*, that sets it off from its surroundings, making it holy for Jews. It is considered consecrated ground where Jewish burial practices and customs are observed. It is owned by our Jewish community through the auspices of KBS and it has rules and regulations governed by the KBS Board of Directors and the Cemetery Committee. Just as synagogues preserve Jewish continuity in life, so do Jewish cemeteries preserve Jewish continuity after life has ended.

Jerry & Judy Rothstein are the only individuals who are interred there at this time. There are spaces for eighteen more burials. Any members of the congregation who wish to purchase burial plots in advance will be able to do so. Jewish individuals and their family members who are not KBS members may also purchase plots although the cost will be higher. Advance purchases will be less costly than last minute arrangements. Burial in the cemetery is restricted to individuals who are Jewish and their family members who may or may not be Jewish.

You may contact **Dr. Barry Blum** (tel: 808 322-6004, or e-mail: drblum@aloha.net) for more information.

Thank you to **Barry** who along with his wife, **Gloria Blum**, attended a chevra kadisha conference this past summer to familiarize themselves with the various customs of burial arrangements. We appreciate the information they have shared with us. We also thank **Marilyn Anderson** for her tireless phone calls and negotiations with the cemetery.

JUDAICA

If you would like to purchase a kosher *mezuzah* scroll prepared by **Rabbi Druin**, the sofer who restored our Torah, please contact **Judi Steinman** (pbjxs@yahoo.com, 808 987-8752). Also for sale are beautiful glass mezuzah cases made by Big Island artist **Daniel Moe**. If you would like to purchase a DVD of our Torah Restoration, please contact **Lynn Beittel** (Lynn123@earthlink.net 808 322-3992).

COMING SOON

REB ZALMAN SCHACHTER-SHALOMI & EVE ILSSEN

We are extremely fortunate to have **Reb Zalman**, considered one of the major founders of the Jewish Renewal Movement and his wife, dynamic speaker, **Eve Ilsen** agree to visit us here in Kona area next February. We are tentatively planning to hold a major Shabbaton the weekend of March 15-17. There will be many other events planned around their extended stay in Hawaii. For more information or to help organize an event, please e-mail us at KonaBethShalom@gmail.com

**GET WELL SOON
CONTINUE TO GET WELL
R'FUAH SHELEIMA**

Y **Marilyn Anderson**
Y **Lorraine Highkin**
Y **Erwin Myhre**, getting stronger every day.
Y **Mary Osborne**
Y **Nancy Satz**

IN MEMORIAM

Y **Irwin Isaac Berman**
Y **Harry Highkin**
Y **Bernice Sylvia Weiner**

**MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE A BLESSING
FOR THEIR FRIENDS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR ALL OF US.**

IRWIN ISAAC BERMAN was born May 11, 1933 in Maywood, near Chicago, Illinois, the youngest son of Abraham and Dora (Dorothy) Berman. He passed away in Boston, Massachusetts on December 8, 2006 and was buried at Temple Israel Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ambitious, he worked his way up from mail clerk to the vice president of an international shoe firm in charge of production in Japan by the age of 31. My father liked a good show and never wanted to be outdone. He had an irreverent sense of humor that included an old joke about a hearse that broke down on the way to the cemetery. He and his brother-in-law, Len, would often trade such jokes. The hearse actually did get a flat tire on the way to Len's funeral. Since that move was already taken, it wasn't until the unveiling of Irwin's headstone on August 19, 2007 that his moment came. As my young nephews lifted the covering from his headstone, the sky cracked open in the most spectacular thunderstorm. Even the rabbi said she had never witnessed such a spectacle during a stone-setting ceremony. To all of us who stood before his grave, it seemed like irreverent commentary coming directly from the dearly departed. My father had etched another unforgettable moment into our memories.

Shari J. Berman

BERNICE SYLVIA WEINER was born January 22, 1918, in Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest daughter of Max and Rose Fischer. She passed away peacefully October 27, 2006, at home in Kona where she had lived for ten years with her daughter and caregiver, Eileen. Bernice had always had a razor sharp wit and an incredible sense of humor; Bernice," written and performed by her daughter at the Aloha Theatre in 2002 and the Carousel of Care conference in 2006, is a tribute to her indomitable spirit and a testament to the value of unconditional love. She was my 88-year-old daughter, my heart, and my life.

Eileen Weiner

HARRY HIGHKIN beloved and devoted husband of Lorraine, father of Greg and John, and dear friend of many in our community and congregation, passed away on August 16 at his home in Kailua-Kona after a long illness. Harry, born November 11, 1917, in New Haven, Connecticut, was 89 years young when he passed with Lorraine and his sons at his side. A plant physiologist and professor emeritus at California State University, Harry remained involved with plant tissue culture research during his retirement. He was also an excellent cook, raconteur, and devout atheist. We'll miss him.

Joel Gimpel

A PUR VERTER FROM THE CONGREGATION'S PRESIDENT

I have kept the term "*Pur Venter*" that Barry always used for this note. Barry was quoting Rabbi Harry Halpern (of the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn) when he wanted to offer a commentary or observation. I knew that trying to fill Barry's Crocs would be a formidable endeavor. Since last December, Kona Beth Shalom has become a major part of my weekly routine and the process puts me in greater awe of Barry's many years of service. Mahalo, again, Barry.

One of our goals for the past year was to bring in rabbis and cantors from other communities. I believe this has been quite successful. All who have attended these programs have said they were rewarding. I hope that we can continue to hold these events in the years to come. We have received a lot of support from the congregation in opening their homes for these activities. Thank you very much to all of you who hosted events. We appreciate your support. It has been a source of amazement how such events seem to spawn new events. Discussions during **Rabbi Jack Gabriel's** visit with us led to inviting **Reb Zalman** and **Eve Ilsen** to Kona. This is a fabulous opportunity for all of us on the Big Island. I am delighted to report that this plan is moving forward smoothly.

I wish to thank those of you who help set up and clean up after our monthly services and all of the board and committee members that have organized activities throughout the past year. My wish for 5768 is that we encourage and inspire more of you to play an active role in Kona Beth Shalom. I'm sure there are ideas out there that we would love to hear about. I hope that you won't be shy or hesitant to share them with us. I know we have new families here and more on the way. I welcome all of you newcomers, as well as those of you already established here, to bring your thoughts and talents to Kona Beth Shalom. When I asked the National Jewish Outreach Program to send us 15 Hebrew books for our free adult Hebrew course last November, they were astonished. It was hard to believe we had that many people here in the middle of the Pacific who wanted to learn or brush up on prayer book Hebrew. I hope we can gather such a group again this year.

Rabbi Daniel Lev and the **Rebbetzin, Malka Walkover** will be joining us for the upcoming High Holy Days. I look forward to seeing all of you at our services. We are grateful to **Pastor Deborah** and **David Rees-Thomas**, et al. at the **Calvary Church** for allowing us to use that wonderful facility.

B'shalom v'ahava,

In peace and love

Shari

May 5768 being a sweet year for all of us. May it be a year of good health, peace and prosperity. On behalf of all the members of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom, --- L'Shana Tovah Tikateivu!!!

**That's the news, folks.
This is the story of your Congregation, Kona Beth Shalom.
If you like what you read about here, please join us for the coming year.
If you have new ideas, share them with us.
Send in your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM now.**

WE ARE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

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Membership Application / Contribution Form 5768 (Sep. 2007 - Sep. 2008)

Your name: _____
 Name of Spouse or Partner: _____
 Children under 18, with names and dates of birth: _____

 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Mobile phone: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL ABOVE CLEARLY

Membership Contribution:	Suggested non-member Contribution:	
Sustaining Membership \$360	Children under 18	complimentary
Family Membership \$270	r High Holiday Services only	\$60 per person
Single Membership \$160	r High Holiday Services (<i>Kama'aina</i>)	\$25 per person

At **Yizkor**, please remember the following persons:

r **Yizkor Contribution** \$18 (or any amount): \$ _____
 r **Hebrew and Torah Studies (HATS)**
 Children's Hebrew Education Program: \$ _____
 r **Building Fund Contribution:** \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to **Congregation Kona Beth Shalom** and mail it along with this application to:
Michael Bernstone

68-3840 Lua Kula St. #E 204
Waikoloa, HI 96738-5788

No one will be turned away from Services for inability to pay.
Please call Shari Berman (322-0659) or Joel Gimpel (325-4991) if you have any questions.
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