



The Year in Review -- Do you remember?

This year's Newsletter is abbreviated and does not display all the fabulous details of everyone's activities but it does highlight some of the memorable occasions we have had the pleasure of celebrating. **Yasher Koach** to all who have supported us once again; you inspire us.

OCTOBER—Our annual meeting was held on October 19, 2007 before our **Simchat Torah** service, in celebration with our friends in North Hawaii at the YMCA Waimea Town Hall. As is customary, we were entertained by the tremendously talented Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band. Did you know that the Jewish members of the band always donate their services to KBS events? Mahalo and blessings to them for their many hours of rehearsal and planning on our behalf!

On October 28, we had an "Evening of Enlightenment" with **Rabbi Druin**, the sofer (scribe) who restored our Torah. **Rabbi Druin** inspected and re-rolled the Torah, as he gave an awe-inspiring talk about the details of the script. It was magical, almost as if the Torah herself were giving the presentation.

NOVEMBER—**Cantor Kenneth Michael Cohen (Cantor Ken)** began to lead services for us, bringing new tunes and practices for our enrichment.

DECEMBER— We held a special Saturday service and Torah study on December 13 at the home of **Shari Berman** and **Alice Bratton**. Then, at the end of the month, we had a lively weekend with services on December 26 and 27 and our Annual Chanukah Party on December 28. Once again, we had music supplied by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band. Thank you to all of the WaKoBeS! The WaKoBeS performed their usual miracle of managing the food service for our many guests. Our children's activities were stepped up. Instead of one or the other, we had entertainment by the Great Arnelo and our usual crafts table for keiki. This year **Trina Yerlick** (HaTS teacher) and her son, helped our children make *chanukiot* out of nuts (as in nuts and bolts, not cashews). **Marilyn Anderson**, with assistance from **Alice Bratton**, created a menorah where children's faces create the flames. The walk-in menorah was a big hit. Pictures will soon be available at our newly redesigned Website. www.konabethshalom.org During the week of Chanukah, other celebrations went on at the homes of **Judi Steinman** and **Shaul Janes** and **Mira Korach**. Also, former KBS President, **Barry Blum**, also was featured on the local radio telling Chanukah stories and speaking about Jewish music.

JANUARY — On the second day of the Gregorian calendar, our sister group sprouted in Hilo. It was the first time in several years that there were services in East Hawaii. **Cantor Ken** was on hand to lead services, followed by a beautiful Kiddish courtesy of **Vanessa Livingston**. Some of us from KBS drove over to show our support. At the end of the month, Rabbinic student **Ziona Zelazo** led part of the service with **Cantor Ken**. The following day, annual visitor and lay-leader, **Priscilla Kostiner**, was among our leyners (Torah chanters). That weekend, the new HaTS program began, with a new group of young students studying Hebrew with **Trina Yerlick** at her home.

FEBRUARY—A Tu B'Shevat celebration was held on February 8 at the home of **Trina** and **Shai Yerlick** after the children's class. At the end of the month, **Richard Chamberlin** chanted the Haftarah and sponsored a special Saturday oneg organized and prepared by **Alice Bratton** and **Shari Berman** in honor of Richard's birthday.

MARCH—**Cantor Ken** led services and we joined in a discussion of *parshat VaYikra*, the first chapter of

Leviticus.

APRIL--We were back at the Keauhou Beach Resort for our community Seder. The KBS Community Seder is unique and lively. People always talk about how quickly the time passes. This year was no exception.

MAY—Members of the Board created a new flier for KBS. Services were even more special than usual, as **Ken Cohen** chanted the Haftarah for us

JUNE—Shalom TV came to our local cable channel. At Friday night services, as we mentioned the waters in our prayers, we had some of the most intense rain the Kalani Kai Pavilion has ever known! The next morning, we once again read from Korach, the parsha on the uprising against Moses. We celebrated the first birthday of **Shira Salzman** and said good-bye to the Salzmans as they prepared to move to Indiana.

JULY—We once again had the pleasure of reading from the first chapter of a book as we ushered in Deuteronomy by chanting from *Devarim*. Then, a few days later, to commemorate Tisha B'Av, there was a wonderful screening of a film about the heroic acts of **Una Greenaway's** uncle. The movie night was hosted by **Zee** and **Ernie Knapp**. Everyone who attended expressed an interest in regular movie nights.

AUGUST—On August 8, we went to Kukio to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of **Grant Sholem**. **Grant** read from *parshat Re'e*, the *parsha* of the following week and we watched the sun go down after the lovely ceremony. It was an unforgettable experience.

In a few days, we will celebrate Shabbat on the Kalani Kai for both services. **Shari Berman**, **Barbara Lewis** and **Ken Cohen** will read from the Torah Portion *Ki Tetzei*. PLEASE JOIN US!

WHAT A YEAR!

Mahalo and Todah Rabah

“Trope Geek,” **Shari J. Berman**, wants to again send a special shout out to her fellow 5769 Torah leyners: **Ken Cohen**, **Richard Chamberlin**, **Priscilla Kostiner**, **Barbara Lewis**, **Shaul Janes**, **Stacey Minster**, **Aviva Plaut**, **Ben Plaut**, **Yehudah Plaut**, **Elana Salzman**, **Noah Salzman**, **Neil Soicher** and **Judi Steinman**. Thank you for coming up to the bimah. Reading from the Torah is an almost indescribable honor.

We also send a special *todah rabah* to everyone who gave a d'var Torah this past year, including **Marilyn Anderson**, **Barbara Lewis**, **Ken Cohen**, and others. We thank you for your time and efforts.

HEBREW and TORAH STUDY (HaTS)

A note from Trina Yerlik on the **HaTS** Program

Currently, there are five kids in our class. We study Hebrew and we learn about Jewish holidays. I also try to provide them with some knowledge about the big Jewish world out there. During the class we work on Hebrew, read stories from the Torah and do an art project connected to the holiday we are studying. We also make some Jewish food sometimes as the kids really like to eat—what a surprise!. It is my hope that these children go on to have Bar, Bat Mitzvahs, travel to Israel one day and lead rich, wonderful Jewish lives. If you are interested please contact Trina, 333-5539 or Shari (KonaBethShalom@gmail.com or the KBS Hotline 322-1638), for more information. Our

first class of the new school year is August 22 at 3:30. We will then meet every other Saturday, except for Rosh Hashanah. We welcome new students at any time.

Trina Yerlick, HaTS teacher

Call for Free Adult Hebrew Reading Classes

We have participated in a free course through the **National Jewish Outreach Program**. We can do so again if we have the interest. If you want to study siddur Hebrew, please contact **Shari** immediately at 322-1638.

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. The KBS Jewish Studies group gathers for small services and discussions. We have a Yahoo list for group activities. Write to us at KonaBethShalom@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list.

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. The **WaKoBeS** help organize many key events. It is due to their hard work that we always have a lovely break-the-fast after Yom Kippur.

AlteKaKoBeS (“Wise Men”/Kane of Kona Beth Shalom)

Contact **Ernie Knapp** (714 423-0601, ebkeze@aol.com) for information. This group has been dormant for a while and we would love to see it come back to life. Your efforts can make this happen!

North Hawaii Chavurah

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

Eastside Jewish Fellowship

Contact **Vanessa Livingston** in Volcano (990-0611, vinvolcano@yahoo.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 newly planted 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** (e-mail goliard@hawaii.rr.com) for more information. Our gratitude to **Barry** who along with his wife, **Gloria Blum**, attended a chevra kadisha conference a year ago 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. We finally have our *mechitsa*! Thank you Barry and Marilyn.

MISHEBEIRACH

Continue to get well!

***R'Fuah Sheleima* to KBSers:**

- **Marilyn Anderson**
- **Lorraine Highkin**
- **Ernest Knapp**
- **Erwin Myhre**
- **Robert Rhee**
- **Nancy Satz**

And to all our family members and friends in need of healing, everywhere, a speedy recovery.

Yahrzeit Reminder Service

Although mentioned in last year's newsletter, we have yet to get any takers for this service. I did run into someone recently who really wanted to know the Hebrew date of a loved one's yahrzeit, so I urge those of you in that situation to take advantage of this. —Kona Beth Shalom would like to give our members the opportunity to receive a reminder of their loved ones' Yahrzeit dates. If you are interested, please let me know the date of death. It can either be the Hebrew date or the regular calendar date which will be converted to the Hebrew date. Send the following information to

Ruth Ader -- rader36@yahoo.com

Member's name and e-mail address

Name and date of death of the person to be remembered.

In Memoriam

**May their memories always be a blessing
for their friends, their families, and for all of us.**

JEANETTE LEWIS

I lost my dear mother Jeanette, of blessed memory, this past year on October 27, 2009. She and my father Seymour, may his memory also be for a blessing, were leaders in Kona Beth Shalom during the seven years they lived here. They received life membership in KBS when they returned to the

Mainland in 1989.

Mother was a Life Member and leader of Hadassah both in Sacramento and the Western Region. She also organized and led the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Sacramento. Both Mom and Dan were very strong Zionists their entire lives. Those who had the good fortune to meet and know them will never forget them. They loved each other for one month short of 62 years. As for me, they were and always will be my mentors and role models, whom I will miss all the rest of my days.

- Barbara Lewis

RABBI ARYEH HIRSCHFELD

On January 6, Rabbi Aryeh Hirschfeld passed away while snorkeling in Mexico, following the wedding of his son, Isaiah. We remember Reb Aryeh and his guitar from our services at the 2008 Shabbaton. He sang a memorable duet for us with his younger son.

DR. CHARLES (CHAS) SALSBERG

On April 25, Chas Salsberg, former KBS member, passed away in Oregon. Both of his children, Jacob and Hanna studied in the HaTS program and we celebrated Jacob's Bar Mitzvah at KBS. His wife Sara was our graphics designer for our Torah Restoration project in 2006.

CHRISTEL DORITT WOLOZIN

On June 7, Christel Wolozin, owner of Christel Collectibles passed away.

A Pur Verter from the Congregation's President

Shaloha dear friends--

So, here we are again. I have had to condense the activities of the year in a format that I can send out to everyone. That is always a challenge. As I review my wishes for 5769, I see that I asked for us to reach out to the greater Jewish community at large. While we didn't exactly have folks banging down our doors, we did have participation from some new folks, some folks who have been considering coming for a great long while and some who brought their children to our HaTS program. I hope that our reach extends even further in 5770 and that some of you who are reading this message consider joining us.

Once again, 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. If you are reading this and would like to become more involved, I ask that you contact us. We have positions available on the Board. We would love to have some new folks who share a different perspective.

I thank Rabbi Daniel Lev for his guidance throughout the year. I welcome Rabbi Shefa Gold, who will lead us and teach us throughout the upcoming High Holy Day season. Rabbi Shefa is known as a phenomenal teacher and leader. We are so fortunate to have her agree to be with us. We hope to see you at all of the upcoming events.

B'shalom v'ahava,

In peace and love

Shari

Shari J. Berman, President

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**May 5770 be 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 from 5769, 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 or ways to improve, come and share them with us.

Send in your Membership Application / Contribution Form now.

We are not complete without you!

