



Kona Beth Shalom Newsletter

Aloha KBS Family;

As we approach our new year, I would like to welcome all to join us at our High Holiday Services. We have again invited Rabbi Jack Gabriel to be our Rabbi in service for these most special Days of Awe. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone, that our congregation is what we all make of it. Every one of us.

Membership forms, and Foodland *Give Aloha* instructions are attached as pdf files. Paying your dues at Sack and Save through this program, helps KBS to receive some extra funds. An important reminder though, if you do pay your dues in this fashion, please inform Michael Bernstone , our treasurer, that you paid, and provide him with a copy of the receipt. He has no other way of knowing who has paid.

Mahalo
Una Greenaway,
President, Kona Beth Shalom

As the new president, I will try my best to recreate the highlights of the past year 5772.

September /October

Rabbi Jack Gabriel gave a wonderful concert. Barry & Gloria Blum produced the play "Diary of Anne Frank" at the Aloha Theater.

Rabbi Jack Gabriel came to meet the cast and share stories and song. We held High Holiday Services at Outrigger Keauhou Beach, and at Kona Outdoor Circle. Sukkot celebration was held at Una Greenaway and Leon Rosner's farm. Simcha Torah was held at Anna Ranch in Waimea.

December – We celebrated Chanukah at the Outrigger, with entertainment provided by Kona’s Traveling Jewish Wedding Band.

March – Shari Berman, our president of the past five years, accepted a professorial position in Japan. We were happy for her, but were very sorry to see her go, as she has been such a great leader, and went beyond the call, always. Mahalo, Shari.

April – We held our annual Passover Seder at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach.

We have divided the honor of leading services between many people. Aviva Plaut, Trina Yerlick, Barbara Lewis, Neil Soicher, Judi Steinman and Rosetta Gottesmann, have all led services and read torah in the past five months. Visiting rabbis this year have been Harry Brechner, Cathy Nemiroff, and Dina Shargel.

In **July**, Barry Blum taught a class “How to lead a Jewish Service.”

Joel Gimpel and Jan Rae moved into a new home, and celebrated Jan’s 70th birthday. Dr. Zee and Ernie Knapp’s grandson, Alex Knapp, had a bar mitzvah in Bronx, NY.

On **August** 23rd, we were informed that the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Hotel will close on October 31, 2012 for demolition. We have greatly enjoyed celebrating Shabbat and our numerous other events there for many years. We are very sorry to see this happen.

Kona Beth Shalom is looking for a new home. We have a facilities committee, which is looking for property to purchase, for a permanent home. We hope to use our building fund to create a Jewish Community Center for our Kona ohana.