



CONGREGATION  
KONA BETH SHALOM

## 5775 Annual Newsletter

*CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!*

September - October 2014

<b>KBS Annual Meeting</b> <i>KBS at The Shops at Mauna Lani</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sep 14</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
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<b>Rosh Hashana evening</b> <i>Kiddush follows</i>	<b>Wednesday eve</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Rosh Hashana morning</b> <i>Kiddush &amp; Potluck to follow, home of Ruth &amp; Mike Bernstone, Waikoloa (call 883-3809 for directions)</i>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sep 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> <i>Followed by Tashlich and Potluck at Holoholokai Beach Park (near the Fairmont Orchid)</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 27</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Kol Nidre</b> (sunset is at 6:12 pm)	<b>Friday eve</b>	<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Yom Kippur</b> <b>Yizkor</b> <b>Neilah</b> (sunset is at 6:10 pm) <i>Bagels, lox and break-the-fast pupus follow after Neilah</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>
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<b>Sukkot Celebration</b> <i>Home of Louise &amp; Marvin Feldman, Captain Cook (call 415 722-1479 for directions)</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>Simchat Torah Celebration</b> <i>Anna Ranch, Kamuela, Potluck. Music by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>11:30 am-3 pm</b>
<b>ALL BIG ISLAND JEWISH COMMUNITIES INVITED</b>			

**Your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM is included with this newsletter.  
Call Una Greenaway at 328-8888 or Michael Bernstone at 883-3809 for more information.**

Admission to all the High Holiday Services is free of charge for members of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom. Non-members who wish to attend are asked to make a contribution to help defray the costs of conducting the services.

## CALENDAR

### September 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6
Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13
Sep 14 KBS Annual Meeting	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20
Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24 Rosh Hashana Eve	Sep 25 Rosh Hashana Tashlich	Sep 26	Sep 27 Shabbat Tshuva
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30				

### October 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3 Kol Nidre	Oct 4 Yom Kippur
Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9 (Sukkot)	Oct 10 (Sukkot)	Oct 11 (Sukkot)
Oct 12 Sukkot Celeb	Oct 13 (Sukkot)	Oct 14 (Sukkot)	Oct 15 (Sukkot)	Oct 16 (Shmini Atzeret)	Oct 17 (Actual date Simchat Torah)	Oct 18
Oct 19 Simchat Torah Celeb	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25 KBS Shabbat
Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	

All High Holiday Services will be conducted at  
**Congregation Kona Beth Shalom**  
 in **The Shops at Mauna Lani, Suite 109**

### SHARI JOY BERMAN

Shari Berman returns to Kona to lead our High Holiday services. Last year she served as cantor and *baal kriya* for our Holiday Services, led by Rabbi Stephen Pearce. As most of us remember, Shari was president of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom for five years, from late 2006 to early 2012, and has served on our Board since then.

Shari was born in Chicago, but she moved with her family to Ashiya, Japan (Kobe area) at the age of nine. There she attended fifth grade at Canadian Academy. She returned to the United States for secondary school and college. In 1975, Shari received her Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, with distinction in Spanish, majoring in Spanish, Italian and Japanese at Ohio State University. In 1983, she received her Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She taught in Japan between college and grad school. She returned to Japan in the early 1980s where she worked as a translator, and developed programs and materials to teach Japanese students,

teachers, professionals and scientists how to speak, write and use English.

In 1998, Shari and her life partner, Alice Bratton, moved to Hawaii. They joined Congregation Kona Beth Shalom shortly after arriving here and Shari became even more inspired to study Hebrew. She was particularly fascinated by Hebrew trope, the musical notation used for chanting Torah, and quickly gained facility in *leyning* Torah. She became Bat Mitzvah with KBS at the Keauhou Beach Hotel in 2004.

As president of KBS, Shari encouraged many of our members to study Torah and to learn Hebrew. She officiated more than a dozen Bat and Bar Mitzvahs here, even several after she moved back to Japan in 2012 to assume the position of Associate Professor at Hirosaki University.



### CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The **KBS Annual Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Shops at Mauna Lani, Suite 109A. 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 **Una Greenaway** (328-8888) or e-mail her at [JoinKBS@gmail.com](mailto:JoinKBS@gmail.com) 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).

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Term expires</u>	<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
1. Ruth Ader	5777 (2016)	8. Mike Colson	5777 (2016)
2. Marilyn Anderson	5776 (2015)	9. Elaine Dobinson	5776 (2015)
3. Vivienne Aronowitz	5777 (2016)	10. Louise Feldman	5777 (2016)
4. Shari Berman**		11. Joel Gimpel*	5775 (2014)
5. Michael Bernstone*	5775 (2014)	12. Una Greenaway*	5775 (2014)
6. Barry Blum	5777 (2016)	13. Zee Knapp*	5775 (2014)
7. Alice Bratton	5776 (2015)	14. Alan Pollak*	5775 (2014)
		15. Trina Yerlick	5777 (2016)

\* Term ending now and trustee standing for reelection. \*\*Immediate past president.

After the new Board is elected, the Board will vote to select the new officers for our Congregation. Each officer's term is one year. Currently, **Una Greenway** is our president, **Alice Bratton** our first vice-president, **Vivienne Aronowitz** our second vice-president, **Mike Bernstone** our treasurer and **Elaine Dobinson** our secretary. Any active member may stand for office. You may submit your name in advance or at the meeting.

## 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. This year's Newsletter does not display all the wonderful details of everyone's activities but it does include some of the most momentous occasions we have had the pleasure of celebrating. Apologies if we neglected to mention you individually or your contribution to KBS.

**Rabbi Stephen Pearce**, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco, led our **High Holiday services**. This was the first year we conducted High Holiday services in our Mauna Lana location and it was a pleasure for all. **Shari Berman**, our recent past president, served as **cantor** for the services, much to everyone's enjoyment.

We celebrated **Simchat Torah** at KBS/Mauna Lani on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, with live music provided by **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band**.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the **Bat Mitzvah of Gillian Winston** at the Four Seasons Hualalai. Gillian came here with her family for this special occasion all the way from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Our dear friend and longtime KBS Board member, **Lorraine Highkin**, moved to Oakland, California in November. Lorraine's family lives nearby and she'll be closer to her kids and grandkids there.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Concert** took place at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Kailua-Kona with 200 persons attending. **Aviva & Yehudah Plaut** with **Trina & Shai Yerlick** represented the Jewish community with their musical contributions to the celebration and explained the uniqueness of having Thanksgiving fall on the first day of Chanukah.

The congregation held a grand **Chanukah Party** outdoors at the Shops at Mauna Lani on November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the music. **Na Kupuna `O Kona Ali`i** performed hula for the event, led by **Auntie Lani Lee** and featuring our own **Ruth Ader** and **Trina Yerlick**, including two original hulas created by Auntie Lani just for the occasion. Once again, **Arnie Rabin** appeared as **Arneleo HaGadol**, master magician. **Diana Lee** entertained us with her humor. Many of our congregants provided potluck treats. **Juice 101** provided the *latkes*. **Antoinette Sharfin** provided a ceramics crafts table for our *keiki*.

**Shari Berman** returned to us from Hirosaki City, Japan, to lead Shabbat services on December 28, 2013.

At our **Varieties of Jewish Experience** event on January 11<sup>th</sup> we began what we hope will be a regular feature of KBS, a **Jewish Film Series**, with the showing of the movie "**Teveye**." This 1939 black and white film was in Yiddish with English subtitles. Fyedka, the Russian boy who marries Chava, was played by Yiddish Theatre actor **Leon Liebgold**, **Jan Rae's second cousin** once removed! It was powerfully moving! It preceded the opening of the Aloha Performing Arts Company production of "**Fiddler on the Roof**" at the Aloha Theatre in Kainaliu on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was produced by **Gloria & Barry Blum**, with **Joel Gimpel** as Musical Director and featured **Trina Yerlick** as Grandma Tzeitel. **Larry Kane**, photographer extraordinaire, again took beautiful photos of the cast. A collection of Larry's amazing images of APAC through the years is on display in the Aloha Theatre lobby including his stark images of APAC's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" back in October 2011.

On **Tu B'Shvat**, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we planted a tree in the garden next to the Shops at the Mauna Lani and marked it with a special Memorial Plaque for **Bill Borkan**. **Mike Colson** made all the necessary arrangements.

Returning to Kona unexpectedly, **Shari Berman** led Shabbat services for us on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

At the April 6<sup>th</sup> KBS Board Meeting, we reviewed suggestions from **Julie Aronowitz**, Vivienne's daughter. Julie recently received a Master's Degree in Community Leadership from Brandeis University and now works at Brockton (Massachusetts) Interfaith Community. She gave us ideas to consider for us to better develop the programs we need to make KBS more responsive to members' needs.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, KBS hosted our **Annual Community Seder** led by **Dr. Barry Blum** at **King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel**. This is not a simple event to produce. **Trina Yerlick, Marilyn Anderson** and **Trina's mom, Jean Walzer**, met with the King Kam staff for a formal taste test. After reporting that the brisket tasted good and other details were worked out, they completed all the necessary arrangements. **Mike Colson** brought the sound system, wine and grape juice. **Mike Bernstone** brought the Haggadat. **Jean Walzer** made the gefilte fish. **Joel Gimpel** brought the Seder Plate. We asked the Four Questions in many different languages, including Hebrew, English, Yiddish, French, Spanish, Zulu, Hungarian and "lawyerese." All agreed that the seder was a success, the food was delicious and the matzoh balls (floaters) were tasty.

On Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we joined **Vivienne & Michael Aronowitz** at Holoholokai Beach Park to celebrate the life and bless the passage onward for **Enez Weinronk**, Vivienne's mother. **Rabbi Natan Segal** and **Gavin Harrison** participated in the ceremony and the delicious food and beautiful sunset all came together for a memorable experience.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the **Hualalai Regency** conducted a Memorial and Celebration of the Life of **Helen Myhre**. **Joel Gimpel** played violin. **Yehuda Plaut** joined with **Jan Willis** and the **Voggy Mountain Ramblers** to play music, and **Barry Blum** and **Ernie Knapp** spoke to honor Helen.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the **Bat Mitzvah** of **Hailey Rodis** with her family at KBS Mauna Lani. They were the second Las Vegas family this year to come to KBS to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah.

As we all know, our congregation's **Torah scroll** was originally from **Polna** in what is now the Czech Republic. Over the years we have done our best to trace the history of the scroll, wondering what it was like in Polna when the scroll was used in their synagogue and what happened to the scroll and to that community since 1943 when the Nazis took all those remaining Jews to concentration camps. In 2006, **Barry & Gloria Blum** began what is now becoming a regular pilgrimage to Polna. They met **Jan Prchal**, the town's historian and visited the old synagogue in the old ghetto and also visited the Jewish cemetery. Their experience was moving and profound. In 2007, **Ruth Ader** became the next KBS member to visit Polna. Expecting a quick visit for a simple look-see, she was greeted by **Jan Prchal** as well as the city's mayor and was treated like royalty during her visit. This past June, **Trina & Shai Yerlick** visited **Polna**. They too, thought that they might just spend a few hours there to see a few sites. Instead, they were met by **Jan Prchal**, his wife, his daughter-in-law **Martina Prchalova**, and **Phillip Plasil**, a young man from Polna studying history. Even the mayor came. Trina & Shai were shown all around like royalty. The rabbi's home has been restored since Barry & Gloria's and Ruth Ader's visits and the synagogue has also been further restored. The entire complex is now a museum that is regularly visited by students from the Czech Republic as well as the rest of Europe. Later, in Prague, Trina & Shai met with **PhDr. Arno Pařík**, director of the **Jewish Museum in Prague**. He gave them a VIP entrance and tour.

Our local Polna "ambassadors" will be preparing a special **Polna Shabbat** scheduled for **October 25, 2014**, when they will share stories, photographs and other memorabilia from Polna with our congregation. All suggest that anyone planning a visit to Eastern Europe, especially if you're going to Prague, should make sure to include Polna on your itinerary. We will give you the names of our contacts there to assure the success of your visit. After the Czech Republic, Shai & Trina visited Landsberg, Germany where Shai was born in a DP camp in 1948. The Yerlicks ended their trip in Israel, where they tell us they felt most at home.

In July, **Dr. Zee Knapp** celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Emanu-el in Redlands, CA, with

**Rabbi Douglas Kohn** leading the service.

This past year, more than ever before, the responsibility and pleasure of **leading Shabbat services** has been shared among many members of the congregation. **Trina Yerlick, Marilyn Anderson, Vivienne Aronowitz, Una Greenaway, Shari Berman** and **Barry Blum** have all led us. **Aviva Plaut** has always led the Torah portion of the services. *Todah rabah* to all of you!



### WE KVELL

**Twilight Greenaway**, Una's daughter, is the Managing Editor of **Civil Eats**, a daily news source promoting critical thought about sustainable agriculture and food systems. Her articles about food and farming have appeared in The New York Times, NPR.org, The Guardian, TakePart, Modern Farmer, Gastronomica and on Grist, where she served as the food editor from 2011-2012. **Twilight** and her husband **Justin** celebrated the birth of their son **Marlow Colt Lawrence Limoges** last November.

**Rick & Barbara Green** remind us that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, their son **Michael** married **Leilani Taylor-Lutz** at the Mauna Lani Resort. Officiating were **Barry Blum** and **Danny Akaka**. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Rick & Barbara's first grandchild, **Sasha Harper Green**, was born in San Francisco.

*Mazel Tov* to you all!!



### NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

The **North Hawaii Family Chavurah**, led by **Vivienne Aronowitz**, has remained active up in Waimea. Contact her at 885-3217, aronowitz@gmail.com, for information about the Chavurah's activities and to be placed onto her e-mailing list. There was **Challah baking and Hebrew songs** with **Dana Shapiro** at the home of **Jan, Melissa and James Levitan** in North Kohala on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. In March there was a **Purim celebration** with **Dana Shapiro**. In April the **Pesach Seder** was led by **Vivienne** at the **Levitan's** home. On May 25<sup>th</sup> there was a **musical brunch** with **Rabbi Natan Segal**. Most recently, **Cindy Cohen Levey** led a **Musical Shabbat Potluck** accompanied by **Rabbi Natan Segal, Alfredo Gormenzano, Yehuda Plaut** and **Kirk Newman** at the **Waimea Events Salon** on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The program started with a kid's hour led by Cindy, followed with Shabbat Dinner and Kumsitz



### OUR WEB SITE

Go to **www.KonaBethShalom.org** any time you want to know about our congregation. We do our best to keep it up-to-date.



### MAHALO AND TODAH RABAH

We send a special *todah rabah* to the family of the late **Bill Borkan** ב"ר who donated the space in his shopping center, The Shops at Mauna Lani, for our congregation to use when we were in need. His beloved wife, **Vivienne**, and his brother **Ted**, have continued to honor Bill's generosity since his untimely passing and we are grateful to have our little *shteibel* in such a lovely location.

### IN MEMORIAM

**THE LAST JEWS OF POLNA.** Every year, Congregation Kona Beth Shalom takes upon itself the responsibility of reciting Kaddish for the last Jewish residents of Polna in the Czech Republic. Our beloved Torah scroll came from there. The name of each of those 95 individuals of blessed memory is imprinted on a slip of paper along with their age when they were taken in 1943 by the Nazis. One of those slips of paper is given to each individual attending our Yizkor Service so that those names may be read aloud. There is no one else to do this.

**WILLIAM (BILL) BORKAN** passed away on September 17, 2013, at the age of 57. A Miami native who lived half time in Kona, Bill had a zest for life that he shared with family and friends. He was a prolific inventor whose medical devices helped tens of thousands of people around the world to live a pain-free life. Bill was also a highly successful entrepreneur in other fields including real estate and dedicated himself to multiple philanthropic endeavors. He was a loving husband to Vivienne, his wife of over 33 years, a wonderful father to their children, Kenny and Marty, and a beloved brother to his siblings Ted, Burt and Jennie.

**ENEZ WEINRONK** died in South Africa on March 18, 2014, at the age of 95. Mother of Vivienne Aronowitz, she was born near Cape Town. Enez was a talented cook, seamstress, interior decorator, gardener and flower artist and was a volunteer social worker devoted to helping those in need. She loved the beach and the outdoors. She was the beloved mother of three daughters and was blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**RABBI ZALMAN SCHACHTER-SHALOMI** died on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 89 in Boulder, Colorado. KBS members had the opportunity to experience him at our Grand Shabbaton in February 2008, held at the Keauhou Beach Hotel. Born in Zhovkva, Poland (now Ukraine) in 1924 and raised in Vienna, he received a traditional Jewish education. For over a decade he was a Lubavitch emissary in the Northeast. Reb Zalman became Professor of Jewish Mysticism and Psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia and founded P'nei Or (Faces of Light), a New Age Jewish spiritual society of religious experimentation, that later became Jewish Renewal. Adopting and sharing spiritual traditions from many faiths, Reb Zalman sought to create a world where distinct religions remain but are integrated with one another in order to broaden the possibilities of Jewish spiritual life.

**HELEN MYHRE** passed away at the age of 91 at the Regency Hualalai where she lived after her husband, Erwin, died. Helen spent her childhood in rural Illinois and later moved to Oahu. She was a Gold Star Mother, having lost her son who served in the armed forces. After Helen married Erwin the couple moved to the Big Island. She and Erwin were active members of the Lions Club and the Kona Orchid Society for many years. They enjoyed friendships with many individuals in Kona and hosted numerous gatherings at their Manu Mele Street home for Kona Beth Shalom and other community groups. She enjoyed cooking and was a gifted photographer, taking pictures of many of KBS's celebrations.

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

### A PUR VERTER FROM SHARI

Shalom Chaverim,

I can't believe that we were together just this past March. Living so far away, it seems an eternity ago. I do hope that all of you are enjoying a rich 5774 and that you look forward to ushering in 5775 together as much as I do. It is just about the time of year that Jews around the globe grow reflective. The month of Elul begins at sundown on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Throughout Elul we think about mending fences, bettering ourselves in the coming year, and so forth.

While reflection should be a very private endeavor, please allow me to make one small suggestion. If this is not already on your to-do list, why not consider strengthening your relationship with the Big Island Jewish community and, more specifically, with Kona Beth Shalom? Whenever you hear from us, and you will see this elsewhere in the newsletter, we remind you that “We are not complete without you.” This is not a trite sound bite. As the High Holy Days approach, we humbly and whole-heartedly welcome your presence at and your participation in all of our upcoming activities. I imagine that some people reading this are shaking their heads and muttering: “I may be on your mailing list, but organized religion is not my thing.”

In the hopes of changing that perspective, let me respond to that with a slightly fractured line from a song: “What’s you-know-who got to do with it... got to do with it?” (I’d like to ask Tina Turner to belt out this parody, but she probably has other plans for the holidays.) My point is: “You do not need to believe in anything in particular to join us at KBS.” I suspect some folks stay away from our High Holy Day gatherings because they do not see themselves as “believers.”

KBS is not your grandfather’s congregation for many reasons, but let’s start with the premise that what you believe is up to you. One of the e-mail greetings I inherited when I began as president of KBS was: “Congregation Kona Beth Shalom welcomes everyone seeing a connection with Judaism, whether religious, social, spiritual or educational.” Perhaps, we should have included historical and ancestral in the list. I venture to say that you may be wishing for a connection and not even realize it. I have met Jews on the Big Island with a strong aversion to organized religion. So, in that case, you are very, very welcome to our version of “disorganized” religion. Excuse the lame joke, but I ask that you focus on the notion of connection and put aside the ideas of Gd, faith, worship and all that jazz. I have been on the bimah with multiple atheists and agnostics reading Torah. Their purpose, much like mine, was to experience the aforementioned connection with our rich history.

The High Holy Days coaxes out some of us who remain in the shadows the rest of the year. Some of our brothers and sisters, however, remain disenfranchised and part of the largest group of Jews in the U.S., the “unaffiliated.” Lucky for all of you, one of our core brags at KBS is that we are “staunchly unaffiliated.” We are surely the perfect fit for those that seek something different. This year, more than any other, we are celebrating the High Holy Days in house. You will receive a message by e-mail asking for your participation in the service. You can sign up to read passages, give brief commentary, etc. I have been known to say that **Judaism is a team sport**. There are core prayers that we only say when ten people are present. The best part about KBS is that nobody gets left on the bench. So, yay, rah, rah, sis, boom bah... Please join us for the High Holy Days this year.

We have folks working in the background learning to *leyn* (chant Torah) at the upcoming services. Others are busy organizing all of the minutia involved in holding our gatherings. It is my plan to bring back the Sephardic Rosh Hashanah Seder and have us enjoy symbolic foods after the morning service. We have people preparing commentary and, as I mentioned, we welcome more volunteers. I hope you will agree to get involved. You will be receiving an official request by e-mail in the very near future.

People often wonder why the Torah is written without vowels. Some Jewish mystics believe that the vowels are openings (*tzinor*) and we supply or fill those openings ourselves every time we read Torah. *Tzinor* also means “pipe,” which is a device to connect one thing with another. It is my hope that our observance be a *tzinor* for you, a connection to your Jewish family here at KBS.

Yours faithfully,

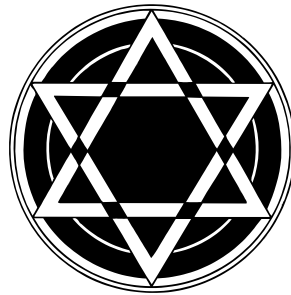
**Shari**



**We look forward to 5775 being a good year for all of us.  
On behalf of all the members of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom,  
we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year --- 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, join us for the coming year.  
If you have new ideas, share them with us.  
Please send in your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM now.**

**WE ARE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!**





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**Membership Application / Contribution Form**  
**5775 (Sep. 2014 - Sep. 2015)**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse or Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 18, with names and dates of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not wish to have your contact information shared in our membership directory, please check this box

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**Membership Contribution:**

- Sustaining Membership \$540
- Family Membership \$360
- Single Membership \$270

**Non-member Contribution:**

- High Holiday Services only  
\$36/person or \$60/family per holiday  
(no charge for children under 13)

High Holiday Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yizkor Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include the names of persons on the reverse side

Misheberach (healing) Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include the names of persons on the reverse side

Hebrew and Torah Studies (HATS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Hebrew Education Program:

Building Fund Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unrestricted Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Forward this application and your payment (check payable to **Congregation Kona Beth Shalom**) to:

**Michael Bernstone**  
**PO Box 383205**  
**Waikoloa, HI 96738-3205**

You may also make payment using PayPal or credit card. Go to [konabethshalom.org](http://konabethshalom.org) and click on the PayPal donation button. Or, your donation can be matched by using your Maika'i Card for Give Aloha at Foodland, Sack 'n Save or Foodland. See next page. No one is turned away for inability to pay, but we still ask that you send in this form to register.

# GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND, SACK N SAVE AND FOODLAND FARMS TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

Kona Beth Shalom is again participating in **Give Aloha, Foodland’s Annual Community Matching Gifts Program**. This program honors Foodland’s founder, Maurice J. “Sully” Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

### **How It Works**

**From Sept. 1-30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. **Donations made without a Maika`i Card will not be matched.** Individuals must use their own Maika`i Card to make a donation. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation.\*

### **Matching Gift**

Foodland and the Western Union Foundation generously donate up to \$300,000 to Hawaii non-profit organizations participating in Give Aloha this year.

### **How To Donate**

**At checkout, present your Maika`i Card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to our organization.** If you do not have a Maika`i Card, you may request one. **Our five digit registration code is 78575.** Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may give up to \$249 per organization (donations exceeding \$249 will not be matched). The amount you have donated to us and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Any donation must be made payable to Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms.

Donor names will not be released to Kona Beth Shalom, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please e-mail Mike Bernstone at [mbernstone@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mbernstone@hawaii.rr.com) with the date, time and amount of your donation so that we may properly record and acknowledge your gift.

### **Are These Contributions Tax Deductible?**

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### **\*How Matching Gifts Will Be Calculated**

Matching Gifts will be calculated after the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$300,000 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations received for all organizations.



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