



5777 Annual Newsletter

CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!
October 2016

KBS Annual Meeting <i>Followed by Meeting of the Board of Trustees</i>	Sunday	Sep 11	10:30 am
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Rosh Hashana evening <i>Kiddush follows</i>	Sunday eve	Oct 2	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashana morning <i>Kiddush & potluck to follow, home of Ruth & Mike Bernstone, Waikoloa (call 883-3809 for directions)</i>	Monday	Oct 3	10:00 am
Tashlich <i>At Holoholokai Beach Park (near the Fairmont Orchid)</i>	Friday afternoon	Oct 7	5:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah <i>At KBS Mauna Lani. Potluck.</i>	Friday eve	Oct 7	6:00 pm
Shabbat Shuvah <i>At the home of Aviva & Yehuda Plaut, Kealakekua (call 322-9860 for directions). Potluck</i>	Saturday	Oct 8	10:30 am
Kol Nidre (sunset is at 6:03 pm)	Tuesday eve	Oct 11	6:00 pm
Yom Kippur	Wednesday	Oct 12	10:00 am
Yizkor			4:00 pm
Neilah			5:00 pm
Havdalah <i>Bagels, lox and pot-luck break-the-fast pupus follow after Havdalah</i>			6:30 pm
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Simchat Torah Celebration <i>Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens, 75-1048 Henry St. (across the street from Safeway and uphill) in Kailua-Kona. Potluck welcomed. Music by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band</i>	Sunday	Oct 23	3 pm - 6 pm

ALL BIG ISLAND JEWISH COMMUNITIES INVITED

Your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/CONTRIBUTION FORM is included with this newsletter.
Call Vivienne Aronowitz at 936-9001 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. There are no tickets. Non-members who wish to attend are asked to make a contribution to help defray the costs of conducting the services. No one will be turned away for inability to contribute.

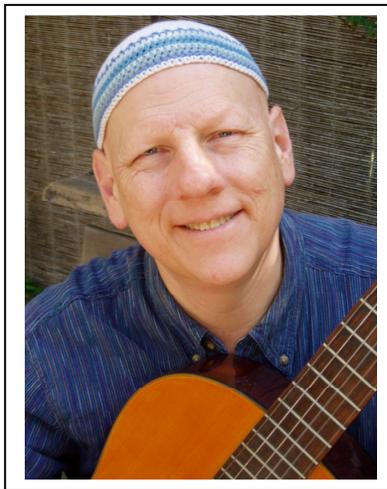
CALENDAR

October 2016

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

The Annual Meeting and High Holiday Services will be conducted at
Congregation Kona Beth Shalom
The Shops at Mauna Lani, Suite 109

RABBI DANIEL LEV



Daniel Lev began serving the Jewish communities in Northern California and the San Francisco Bay Area 34 years ago. As both a Rabbi and Maggid (Jewish story teller), he was inspired by his mentors, **Rabbis Shlomo Carlebach** (z'l), and **Zalman Schachter Shalomi** (z'l), 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 humor to convey the everyday holiness of Jewish tradition.

You can view him telling a story at a gathering of the Aquarian Minyan in San Francisco on the occasion of their 36th Anniversary, on You Tube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1EgbSTcnzM.

Rabbi Lev received rabbinical ordination in 2005 from a private Beit Din and from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (z'l). He led High Holiday Services for Kona Beth Shalom in 2007 and 2008 to the delight of all who attended. Those who may wish to schedule a personal appointment with the Rabbi may call (808) 633-6569.

Dr. Lev is also a clinical psychologist. He received his PhD in 1994 from the Wright Institute of Graduate Psychology in Berkeley, California. Prior to moving to Hawaii in 2014, he served the Kaiser Permanente community in Oakland as a chronic pain specialist. Since moving to Oahu he has opened his own private practice.



CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

Prior to the High Holidays, the **KBS Annual Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, September 11th** at KBS at the Mauna Lani starting at 10:30 am. 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 **Vivienne Aronowitz** (808 936-9001) or e-mail her at aronowitz@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. Louise Feldman*	5777 (2016)
2. Vivienne Aronowitz*	5777 (2016)	9. Joel Gimpel	5775 (2017)
3. Shari Berman*	5777 (2016)	10. Una Greenaway**	
4. Michael Bernstone*	5777 (2016)	11. Alan Pollak	5775 (2017)
5. Barry Blum*	5777 (2016)	12. Alan Silverman*	5777 (2016)
6. Alice Bratton	5779 (2018)	13. Nella Silverman*	5777 (2016)
7. Elaine Dobinson	5779 (2018)	14. 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. Current officers are **Vivienne Aronowitz**, president; **Alice Bratton**, vice-president; **Mike Bernstone**, treasurer; and **Nella Silverman**, secretary. At the meeting we will be electing all officers (including a second vice-president). 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?

AUTUMN 2015

On Sunday, October 4th, we conducted the KBS Annual Meeting at the home of **Marvin & Louise Feldman** in Captain Cook. Following the meeting we celebrated Sukkot beneath a lovely Sukkah on their lawn.

Rabbi Daniel Lev flew in from his home on Oahu to lead Kabbalat Shabbat at the home of **Louise & Marvin Feldman** and Kona Beth Shalom Shabbat services on the week-end of Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th.

WINTER 2015

On November 25th, the **13th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Concert** took place at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Kailua-Kona. Once again **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut** with **Trina & Shai Yerlick** represented KBS and the Jewish community with their musical contributions to the celebration.

On December 13th, KBS held its Annual Community Chanukah Celebration at the Shops at Mauna Lani. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the music, joined by guest artist, **Dr. Bolek Brant-Zawadzki**, folk-singer extraordinaire. Sadly, Bolek passed away in Portland

unexpectedly on June 2nd. **Auntie Lani Lee** and her **Na Kupuna `O Kona Ali`i Halau**, including **Ruth Ader** and **Trina Yerlick**, entertained us with traditional Hawaiian as well as Yiddish hula.

On December 26th, **Shari Berman**, our past president, returned from Hirosaki City, Japan, where she is Associate Professor in the International Exchange Department of Hirosaki National University, to lead Shabbat Services for us.

On December 30th, we were treated to a special musical evening with **Sharon Katz**, born in South Africa and a childhood friend of **Vivienne Aronowitz**. Sharon led an extraordinary life as music therapist, educator, social activist, performer and conflict resolution consultant and was the inspiration for the movie "**When Voices Meet**" about the **1992 Peace Train Tour** across South Africa.

As "People of the Book," it was finally time for our congregation to set up our KBS library. Thanks to the donation of several lovely bookshelves by **Richard Bluefarb** and the purchase of several others by KBS, we finally had room to display not only the many prayer books we have acquired over the years, but also many other books of biography, history, Jewish studies, fiction and more. **Mr. Bluefarb**, a *mensch* and a friend of **Alan Pollak**, passed away on May 21, 2015. We thank **Mike Colson** for assembling the bulletin boards we have used to display our memorabilia from Polna in the Czech Republic, the home of our beloved Torah scroll.

On February 13th, KBS launched a new Saturday morning **Torah Study program** at the home of **Louise & Marvin Feldman**, that has continued on the second Saturday of each month. When the Feldman's have been off-island, the program has been hosted at **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut's** Kealakekua home.

On Shabbat, February 27th, **Rabbi Daniel Lev** returned from Oahu to lead Kona Beth Shalom Shabbat services.

SPRING 2016

When Passover rolled around in April, there were so many members of our congregation conducting or attending Seders in member's homes that for the first time in thirty years, we did not conduct a Community Seder. We do expect to conduct a Community Seder in 2017.

On May 18th, we began a **KBS Jewish Book Club** at the **Kona Haven Café** on Ali`i Drive (facing the ocean alongside the sand volleyball court in Coconut Plaza) thanks to the interest and intentions of several KBSers, especially **Natalie Fisher Guerin**. We have continued to meet there on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 pm. For more information about the book club, contact **Natalie** at: **nehamah47@gmail.com**.

SUMMER 2016

On June 10th, 11th & 12th, **Rabbi Daniel Lev**, joined by his wife, **Malka**, returned to the Big Island to observe Shabbat and Shavuot with us. On Friday evening, **Marvin and Louise Feldman** opened their home for Kabbalat Shabbat, and **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut** hosted the Sunday Shavuot discussion session with **Rabbi Lev**.

On Monday evening, June 20th, **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut** hosted at their home a showing of the movie "**When Voices Meet**" about the **Peace Train**, a magnificent adventure in cross-cultural exchange at the end of apartheid in South Africa in 1992. The project was conceived and created

by **Sharon Katz** a childhood friend of **Vivienne Aronowitz**. Vivienne introduced the movie. This past July, Vivienne rejoined Sharon on a "**Peace Train Across America**" journey from New York City to Washington, DC, led once again by Sharon Katz.

Throughout the year, different members of our congregation, including **Aviva Plaut, Vivienne Aronowitz, Trina Yerlick, Victor Greenspan, Louise Feldman, Una Greenaway, Barry Blum, Rabbi Natan Segal, Michael Bernstone, Shari Berman**, helped lead our Sabbath Services, while **Yehuda Plaut** and **Joel Gimpel** provided musical support for our prayers and songs.

Our Congregation is blessed with enormous good fortune 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.



JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM (Hebrew and Torah Studies)

Kona Beth Shalom will again be offering a Hebrew School program for children. Depending on the ages of the students, the curriculum will include some or all of the following subjects: Learning the Hebrew alphabet, reading and speaking prayer-book and modern Hebrew, Jewish holidays, Jewish history, Bible stories, Israel, crafts, prayers and songs, and ethics. Classes will meet twice a month. There will be a modest charge (which will be less for KBS member families). For more information, contact **Louise Feldman**, (415) 407-0973, LFeldman@hawaii.rr.com. Louise can also refer you if your son or daughter needs Bar or Bat Mitzvah preparation. The KBS Education Committee includes **Louise Feldman, Trina Yerlick, Natalie Fisher Guerin, Una Greenaway, and Barry Blum**



NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

The **North Hawaii Family Chavurah**, led by **Vivienne Aronowitz**, has remained active up in Waimea. Contact her at 936-9001, aronowitz@gmail.com, for information about the Chavurah's activities and to be placed onto her e-mailing list.



OUR WEB SITE

The newly remodeled KBS website, **www.KonaBethShalom.org**, launched last year before the holidays, continues to be updated with important news, a calendar of events, a photo gallery, *yahrzeits*, newsletters, *d'rashes*, ways to support KBS, and a business directory for members who wish to advertise their skills and services. It also links the user to a newly created KBS Facebook page where members can post photos and news events of their own.

We thank **Bernie Bernstone** and **Mara Greenaway** for creating this new website, and **Elaine Dobinson** and **Alan Silverman** for being our webmasters.



MAHALO AND TODAH RABAH

Our past president, **Una Greenaway**, led our congregation as president for the past 4 years. She graciously stepped up to the job when **Shari Berman** took a position in Japan. Prior to that, Una served on the KBS board for 17 years. She had a first career as an accountant and for many years has she and her husband have managed their organic farm where they grow coffee as well many fruits, vegetables and nuts. Una has shared much from her professional experience as well as her considerable artistic and culinary talents with the congregation. During her tenure we have had a stable home at the Shops at the Mauna Lani and have deepened our relationship with **Rabbi Daniel Lev**. *Todah rabah*, Una, for all your time and energy and we hope to continue to see you regularly!

Sharing pot-luck at KBS gatherings has been our tradition ever since 1975 when our predecessor, **Aloha Beth Shalom**, held its first High Holiday Services in Hilo. One of the more spectacular pot-luck contributions for the past several years have been the mini-bagels, and now the rye breads, baked by our own **Alan Silverman**. We are truly grateful to Alan and his wife **Nella** for bringing these delectables as well as coffee and other treats to share after our Shabbat services.

We continue to appreciate the family of the late **Bill Borkan** (z'l), who have continued to honor Bill's generosity in donating the space in his shopping center for our little *shteibel* in such a lovely location. Right after the high Holidays, KBS will be moving next door (from Suite 109a to Suite 109b).



AMAZON SMILE

Amazon.com offers an automatic way for you to support Kona Beth Shalom every time you shop, at no cost to you. Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price of nearly everything you buy on Amazon to KBS. The price on Amazon Smile is the same as on Amazon.com. Simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device where you select a charitable organization (Kona Beth Shalom) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. It's easy!



BEIT HASHAMAYIM

Beit HaShamayim is the name of the Big Island's Jewish Cemetery. Located within Homelani Memorial Park in Hilo on the eastern side of the Big Island of Hawaii, Beit HaShamayim is the only Jewish cemetery on the island. It is open to all Jewish families and persons in need, whether Jewish by birth, choice or family relationship. The Hebrew words "Beit HaShamayim" and the Hawaiian word "Homelani" each mean "Heavenly Home." For more information about Jewish burial, contact **Dr. Barry Blum** at bonedoc.bb@gmail.com.



IN MEMORIAM

ROZ SILVER MAREAN and her husband **Bill Silver** moved to Kona from Southern California in 1974. As they became acquainted with other Jews on the Big Island they contacted the Jewish Federation in Honolulu. The Federation provided prayer books and arranged for **Kirk Cashmere** to perform the service for the 1975 High Holy Days. The group, dubbed **Aloha Beth Shalom**, served the entire island but with distances between Hilo and Kona so great, they decided in 1980 to base themselves in Kona and called themselves **Kona Beth Shalom**. The original Board of Trustees included **Morris Baker**, President; **Rosalind Silver**, Vice President; **Jerry Rothstein**, Secretary; and **Helen Rabin**, Treasurer. **Bill Silver** passed away in 2001. After several years Roz met **John Marean** (on-line), a Canadian. They married several years later and continued to enjoy their lives here together. John died on August 25, 2015 and Roz passed on December 17, 2015.

LAWRENCE WILLIAM “LARRY” COHN passed away at his home in Kailua-Kona on January 22, 2016. Larry, who was 68 when he died, was a lawyer in private practice and per diem judge for the state. He was born in Palo Alto, California. He is survived by his wife **Cindy**, his sons **Ben** and **Jason**, his stepson **Jason Watford**, his stepdaughters **Lauren Au Hoon** and **Lena Hunt**, his sisters **Cathy Gilley** and **Janet Borg**, and numerous grandchildren.

DR. PAKI (BAILEY) MYERS died on March 3, 2016. She was a physician in Kona having started here as an Emergency Room Physician at Kona Hospital and later establishing a private practice focusing on women's health. Paki was beloved by her many patients as well as by her wife, **Zan Myers**, and their daughter, **Maya**.

DR. MADLYN STEIN, beloved aunt of **Trina Yerlick**, died on May 1, 2016, at her home in San Francisco. Trina reminds us that she was a terrific doctor and was one of the first female graduates of Stanford Medical School. She taught Trina so much about Passover, Israel and the importance of family. She was Trina's mom's (**Jean Walzer's**), only sister and the heart of their family.

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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shaloha Chaverim,

It is the 12th anniversary since I arrived in Hawaii with my husband **Michael**. We moved from Northern California after living there 25 years. We both were born and raised in South Africa in very strong Jewish communities and both attended Jewish Day Schools and participated in Jewish Youth Organizations. After living in the Bay Area with its multiple offerings of Jewish experience, I felt concerned about how I would adapt to the small community we have here. However, as is my nature, I am not one to sit back and wait for others to do things, I immediately became involved in KBS and created programs as well for North Hawaii. I was warmly welcomed by the group who had been holding the torch for Jewish life on the Big Island and was supported and encouraged to

continue to share from my knowledge and experience. There are many aspects to Jewish life with KBS that have nourished and fed me. I have loved the priority music is given in all our services. For a small congregation we have been able to support some amazing experiences like rededicating our torah and hosting **Rabbi Zalman** and many of his followers several years ago.

This is the essence of KBS. We are a small group and everyone COUNTS and is encouraged and supported to contribute in what ever way s/he can. While I do have a strong Jewish background, as a young girl in an orthodox community, I did not read torah or lead services. So, I too, have had to move beyond my comfort zone. I have been so impressed and inspired by many of our congregants who have never read Hebrew before, learning to chant from the torah under the expert guidance of **Aviva Plaut**. Others have stepped forward to lead services, cook, bake, clean, host visitors, play music... The opportunities abound.

In my professional life as a dietitian, I frequently see studies showing the substantial benefits of community involvement, spiritual connection and volunteerism. Participating and contributing to our congregation is good for your health!

As the fall draws closer and the High Holidays are around the corner, we feel the tug of the time to reflect, connect back to family (blood or those adopted by us), we welcome you all to sing along, share a poem or reading, have a sip of wine, break challah and enjoy a meal. There is room for all of you and you will be warmly welcomed.

As I step forward as president of KBS, I first want to thank **Una Greenaway** for her many years of service to KBS. Her contributions are many and include her skills as a seamstress - sewing our torah cover, wonderful food and plants from her farm and her time as a board member, for many years and as president for the last four. I know I cannot do it alone and will need help to maintain the momentum of those leading before me. Won't you join in to continue to keep our community vibrant and thriving?

May you and your family and friends be inscribed for a wonderful year of health, joy and inspiration.

Vivienne



**We look forward to 5777 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!

