



5778 Annual Newsletter

CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!

September 2017

Rosh Hashana evening* <i>Kiddush follows</i> <i>*Rosh Hashana services at Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens, 75-1048 Henry St., Kailua-Kona</i>	Wednesday eve	Sep 20	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashana morning* <i>Kiddush & potluck to follow</i>	Thursday	Sep 21	10:00 am
Tashlich <i>At Old Airport Park, Pavilion #4</i>	Friday afternoon	Sep 22	5:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah <i>Kiddush and Potluck to follow. Please bring beach chairs</i>	to follow	Sep 22	6:00 pm
Shabbat Shuvah <i>Children's service with storytelling led by Rabbi Lev at 10 am, followed by adult service at 10:30 am</i> <i>At the home of Aviva & Yehuda Plaut, Kealakekua. Call (808) 322-9860 for directions</i>	Saturday	Sep 23	10:00 am
Kol Nidre* (sunset is at 6:13 pm)	Friday eve	Sep 29	6:00 pm
Yom Kippur* Mincha Torah Service (led by Shari Berman and Aviva Plaut) Mid-afternoon class (led by Yehudah Plaut) Yizkor Neilah Havdalah <i>Bagels, lox and pot-luck break-the-fast pupus follow after Havdalah</i> <i>*Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur services at Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens</i>	Saturday	Sep 30	10:00 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm
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KBS Annual Meeting & Sukkot Celebration <i>Potluck welcomed.</i> <i>At the home of Ruth Ader, Kailua-Kona. Call 325-0008 for directions</i>	Sunday	Oct 8	10:30 am-1:30 pm
Shabbat & Simchat Torah Celebration <i>Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens. Potluck.</i> <i>Music by members of Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band</i>	Friday Eve	Oct 13	6:00 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
September 2017**

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	Sep 15	Sep 16
Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20* Rosh HaShana Eve	Sep 21* Rosh HaShana	Sep 22 Tashlich Shabbat Shuva	Sep 23 Shabbat Shuva
Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29* Kol Nidre	Sep 30* Yom Kippur

***High Holiday Services will be conducted at
Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens
75-1048 Henry St., Kailua-Kona
(across Henry Street from Safeway)**

RABBI DANIEL LEV



Kona Beth Shalom is delighted to welcome back **Rabbi Daniel Lev** to lead High Holiday services. He lives in Honolulu with his life partner, **Margaret Walkover**.

Rabbi Lev began serving the Jewish communities in Northern California and the San Francisco Bay Area 35 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, 2008 and 2016, and has been back to Kona to lead Shabbat services, study groups and shabbatons for Kona Beth Shalom to the delight of all who have attended. Those who may wish to schedule a personal appointment with the Rabbi may call (808) 633-6569.

Dr. Lev received his PhD in 1994 from the Wright Institute of Graduate Psychology in Berkeley, California. Having moved from Berkeley, California to Hawaii in 2014 where he served the Kaiser Permanente community in Oakland as a chronic pain specialist, he now offers that service in private practice on Oahu.

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CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The **KBS Annual Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, October 8th** at the home of **Ruth Ader & Sherrill Cawn** in Kailua-Kona, 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, come to the meeting. If you are interested in joining our Board, call **Vivienne Aronowitz** (808 936-9001) or e-mail her at aronowitz@gmail.com before September 8th, and then 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 (2019)	9. Marvin Feldman	5777 (2019)
2. Vivienne Aronowitz	5777 (2019)	10. Joel Gimpel*	5775 (2017)
3. Shari Berman	5777 (2019)	11. Una Greenaway**	
4. Michael Bernstone	5777 (2019)	12. Victor Greenspan	5777 (2019)
5. Barry Blum	5777 (2019)	13. Alan Silverman	5777 (2019)
6. Alice Bratton	5779 (2018)	14. Nella Silverman	5777 (2019)
7. Elaine Dobinson	5779 (2018)	15. Trina Yerlick	5777 (2019)
8. Louise Feldman	5777 (2019)		

* 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; **Alan Silverman**, vice-president; **Louise Feldman**, 2nd Vice-President; **Mike Bernstone**, treasurer; and **Nella Silverman**, secretary. At the meeting we will be electing all officers. Any active member may stand for office. You may submit your name any time before September 8th.

Get ready to shake a *lulav*! After the meeting, we will celebrate **Sukkot** beneath the *sukkah* on Ruth's lawn. Please bring fruit for decoration and potluck to share.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

It's not for no reason that we are called "wandering Jews." After nearly five wonderful years as guests of the Shops at Mauna Lani, we have moved our location. Since June we have been conducting our regular **Saturday morning Shabbat services** at the **Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens**. Located at 75-1048 Henry Street in Kailua-Kona, it's across the street from Safeway. This is a lovely facility with room for services, for our pot-luck celebrations, storage space for our Aron Kodesh and books, and with beautiful gardens outside. We will continue to utilize other facilities for specific holidays and events and will keep you notified.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW -- DO YOU REMEMBER?

AUTUMN 2016

We held our **Annual Meeting** last year at our facility at the Shops at Mauna Lani. The date was 9/11 and we remembered all those who perished at that time.

Former KBS president, **Shari Berman**, now Professor at Hirosaki National University, Japan, returned to Kona to lead Shabbat Services on September 24th.

On October 23rd, we celebrated **Simchat Torah** at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens. **Barry Blum** and **Aviva Plaut** led the service

WINTER 2016

Shari Berman flew in from Japan to lead Shabbat Services on December 24th.

On December 26th, KBS held its Annual Community Chanukah Celebration at Hale Halewai in downtown Kailua-Kona. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the music. Besides our usual delicious pot-luck - coordinated by **Nella & Alan Silverman**, **Daylight Mind Restaurant** prepared the yummy *latkes*. **Arneleo HaGadol (Arnie Rabin)** returned to the acclaim of all the young-at-heart to entertain us. **Shai Yerlick** served as official *dreydle* croupier. **Auntie Lani Lee** and her *Na Kupuna `O Kona Ali`i Halau*, including **Ruth Ader** and **Trina Yerlick**, once again entertained us with traditional Hawaiian as well as Yiddish hula. The children of our KBS Hebrew School including **Lyndsey Varner**, **Franz and Leah Hillert**, and **Lily Thomas**, led by **Trina Yerlick** performed a cheerful Chanukah play for all of us.

Our **Torah Study program** at the home of **Louise & Marvin Feldman**, has continued on the second Saturday of each month. When the Feldmans have been off-island, the program has been hosted at **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut's** Kealakekua home.

Rabbi Daniel Lev returned from Oahu to lead Kona Beth Shalom Shabbat services on Friday evening at the Mauna Lani, and Saturday morning at the Kona Outdoor Circle, January 26th and 27th.

SPRING 2016

Una Greenaway & Leon Rosner welcomed a new grandson on March 6, **Leo Reyes Lemoine**.

On March 12th KBS conducted a most happy **Purim Party** at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens. Lots of newcomers and kids showed up. A *Purim Shpiel* performed by **Lyndsey Varner**, **Franz and Leah Hillert**, **Ridley Murray**, and **Lily, Ally and Tyler Thomas**, plus **Michael Aronowitz**, **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut** and **Gloria Blum** were featured, replete with costumes. Music was provided by **Joel Gimpel**, **Marvin Feldman**, **Yehudah Plaut** and **Barry Blum**, with **Gloria Blum** helping to lead the singing. **Alan Silverman** was the sound engineer. **Vivienne Aronowitz** and **Trina Yerlick** led the Israeli dancing. **Barry Blum** read the "whole" (abbreviated) *megillah*. Delicious *hamantaschen* were prepared by **Alice Bratton**, **Nella Silverman** and **Aviva Plaut**.

On March 25th, **Shari Berman** returned from Japan to lead our Shabbat Service.

On April 10th, KBS conducted its **Annual Community Seder** at the Kona Outdoor Circle. The place was packed! **Pres. Vivienne Aronowitz** and former president **Barry Blum** conducted the Seder. **Chef Amelia Antonucci-Fisher** of **The Strawberry Patch** catered the event. We could not have done this without the hard work of the members of our Seder Committee, including **Louise Feldman**, **Vivienne Aronowitz**, **Nella Silverman**, **Mike Bernstone**, **Ruth Bernstone**, **Alan Silverman**, **Marcia Belmont** and others.

From May of 2016 through March 2017 we conducted a monthly **KBS Jewish Book Club** at the

Kona Haven Café on Ali`i Drive. When one of the leaders of the club, **Natalie Fisher Guerin** made *aliyah* to Israel, we had to put the club on hold, but if there is interest this year, it may resume.

After receiving notice from the owners of the Shops at Mauna Lani that we would need to vacate our suite there, the Board evaluated possible alternatives and decided that we would move to the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens (HQCG). On May 7th, **Vic Greenspan, Vivienne Aronowitz, Yehuda & Aviva Plaut, Alan & Nella Silverman, Barry Blum, Leanne & Gary Cohen** and **Neil Soicher** collected all of KBS's possessions and moved those needed for regular services to HQCG, and everything else to a nearby storage unit for later use.

SUMMER 2016

On June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, **Rabbi Daniel Lev**, returned to the Big Island to celebrate **Shabbat** and **Shavuot** with us. **Aviva & Yehuda Plaut** hosted the Sunday discussion session with **Rabbi Lev**.

Thanks to one of our members and to the owners and staff of the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, **KBS** in conjunction with the **North Hawaii Chavurah** is now celebrating a **Kabbalat Shabbat** on the second Friday evening of each month at the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**, in their Restaurant #3. The service begins at 6:00 pm. It's meant to be casual, followed by a pot-luck. For the first two such celebration, July 14th and August 11th, the service was led by **Rabbi Nathan Segal**.

On July 16th, the Board, along with several other members of the congregation, met for a "**Retreat**" at the home of **Ruth Ader**. The discussions covered some of the more philosophical, ethical and spiritual concerns of a Jewish congregation such as ours.

On July 22nd, **KBS Shabbat** attendees were treated to a *D'rash* by the **Big Island's newest rabbi, Rachel Short**, of Hilo. Everyone appreciated her energy and commentary, and we look forward to doing various services and other celebrations with her over the coming year.

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**.



HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

Kona Beth Shalom enters into the second year of our newly activated program. This past year we taught four students, ages 6 to 10. Our program met twice a month and will continue to do so this coming year. Our students were engaged in holiday celebrations with the greater **KBS Community**, performed in 2 plays, attended services, and celebrated their own child-oriented Seder. Our studies include learning Hebrew language, prayers, stories from the Torah, Israel, and Jewish traditions and ethics. This year we are hoping to add to our program a *tikkun olam* project and family *kabbalat shabbat*. Our teachers are **Trina Yerlick**, who teaches Hebrew, and **Louise Feldman** who teaches Judaica. We also hope to include guest teachers from our community. If you would like more information on our program, please contact **Trina** at tyerlick@gmail.com. Trina can also advise or refer you if your son or daughter needs Bar or Bat Mitzvah preparation.



NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

The **North Hawaii Chavurah**, led by **Vivienne Aronowitz**, was created to serve the Jewish community up north (as well as others from anywhere on the island). 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 KBS website, www.KonaBethShalom.org, 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 KBS Facebook page where members can post photos and news events of their own.

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



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IN MEMORIAM

BLANCHE KELEMEN, mother of **Martin Kelemen**, passed away in Los Angeles on January 30, 2017 at the age of 105. She was born in Montreal, Canada and was a homemaker.

STEVE ITMAN died on July 13, 2017 in Minneapolis. He would have been 60 years old a few days later. Steve was the nephew of **Gloria Blum**. He leaves behind his children, Tess, Alec, Noah and Hallie, and the apple of his eye, his grandson Grant.

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.**



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.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shaloha Chaverim,

Elul (אֱלוּל) begins on the evening of August 22nd, and it is the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. The name of the month (spelled *alef-lamed-vav-lamed*) is said to be an acronym of "*Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*," "I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine," a quote from Song of Songs 6:3, where the Beloved is G-d and the "I" is the Jewish people. In Aramaic (the vernacular of the Jewish people at the time that the month names were adopted), the word "Elul" means "search," which is appropriate, because this is a time of year when we search our hearts.

Its been a challenging time for many with lots of political upheaval and uncertainty of almost biblical proportions. However, it has also given us the opportunity to clarify what is really important and see that each one of us can make a difference. Family, friends and community are the life blood that keep us nourished in times such as this. Kona Beth Shalom can be that for you.

So as you prepare for the New Year, we hope you will plan to become more active. Please know that you are a vital part of what helps us to grow and be strong. In small communities, such as ours, each person truly makes a difference. Our tradition has so much to teach and guide us as we navigate each week with new challenges. So whether your Jewish background is deep or you are just rediscovering your roots, there is a place for you. We have plans for some new and exciting programs in the next year and hope you will participate. If you have ideas, please let us know.

I would like to thank all of those on the board and other active members whose hard work has allowed us to keep up our regular monthly Shabbat morning services, holiday events, torah study sessions and other special programs. We had a super busy year with a move, our biggest Chanukah party ever, a very fun Purim event and a rousing Seder. We just added a monthly Erev Shabbat program in North Hawaii.

Special thanks to Dr. Barry Blum for putting together the newsletter and together with Gloria, keeping the flame of Jewish life going on the west side of the island for many years, and to recent past presidents Shari Berman and Una Greenaway for all their efforts. Sitting in this spot, I now realize how much work and dedication it takes.

Shana Tova to you and your family for a sweet, healthy and peaceful year.

Vivienne



**Membership Application
Contribution Form
5778 (Sep. 2017 - Sep. 2018)**

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: _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL ABOVE CLEARLY

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

- | <u>Membership Contribution</u> | | <u>Non-member Contribution</u> | <u>Seating</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership | \$540 | <input type="checkbox"/> High Holiday Services only
(no charge for children under 13) | \$60/person
\$90/family
per holiday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership | \$360 | To insure adequate seating, reservations are requested | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership | \$270 | Your membership includes High Holiday seating | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Holiday Services | | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yizkor Contribution | | | \$ _____ |
| Please include the names of persons on the reverse side | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chevra Kadisha Contribution (burial fund) | | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Misheberach (healing) Contribution | | | \$ _____ |
| Please include the names of persons on the reverse side | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Education (Children's Jewish Education Program) | | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund Contribution | | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted Contribution | | | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED: | | | \$ _____ |

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

Kona Beth Shalom is 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.

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. up to a total of at least \$250,000 for all organizations combined.

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. **The KBS 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 KBS, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please forward the information to mbernstone@hawaii.rr.com so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.**

These contributions are **tax deductible** to the full extent of the law. **Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation.**

*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's 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.



**We look forward to 5778 being a wonderful 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, here for everyone since 1980.
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!

