

Kona Beth Shalom May 2018 Newsletter

MAHALOS

* Thank you to everyone who made the April Shabbat service such a beautiful success! To Trina Yerlick for leading the service, to Vic Greenspan for the successful completion of an especially long parsha, and to Yehuda Plaut for leading the sermon discussion.

BIKUR CHOLIM/SOCIAL OUTREACH

* The KBS Board has authorized KBS to make a donation to the relief efforts for the people affected by Kilaua's recent activity. If you would like to add to the congregation's donation, please do! To those who have already donated – thank you! You may donate through KBS to the volcano relief fund here: <http://konabethshalom.org/product/2018-eruption-emergency-fund/> 100% of donations go directly to the volcano relief fund. With KBS Board Members Alice Bratton's and Nella Silverman's help, we identified the Neighborhood Place of Puna as a worthy donations recipient. Along with its family-centered programs (<https://neighborhoodplaceofpuna.org>), it is very actively involved with county agencies in the shelter & relief efforts for people displaced by the lava emergency. We think it is a good opportunity to support an aid effort for the community from within the community.

UPCOMING KBS EVENTS

* **Friday May 18th** at 6:30pm is Kabbalat Shabbat at Louise and Marvin Feldman's home, with a potluck dinner to follow at approximately 7:15pm. Please contact Louise Feldman at lfeldman@hawaii.rr.com for directions.

* **Saturday May 19th** at 10:30am Shabbat Bamidbar at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens. There will be a potluck lunch at 12:30, and Torah study from 1:30-2:30pm.

* **Sunday May 20th** Shavuot service at 10am at Aviva and Yehudah Plaut's home. A Shavuot mini-singing service will be enjoyed until 10:30, with the first study session from 10:30-noon. A veggie potluck lunch follows from noon-1pm, followed by the second study session from 1pm-2:30pm. Please contact the Plauts for directions at plaut.hawaii@gmail.com

* **Saturday June 23rd** at 10:30am monthly Shabbat service at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens, potluck to follow.

* **Saturday July 28th** at 10:30am monthly Shabbat service at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens, potluck to follow.

* **Saturday August 25th** at 10:30am monthly Shabbat service at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Gardens, potluck to follow.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- * **Friday May 11th** at 6:00pm, 96 year-old Holocaust survivor, author and Kona resident Goldie Lefkowitz joins the North Hawaii Chavurah at its monthly Erev Shabbat gathering at 6pm at the Mauna Kea Beach Resort Restaurant No 3. Goldie will share some of her story with us. We will follow her presentation with Shabbat blessings and a potluck. No pork or shellfish please.
- * **June 15th**, Cindy Cohen Levy will lead the North Hawaii Chavurah for a musical Erev Shabbat gathering.
- * **July 13th**, Rabbi Sydney Mintz, Rabbi at Temple Emanu-el in San Francisco, will lead North Hawaii Chavurah's services. More details to follow.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

- * The KBS Board is welcoming new members. We have 3 vacancies. Please consider serving! Contact KBS President Una Greenaway if you are interested at una@hawaii.rr.com
- * KBS is starting to look into finding a possible permanent home for our congregation. Very exciting! A committee is being formed, and if any congregants would like to be on the committee, please let Una know at una@hawaii.rr.com
- * Most of the congregation's events require people to help set up before the event and break down afterwards. If you can help at an upcoming event(s), either before and/or after, that would be tremendously appreciated! If you are interested in helping the congregation in this meaningful way, please let Alysa Freeman know at af@alysafreeman.com Thank you!

UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

- * We would like to add a newsletter section on Simchas (marriages, births, graduations, etc.), as well as Community Caring (such as illnesses, deaths). If you would like to contribute, please send your email to Alysa at af@alysafreeman.com

Sincerely,

The KBS Board:

Una Greenaway, President

Alan Silverman, Vice-President

Vivienne Aronowitz, Immediate Past-President

Mike Bernstone, Treasurer

Nella Silverman, Secretary

At-large members Joel Gimpel, Alice Bratton, Shari Berman, Trina Yerlick, Barry Blum, Elaine Dobinson, Victor Greenspan, Marvin Feldman, Ruth Ader and Alysa Freeman