



## CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!

September 2002

All services at the **Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort** unless otherwise indicated

<b>Rosh Hashana evening</b> In the Kahalu'u Ballroom. Kiddush follows	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sep 6</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Rosh Hashana morning</b> In the Kahalu'u Ballroom. Kiddush and traditional Sephardic Seder follow Tashlich afterwards at the ocean's edge	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 7</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Shabbat Tshuvah evening</b> <i>In the Kalanikai Pavilion. Potluck supper follows (no pork or shellfish)</i>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sep 13</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Kol Nidre</b> In the Kahalu'u Ballroom	<b>Sunday eve</b>	<b>Sep 15</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Yom Kippur</b> In the Kahalu'u Ballroom	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Yizkor</b>			<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Neilah</b>			<b>5:30 pm</b>
<i>Bagels and break-the-fast pupus follows after Neilah, hosted by Lorraine Highkin (to honor the memory of her granddaughter, Talia Miller) and the WaKoBeS.</i>			
<b>Sukkot</b> Kuaiwi Farm, Captain Cook. Potluck. Call 328-8888 for directions		<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sep 22 2 pm</b>
<b>Shabbat &amp; Simchat Torah</b> Waimea Town Hall, opposite the Kahilu Theatre. Potluck. <u>All Big Island Jewish communities invited</u>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 28</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>KBS Annual Meeting &amp; Picnic</b> <i>Old Airport Pavilion # 3, with potluck barbecue (no pork or shellfish). Everyone invited</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>2 pm</b>

**Your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION /CONTRIBUTION FORM is included with this newsletter.  
Call Dr. Barry Blum at 322-6004 or Joel Gimpel at 325-4991 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 bringing the Rabbi to Kona. No one will be turned away for inability to contribute.

### CALENDAR

## September - October 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>September 1</b>	Sep 2  Labor Day	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6 Rosh Hashana eve + Seder	Sep 7 Rosh Hashana + Tashlich
Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13 Shabbat Tshuvah eve	Sep 14

Sep 15 Kol Nidre	Sep 16 Yom Kippur	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21
Sep 22 Sukkot	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28 Shabbat + SimchatTorah
Sep 29	Sep 30	<b>October 1</b>	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5
Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Oct 13 Annual Meeting	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19

We appreciate the hospitality extended to us by the owners and staff of  
**The Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort**  
78-6740 Alii Drive, six miles from downtown Kailua-Kona,  
where all our High Holiday Services will be conducted.

**Rabbi Mark Shapiro**

This will be **Rabbi Mark Shapiro’s** third year leading High Holiday Services for Congregation Kona Beth Shalom and his second visit to Kona this year. He was our scholar-in-residence last February, leading services, educational programs and our Purim Carnival, to the delight of all.

**Rabbi Shapiro** was the Rabbi for Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim (BJBE) in Glenview, Illinois, from 1962 until his retirement in 1999. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he was ordained by the Hebrew Union College (Reform) in 1960 and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1985.

**Rabbi Shapiro** is chairman of the Czech Torah Network that helps congregations research their Czech scrolls. Last year, he brought to us the names of all the Jews of Polno (the town where our Torah scroll comes from) who perished in the Holocaust. When we said Kaddish for them, it was likely the first time Kaddish had been recited for them in over 50 years.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, at 6:30 pm, and**

**Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 am**

**keauhou beach hotel – kahalu‘u ballroom**

**ROSH HASHANA** marks the time when we Jews begin our annual process of renewal. We hear the sound of the shofar announcing the birthday of the world and use this special time to renew and revitalize our connections with our families and friends. New Years Resolutions have a special meaning for us as we seek inspiration for the coming years and also use the ten “Days of Awe” from Rosh Hashana to Yom Kippur to ask forgiveness from people we may have offended. The greeting at this time is: *L’shana tovah tikateivu* (May you be written into the Book of Life).

**IN THE SEPHARDIC TRADITION**, specific foods are eaten in a certain order (*seder*) that represent different spiritual aspects of Rosh Hashana. **Renee & Jacques Sebag** will lead us in a **Rosh Hashana Seder** hosted by them and the **WaKoBeS** (Wahines of Kona Beth Shalom) after the Saturday morning service is over.

**TASHLICH** is the ceremony conducted at the water’s edge when we throw bits of bread or lint into the ocean as a symbolic act of casting sins away. After the Seder on Saturday morning service we will walk to the ocean to perform this sweet and meaningful ceremony.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, at 6:00 pm**

**KEAUHOU BEACH HOTEL – KALANIKAI PAVILION**

**SHABBAT TSHUVAH** (between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) is the “**Sabbath of the (Re-) Turning.**” As is every Sabbath, it is a day of rest, contemplation and rejuvenation. This particular Shabbat can be the awesome time to return and reconnect to our heritage and to the gifts we were given and have only to claim. **Rabbi Shapiro** will lead us. There will be a potluck supper after Friday night services. (There will be no Saturday morning service this weekend.)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, at 6:00 pm**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 10:00 am**

**KEAUHOU BEACH HOTEL - KAHALU‘U BALLROOM**

As the sun sets on Sunday evening we chant the **KOL NIDRE**, a prayer written in ancient Aramaic containing a formula that asks God's forgiveness for any oaths or vows we have made to God that we have failed to keep. Our greeting changes to **L'shana tovah tikateivu ve teichateimu** or **Gemar chatima tovah** (May you be sealed into the Book of Life) because tradition tells us that we have until sundown on Yom Kippur before the Book of Life is finally sealed for the coming year.

**YOM KIPPUR** is the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar. We start fasting at sundown on Sunday evening and continue until sundown Monday to enable us to remain focused and free of distraction. We own up to our behaviors of the past year and we think about commitments we made, not just to others, but also to ourselves and to our God. The Yom Kippur service begins at 10:00 am. There will be a break at around 1:00 pm and Rabbi Shapiro will remain to be available for discussions.

At 4:00 pm we reconvene for **YIZKOR** (the Memorial Service). When you send in your **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM**, please include the names of family and friends you wish to have remembered so that Rabbi Shapiro can recite their names at this time. Many people like to observe the tradition of donating **tzedaka** (charity) in the name of their loved ones.

**NEILAH** is the concluding service for Yom Kippur. We in Hawaii have a profound responsibility at this time; our congregations are the last on the planet to perform this service before the Book of Life is sealed for another year. We get to put in the last word, so to speak. When the sun has set, we will break the fast together with light snacks hosted by the **WaKoBeS** and **Lorraine Highkin** in memory of her granddaughter, **Talia Miller**.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, at 2:00 pm**

**KUAIWI FARM, CAPTAIN COOK**

**SUKKOT** begins on Monday evening, September 21, and continues for a full week. We will celebrate the holiday on **Sunday, September 22 starting at 2 pm** at **Kuaiwi Farm** in Captain Cook, the home of **Una Greenaway, Leon Rosner** and **Helen Salzberg**. Call 328-8888 for directions. We will gather under the Sukkah with the traditional **lulav** and **esrog**. Bring potluck to eat in the sukkah together.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, at 11:00 am**

**WAIMEA TOWN HALL**

We are planning Hawaii's first island-wide **SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION** in Waimea. Everyone from East Hawaii, North Hawaii and West Hawaii is invited. We'll begin with a brief Sabbath morning service. Then after a light potluck lunch we'll start the Simchat Torah service. Everyone attending will receive an aliyah and we will be unrolling and re-rolling our beautiful Torah Scrolls. We'll have the opportunity to literally dance with the Torahs accompanied by music from Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band. Bring the children! They'll receive **aliyot** as well as the adults.

**OTHER EVENTS:**

There will be additional events for us while Rabbi Shapiro is here, including discussion groups and educational events. To receive up-to-date news of these and other events, be sure you've given us your e-mail address when you send in your **MEMBERSHIP / CONTRIBUTION FORM**. Also, visit our website at [www.konabethshalom.org](http://www.konabethshalom.org), and keep your eye on the **West Hawaii Today** KBS releases each Friday.

**THE KONA BETH SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, STARTING AT 2 PM**

**OLD AIRPORT PARK, PAVILION #3**

There is a double pavilion (#3) near the restrooms at the (northern) end of Old Airport Park, just before the end of the runway. The KBS Annual Meeting starts there at 2 pm. The Board of Trustees meeting follows (at about 2:45 pm). Everyone is invited. Then comes the picnic and music.

We get together at this time to consider how we want our Congregation to move along in the coming year. We elect members to our Board of Trustees, and our Board will then elect our Officers. If you have suggestions or if you are interested in joining our Board, call Barry Blum (322-6004) and be sure to come to the meeting.

Our present Board is shown below, with the dates that their terms expire. The term of any Trustee elected or re-elected now will expire in 5766, in September 2005. New 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>
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1.	Ruth Bernstone	5762 (September 2004)	
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2. Barry Blum	5762 (September 2004)	9. Barbara Lewis*	5763 (September 2002)
3. Morty Breier	5764 (September 2003)		
4. Ruth Ader Cawn	5764 (September 2003)	10. Erwin Myhre	5764 (September 2003)
5. Debera First	5764 (September 2004)		
6. Joel Gimpel*	5763 (September 2002)	11. Janice Rabkin	5764 (September 2004)
7. Lorraine Highkin	5764 (September 2003)	12. Bob Rhée	5762 (September 2004)
8. Una Greenaway*	5763 (September 2002)	13. Alan Pollak	5764 (September 2003)
		14. Renee Sebag	
		15. Helen Salzberg	5762 (September 2004)
		16. Michael Zola*#	5763 (September 2002)

\* Term is ending now. Trustee is standing for reelection      # Immediate past president

This is also a time to have a picnic and connect with friends. Bring drinks and a dish as potluck to share for the barbecue (no pork or shellfish please). Kosher hot dogs, buns and all the trimmings will be provided. Bring your musical instruments and be prepared to sing and dance. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** will be playing for the *simcha*

### THE KONA BETH SHALOM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

These are the real movers and shakers in Kona: **Ruth Bernstone, Barry Blum, Morty Breier, Ruth Ader Cawn, Debera First, Joel Gimpel, Lorraine Highkin, Una Greenaway, Barbara Lewis, Erwin Myhre, Alan Pollak, Janice Rabkin, Bob Rhée, Helen Salzberg, Renee Sebag, Ed Sigler** and **Michael Zola** have been KBS's Board members for this past year.

We thank the officers of our Board for doing so much, including **Barry Blum** for preparing agendas, chairing the Board meetings, and hosting most of the Board meetings with the assistance of his wife, **Gloria**; **Joel Gimpel** for recording and publishing Board meeting minutes; **Ruth Bernstone** and **Ruth Ader** for minding our treasury so carefully; and **Morty Breier** as Vice-President for filling in where required. We extend to all of them our warmest appreciation as we do to the spouses of all our trustees: **Sherrill Cawn, Michael Bernstone, Gloria Blum, Karen Breier, Jan Rae (Gimpel), Harry Highkin, Helen Myhre, Kelli Pollak, Les Rabkin, Harriet Rhée, Leon Rosner, Bob Salzberg, Jacques Sebag, Mildred Sigler** and **Susanne Zola**. This congregation could not be what it is today if it were not for everything that all these folks contributed.

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW -- DO YOU REMEMBER?

In September 2001, KBS conducted its **Annual Membership Meeting** at the Old Airport Park. **Helen Myhre** made the reservations and all who came brought potluck. **Gloria Blum** suggested that we give **Certificates of Appreciation** to the individuals who offered special service to our congregation during the previous year. **Joel Gimpel** created the certificates and they were given out at the meeting to **Karen Breier, Helen Myhre, Jan Rae, Lois-ellin Datta, Michael Bernstone, Becky & Les Rabkin, Carolyn Parrish, Una Greenaway, Joe Rosner, Leon Rosner, Jerry Klaz, Marshall Blann, Ruth Glatt, Gloria Blum, Sharona Lomberg, Rutika Gaber, Jacques, Renee, Kawika, Julie & Robert Sebag, Mark Cohen, Jacqui Marlin, Holit bat-Edit, Gwen Ament** and **Lee Robinson** for their many valued contributions to KBS.

New members were elected to the KBS Board for 5762. Afterwards, **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** performed for everyone's enjoyment.

During the month of September we had the pleasure of having **Rabbi Mark Shapiro** lead High Holiday Services. Rabbi Shapiro and his wife, **Hanna**, were with us for several weeks. Their granddaughter, **Natalie**, led many of our prayers with her beautiful voice. The Rabbi's brother **Ben** and sister-in-law **Barbara** joined us to sing at our services as well, accompanied by **Joel Gimpel**. On Rosh Hashana we celebrated the **Bar Mitzvah** of **Ed Sigler** who had just turned 90 years strong. Ed gave a memorable speech and afterwards he and **Mildred** hosted an Oneg Shabbat. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the musical entertainment, including a song written by Ed's brother, **Maurice**, "She Shall Have Music."

In October, **Erwin & Helen Myhre** hosted the Board Meeting at their home. Everyone was so pleased with Rabbi Shapiro's leadership that we voted unanimously to dissolve the Rabbi Search Committee. Furthermore, we resolved to invite Rabbi Shapiro to come back during the year for a few weeks, as well as to return for next year's High Holidays. After the business

was concluded, we adjourned and celebrated **Simchat Torah!**

**Scot Liepack** suggested a way that the congregation might help to restore and bring meaning and honor to literacy in Hawaii and the congregation responded with financial and material support. **Lorraine Highkin**, chairperson of the **Tzedaka Committee**, initiated a fund drive for the many children who lost a parent or parents in the firm of **Cantor Fitzgerald** in the World Trade Center attack. We raised a total of \$939, which we mailed to their relief fund.

**Cantor Leo Fettman** and his wife, **Annette**, returned to visit Kona around Thanksgiving time. They both looked hale and hearty and we all enjoyed seeing them again.

We conducted our annual **Chanukah Celebration** at the **Keauhou Beach Resort** on December 16. The food was set up under the leadership of Una Greenaway and the **WaKoBeS**, and more than 120 folks showed up. **Renee Sebag, Janice Rabkin** and other helpers created beautiful decorations. **Sharona Lomberg** led the children and **Les Rabkin** told the Chanukah story. Members of **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided music for dancing and singing, and the **AlteKaKoBes** helped with the cleanup.

Up in Kohala, **Alan Axelrod** and **Sara Neely** conducted a community **Chanukah Festival** on December 9.

**Jeanne Blum**, Barry's mom, celebrated her birthday (don't ask) on New Year's Day. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** performed for the party at the Regency Hualalai, where Jeanne now lives.

**Una Greenaway** was elected president of the **WaKoBeS** (Wahines of Kona Beth Shalom) replacing **Karen Breier**, who started the group way back in 1996.

**Priscilla Kostinar** of Portland, Oregon, attended our Friday eve Shabbat Service on January 25, and led a Seder for **Tu B'Shvat**. It was an informative and rewarding evening for us thanks to **Una Greenaway** and **Alan Pollak**, who helped coordinate the program.

**Alan Pollak** volunteered to serve as the **KBS Yahrzeit Coordinator** and despite initial appearances, this committee has become one of the liveliest in our entire organization.

**Erwin Myhre** moved some of our consigned goods to the **Vintage Eye Store** in Kainaliu, where there was better customer traffic, and we received approximately \$255 from those sales. **Gloria Blum** and **Ruth Bernstone** took **Gwen Ament** and **Lee Robinson** of **Michael Zola's** office staff to lunch to thank them for their many services to KBS.

**Rabbi Mark Shapiro & Hanna** arrived in Kona on February 10 to begin a mid-year educational program for KBS. They stayed at the home of **Gloria & Barry Blum. Ruth Bernstone**, who was off-island, allowed the Shapiros to drive her Altima. We began with a Searcher's Program at **Lorraine & Harry Highkin's** home. Rabbi Shapiro led Shabbat services at the Old Airport Park Pavilion on Friday evening, and at **Renee & Jacques Sebag's** home in Hilo on Saturday morning. He also conducted a program at **Ruth Ader & Sherrill Cawn's** home, where we celebrated an Aufruf for Ruth Ader's nephew and his bride-to-be, **Michael Lefson & Anny Lefebvre**. **Karen & Morty Breier** hosted another program the following week, and Rabbi Shapiro conducted our end-of-the-month Sabbath Services at the Keauhou Beach Resort. Finally, Rabbi Shapiro was the emcee for the combined **KAHEA-KBS Purim Carnival** at the Imin Center in Holualoa. **Sharona Lomberg** and **Ruth Glatt** did much of the organizing, and **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the music. **Jerry & Judy Rothstein** won prizes for the best (adult) costumes. **Alan Pollak** and **Ruth Ader** lent helping hands. Select members of KBS provided slivovitz.

The **KBS website**, originally designed by **Bernie Bernstone** and **Amber Aguirre**, later revised and redesigned by **Morty Breier** with input and assistance from **Amber Aguirre**, **Joel Gimpel** and **Barry Blum**, went online ([www.konabethshalom.org](http://www.konabethshalom.org)). The website contains information regarding our congregation's history, the story of our Torah, Torah commentaries prepared by our members, news of coming events, and a virtual Jewish library to facilitate sharing Jewish books owned by members. We invite those of you with Jewish literature to share to send a list of titles, authors, and types of books to Morty Breier ([morty@aloha.net](mailto:morty@aloha.net)) for inclusion in our virtual library.

**Joel Gimpel** and **Jan Rae** celebrated Jan's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary at their home on March 2 with a spectacular party featuring all sorts of wonderful folks contributing their entertainment talents.

This year, Safeway had matzo that was kosher for Passover. The KBS Community **Passover Seder** was conducted on Wednesday eve, March 27, in the Kalanikai Pavilion of the Keauhou Beach Hotel. **Ruth Ader** and **Jan Rae** met with the Keauhou Beach Hotel staff to prepare for the Annual Seder. The **WaKoBeS** granted "scholarships" for the Seder dinners for KBS members' children and grandchildren under the age of 13. More than 90 guests attended.

At the next Board meeting we discussed each part of the Seder, from the size of the portions, to the serving of the fish before the chicken before the vegetarian plates. We agreed that the chrein was definitely excellent. The Board expressed its thanks to **Ruth Ader**, **Jan Rae**, **Lorraine Highkin**, **Una Greenaway** and others, who helped with the Seder preparations; to **Barry Blum** and **Michael Zola**, who led the service; to **Joel Gimpel**, **Robert & Julie Sebag** who, along with **Renee Sebag** and **Barry & Gloria Blum**, provided musical entertainment; to all the "children" who asked the four questions in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French and, for the first time, Hawaiian (!); and to **Morty Breier**, who again regaled us with his story regarding the Knighting of Moshe Solomon.

KBS agreed to sponsor **Holit bat-Edit's** grant application videotape her work, "Biblical Heroines" (now available on CD-ROM). **Lois-ellin Datta** is writing the grant application for Holit. Also in March, **Alan Pollak** was elected to the Board of Trustees

April's Board Meeting was held at the home of **Ed & Mildred Sigler**. **Alan Pollak** led us at the start by noting that this was the 11<sup>th</sup> day of counting the Omer, reminding us that we count the Omer in remembrance of our forefathers counting the days until they would enter the Promised Land. After explaining why we light Shabbat and Havdalah candles (to provide a path of smoke for spirits to come to earth, celebrate Shabbat with us, and return to heaven), he led us in a Yizkor service in remembrance of the Holocaust victims, departed loved ones, and those for whom nobody remained to say Kaddish, as this was also the time when we commemorated **Yom HaShoah**. Those present made a donation to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and lit six Yahrzeit candles in remembrance of the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

**Janice Rabkin** reported on the recent trip to Israel that she and her husband, **Les**, took, noting their long association with the land, they having lived, attended school, and borne their children there. She said that it is a very stressful time and that the people feel besieged.

On March 30, **Eric Rabin**, son of **Arnie and Teunisse Rabin**, was severely injured in a tractor accident. He was taken to Queens Medical Center in Honolulu for surgery and returned home a month later. Miraculously, Eric regained his ability to walk and is still getting better. The Congregation expressed best wishes for his speedy recovery and in June, the Board raised money from a charity drive and with KBS' additional contribution we had the pleasure of donating \$1,000 to the Rabins for medical expenses. The Rabins were fortunate (and generous) enough to be able to decline this gift and so we have placed that money into a special Tzedaka Fund to be used when and if it may be needed again.

**Jacqui Marlin** made special wooden blocks to support our flag of Israel. Todah rabah!

**Lorraine & Harry Highkin** hosted a blintzes party at their home on Sunday, May 18, in celebration of **Shavuot**.

We celebrated the **Bat Mitzvah of Diana Roen** on Saturday, June 29. Diana came all the way to Hawaii for this event, along with her parents, **Leslie & Richard** and her grandparents. She read Torah beautifully! Several local families attended the *simcha* and have started to prepare for their own B'nai Mitzvot.

**Barry Blum** picked up the new book cart from Costco, and **Alan Pollak** assembled it and brought it to services. **Morty Breier** printed **Mishabeirach** prayers and, with **Erwin Myhre's** and **Alan Pollak's** help, pasted them into our Siddurim.

**Morty** also shared his design for a **Spirit-Center** that KBS might share with another two organizations when we become ready to have our own facility.

**Sue Alden-Rudin**, the Program Director for **Jewish Community Services** in Honolulu, contacted us to tell us that her organization was interested in getting involved in neighbor island projects (see notice later in this Newsletter).

**Barry Blum** presented the idea of creating a **Virtual Cemetery** on our web site where we would be able to honor those who once were members of our community but have passed on.

**Moshe Rapaport** ([rapaport@hawaii.edu](mailto:rapaport@hawaii.edu), tel: 328-8551) made known his willingness to educate Bar and Bat Mitzvah students.

In August **Rabbi Gideon Sorokin** returned to Kona and at our Saturday service he read Torah and sang two songs for us. **Una Greenaway** was elected to the Board of Trustees (it's about time!).

#### **Mahalo and Todah Rabah**

Our Sabbath services are remarkable events. Sabbath is a gift from HaShem to us, and we do appreciate that gift. The good people of Kona Beth Shalom make Sabbath observance a true work of art each month. Consider this. There are not a whole lot of people on the planet who can read Torah. There are even fewer in Hawaii. And yet there has not been a KBS Shabbat in recent memory when we ever failed to have someone present who read Torah! This is truly remarkable. We deeply appreciate **Barbara Lewis, Rutika Gaber, Sharona Lomberg, Jacques Sebag, Moshe Rapaport** and **Rabbi Gideon Sorokin** who have read Torah for us this past year. **Joel Gimpel, Lorraine Highkin, Janice Rabkin, Alan Pollak** and **Morty Breier** have educated and inspired us with their interpretations of each Torah portion. **Lorraine Highkin, Helen Myhre, Ruth Bernstone, Karen Breier, Una Greenaway** and **Jerry Klaz** have baked or brought nourishing loaves of Challah to every one of our gatherings. **Morty Breier** prepares each week's display ad in West Hawaii Today, and **Barry Blum** prepares each month's newspaper releases. **Erwin Myhre** lovingly brings our cherished Torah scroll to every Saturday morning service, and **Joel Gimpel's** violin accompaniment to our Sabbath prayers enriches every service. **Karen Breier** unfalteringly calls out the page numbers for the transliterations of the prayers. And everyone else who says "Amen" completes the mitzvah! Thanks to all. Thanks to HaShem.

To **Morty Breier**, for his magnificent contributions as KBS resident artist, for his designs of our bookmark, our contribution cards, the proposed Spirit Center, the KBS website, and for the artistry of his humor.

To **Jan Rae**, for sending the cards of appreciation as well as condolence to those in need.

To **Sharona Lomberg**, for her inspiring leadership of **KAHEA (Kona Association for Hebrew Education and the Arts)** for



the education of our community's children, for the women's Torah classes, for reading Torah at services, and for so much more.

To **Carol Feldman, Debbie Rizzi, Debra First, Ruth Glatt** and **Ruth Ader** for their hard work in support of KAHEA.

To **Alan Pollak**, for getting us together for *minyán* when visitors or *kama'ainas* need to recite Kaddish, and for his work with KAHEA this past year.

To **Leon Rosner, Una Greenaway, Morty Breier** and **Victor Greenspan** for the work they have been doing to complete and protect the beautiful **Aron HaKodesh** built for us by **Joe Rosner**.

To the owners and staff of the **Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort** for all their support and assistance this past year.

To **Erwin & Helen Myhre** who organized our **KBS 2000 Grand Garage Sale**, and with the help of **Lorraine Highkin, Karen & Morty Breier, Ruth Ader, Jan Rae & Joel Gimpel, Una Greenaway & Helen Salzberg, Alan Pollak** and **Debera First**, raised a considerable sum of money for KBS.

To **Michael Zola and his staff** for their professional counsel & advice in matters legal.

#### WaKoBeS REPORT

The **WaKoBeS** (the **Wahines of Kona Beth Shalom**) had a productive year. This was my first year as president. The sisters worked together well to create memorable holidays. Thank you!

There were three meetings held in the year. **Helen Myhre** hosted the November 2001 meeting at her home where we planned for the December Chanukah party. The Chanukah celebration went very smoothly as we learned a lot from the prior year. **Sharona Lomberg** and **KAHEA** were responsible for the enjoyable program. **Renee Sebag** made decorations with the kids. **Renee Sebag** and **Jan Rae** were the captains. All the **WaKoBeS** pitched in to make a wonderful evening. And there were enough *latkes* for all!

In February we met at **Jan Rae's** home. Planning was completed for Passover and Rabbi Shapiro's visit.

We met at **Karen Breier's** home in August to plan for the High Holidays.

Editor **Karen Breier** and others have been working hard on the **New Millennium Edition of the SHALOHA COOKBOOK**. It's been proof-read by **Joel Gimpel** and is on its way to the printers as you read this. A big *todah rabah* to **Fern Kane**, who generously funded the cookbook in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

If you're interested in doing interesting and valuable work with your other sisters in this Jewish community, join us! Call me at 328-8888.

Shaloha,

*Una Greenaway*



## MAZEL TOV AND YASHER KOACH

Y **Diana Roen**, who was just Bat Mitzvah last month and to her parents, **Leslie & Richard**.

Y **Marilyn Klein Anderson**, enjoying her beautiful new granddaughter **Hannah Ariel**, born July 9.

Y **Becky Rabkin** for her acceptance to University of California Hastings Law School, and **Sasha Rabkin** for his acceptance to Graduate Studies, University of Washington School of Education. **Nisia Tovah** to **Les Rabkin** who will be leaving Kona for the University of Prishtina, Kosovo, to teach psychology as visiting faculty member (sponsored by the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee).

Y **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band (Morty Breier, Joel Gimpel, Gloria & Barry Blum, Matt Binder, Roz Cohen, Judy & Orrin Olsen, Jim Bill and Ahti Mohala)**, who are producing their first CD (featuring the inimitable "Rumania, Rumania").

Y **Karen & Morty Breier**, grandparents again.

Y **Paul Aguirre**, on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Y **Twilight Greenaway**, starting Warren Wilson College in Ashville, North Carolina.

Y **Julie Sebag** was accepted into the Concert Orchestra of the Hawaii Youth Symphony Association, in Honolulu.

### Get well soon **Y** Mishebeirach

Y **Barbara Lewis**

Y Barbara's dad, **Seymour Lewis** (the first leader of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom)

Y **Eric & Teunisse Rabin**

Y **Jan Rae**

Y **Ellen Kimiatek**, Joel Gimpel's sister

Y **Leona Salzano**, Jan Rae's mother

Y **Rani Merens**, Jan Rae's sister

## IN MEMORIUM

**PAULINE GITELSON**, beloved mother of **Barry Gitelson**, passed away in Lewes, Delaware on March 12, 2002. Born in Hackensack, NJ, Pauline lived in Kona for seven years during the 1980's and as an entrepreneur helped to create "Barry's Nut Farm." She later returned to the mainland but always dreamed of returning to Kona.

**RAY ROSENTHAL**, beloved friend, father, physician and healer, was gravely injured in a traffic accident riding his bicycle on Alii Drive on April 6, 2002, and he died several days later. Ray practiced traditional medicine in Hawaii as an internist and an emergency room physician, and also had a keen interest in Ayurvedic medicine. He was a leader in the field of complementary medicine. Memorial services were conducted and his many friends came together to pay their last respects.

**ED SIGLER**, beloved father, grandfather, husband and friend, passed away on August 9, 2002. It was only just before his Bar Mitzvah last Rosh Hashana at age 90, that we learned Ed's true (chronological) age. Born in New York, he was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where he worked as a band leader. He began his career as an artist when he moved back to New York City at the age of 21. He married **Mildred** after serving in the US Army in the Pacific in a MASH unit. He was president of Congregation Sons of Israel of Spring Valley (NY) for 17 years, and when he moved to Hawaii he became a valued member of our own Board of Trustees.

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

**Jewish Community Services of Hawaii** has asked KBS to assess our community's need for help in these areas: medical emergencies/trips to Honolulu, emergency housing, mental health and counseling, transportation to and from shopping or services, food, financial aid, Jewish education, stipends for Jewish community functions (i.e., seder, Chanukah party), and waivers for membership dues. We'd like you, the members and friends of KBS, to help us recall the needs of our Jewish friends this past year and to let us know what assistance you think might be helpful in the future. Jewish Community Services is a group of Jewish organizations that provide assistance to programs and individuals in Honolulu (Hadassah, ORT, etc). **Sue Alden-Rudin** is their representative (tel: **808 258-7121**; e-mail: [sea@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:sea@hawaii.rr.com)) and is gathering information so they can broaden their net to include the Neighbor Islands. She's planning a visit to the Jewish communities on the Big Island this coming year. You may send your responses to her or to **Janice Rabkin** ([rabkinj@yahoo.com](mailto:rabkinj@yahoo.com)).

**Mildred Sigler** is looking for a live-in companion to share her beautiful home in Kailua-Kona, someone who drives and helps with housekeeping. No nursing duties are required. This would begin in October or November 2002. If you are that person or know someone who might be interested, call **Ruth Ader at 325-0008, Ruth Glatt at 325-9979** or **Alan Pollak at 322-1773**.

**A PUR VERTER FROM THE CONGREGATION'S PRESIDENT**

This has been the most trying year for Israel in over a half century. Every day we read about terrible events going on over there. Here in Hawaii, we may be at the opposite side of the globe, but almost all of us have friends in Israel, and we hear from them as well as reading in the newspapers and magazines and seeing on television all sorts of dispute. None of us here are untouched by those events. But we also have not been discussing these events that much. We have not conducted rallies for or against various opinions, various approaches to resolve the problems. I believe that our relative silence is not an abdication of responsibility, but a reflection of confusion. And not acting may be the right way to respond for now.

I can say that all of us want there to be peace in the Middle East. By peace, we all agree that this means an end to bombings, to murders, to destruction of homes, to the killing of children. We don't all agree on how to get to that place. We wonder why good people cannot appreciate that the killing has to stop. We do notice that there are plenty of people to blame. If you're from the right, it's mostly Arafat and the Palestinians who are keeping the violence aflame. If you're from the left, it's Sharon and his policies that repress the Palestinians that keep the hatreds vigorous. Wherever you come from, you see that two peoples, intimately related, who claim to follow the same God, and who claim Abraham as their patriarch, are engaged in the most vicious blood feud. Even as I support Israel with all my heart and soul I find it painful to support one side against the other when I see that doing so seems only to cause more hostility.

The first ray of hope that I heard in perhaps a year or more, was when **Eliyahu Maclean** came to our Friday evening service and spoke. This young man who walked to services because he is *shomer shabbos*, attired with *tzitzis*, *payess* and *kipah*, who could speak not only Hebrew and Arabic and English, but Pidgin too (!), spoke about listening, about coming from the place of witnessing, of not having the answers, and I believe that that is where the answers will come. Eliyahu and his friends include Jews, Moslems, Druze, Christians, and others. They live in Israel and in the Occupied Territories. They are listening and speaking with one another. Maybe we will hear something from them. *B'ezrat HaShem*.

Shaloha,

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**Barry Blum**

**A PUR VERTER FUN DER ANDERER DENANDE, THE CONGREGATION'S VICE PRESIDENT**

Would you believe another year has passed and we're still here to tell the stories? What an outfit we are, we Jews in paradise. If you can't make it here you can't make it anywhere. We hardly need to pray, prayer is all around us, and this island is full of praises to *HaShem*. I read a Sufi poet recently, Hafiz, who said there are a hundred ways to fall to your knees and kiss the earth. It's true; we have so much to be grateful for.

Here on the Kona coast, it's easy enough to forgive and be forgiven, to let go and let God, to beat our personal swords into plowshares, or better yet, surfboards. It doesn't, however, seem to be that easy for our Israeli brothers and sisters and our Palestinian cousins. We mourn for a Middle East that could have been, the *tikkun olam* that our rabbis say underlies Godliness, the peace and prosperity, the rain and fertile fields that are promised by *HaShem* to the righteous, even now, if only we'd listen.

Isn't it sad? Especially so from our *aloha* spirited standpoint. I think we've learned to accept, accommodate and include all the peoples that share this land, our Hawaii Island, our America. At least that's the way I feel. We bring our unique talents and values, each person, each ethnic group, each spiritual path, to a common market of ideas and practices. Even within the Jewish community, our KBS. Those that can use what we offer take freely, those that can't go on their way. We like it that way. It has allowed us to flourish. We are not afraid to compare our wares with anyone else's.

I'm deeply sorry that all this terrible bloodshed and destruction is happening in a theater of operation where we Jews are the principal and most

powerful actors. There may be a thousand ways of explaining the path that led to this scene of carnage, but Israel is now mired up to its waist in deplorable cycles of violence and revenge. The high ground, it seems, is no longer anywhere in sight. If only our *aloha*, our *shaloha*, our *shalom*, would descend upon that part of the world like the *Shekhinah* of *Shabbos*. If only. Let us hope.

Shaloha,  
*Morty Breier*

**We look forward to 5763 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 here, then join us for the coming year.  
If you have new ideas, share them with us.  
Send in your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM now.**

**WE ARE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!**

CONGREGATION

# KONA BETH SHALOM

## Membership Application / Contribution Form

**5763** (Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Spouse or Partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children under 18, with names and dates of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership Contribution:</b>		<b>Suggested non-member Contribution:</b>	
<b>Sustaining Membership</b>	\$360	Children under 18	complementary
<b>Family Membership</b>	\$250	<b>High Holiday Services</b> only	\$50 per person
<b>Single Membership</b>	\$150	<b>High Holiday Services</b> ( <i>Kama'aina</i> )	\$25 per person

At **Yizkor**, please remember the following persons:  
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**Yizkor Contribution** \$18 (or any amount): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Building Fund Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **Congregation Kona Beth Shalom** and mail it along with this Application to:

**Ruth Ader Cawn**  
  
**73-1232 Melo Melo**  
**Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**

No one will be turned away from Services for inability to pay.  
Please call Barry Blum (322-6004) or Joel Gimpel (325-4991) if you have any questions.

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Please see the **SURVEY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** on the back of this page.

**Survey of Members and Friends**

**A.** We are considering changing the days for our Shabbat services. Let us know your opinion below.

Would you prefer to have Friday night services during the **middle** of each month, and Saturday morning services on the **last** Saturday morning of each month, instead of keeping **both** Friday eve and Saturday morning services on the **last weekend of each month**?

- Yes** (split the services)
- No** (keep them together)

**B.** Our Congregation is interested in expanding our activities. We wish to find ways to emphasize those that include service, education and acts of loving-kindness.

Please circle all of the following that interest you as either a participant (P) or as a leader (L) (circle one or both):

- 1. P L Serve on the **Bikkur Cholim** (visit the sick) **Committee**.
- 2. P L Participate in Social Service/Interfaith activities (cook/serve meals, tutor, etc.)
- 3. P L Form a **Havurah** Group - an ohana/extended family - to meet during the month for Shabbat, discussions, etc.
- 4. P L Study Jewish texts and grow in Jewish knowledge.
- 5. P L Learn or improve Hebrew reading/speaking skills.
- 7. P L Share Shabbat or holiday celebrations with others in member’s homes.
- 8. P L Form a Jewish folk dancing group.
- 9. P L Assist with youth programming/activities, Junior Congregation, arts and crafts.
- 10. P L Plan/conduct holiday services or events.
- 11. P L Form a choir.
- 12. List any **other activities** below that interest you or that you could share with us.

We will collect this information to develop programs for the coming year. If you have any other suggestions for new activities, call **Sandy Wexler** (325-8684), and/or come to our **KBS Annual Meeting** on October 13.

