



CONGREGATION  
KONA BETH SHALOM

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## 5771 Annual Newsletter

CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!  
September 2010

<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> <i>Ballroom 1, <b>King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel</b>. Kiddush follows</i>	<b>Wednesday eve</b>	<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Rosh Hashanah morning</b> <i>Ballroom 1, <b>King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel</b> Potluck lunch to follow at the <b>home of Aviva and Yehudah Plaut</b>, <a href="mailto:plaut@hawaii.rr.com">plaut@hawaii.rr.com</a></i>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sep 9</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Tashlich</b>	<b>Friday eve</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> <i>Kalanikai Pavilion, <b>Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort</b>. Potluck supper follows (no pork or shellfish)</i>	<b>Friday eve</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Shabbat Shuvah &amp; Torah Study</b> <i>Home of <b>Shari Berman and Alice Bratton</b>, Holualoa. <a href="mailto:KonaBethShalom@gmail.com">KonaBethShalom@gmail.com</a></i>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>Kol Nidre</b> (sunset is at 6:24 pm) <i>Ballroom 1, <b>King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel</b>.</i>	<b>Friday eve</b>	<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Yizkor</b>			<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Neilah</b> (sunset is at 6:23 pm) <i>Ballroom 1, <b>King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel</b>.</i>			<b>5:15 pm</b>
<i>Bagels and break-the-fast pupus follow Neilah, to honor the memory of <b>Talia Miller</b> <u>at location to be announced</u>.</i>			
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<b>Monthly Service</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Super Sukkot Celebration</b> <i>Home of <b>Una Greenaway, Leon Rosner and Helen Salzberg</b>, Morning Service, Potluck lunch &amp; afternoon service <a href="mailto:una@hawaii.rr.com">una@hawaii.rr.com</a></i>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 25</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>
<b>Simchat Torah</b>	<b>Thursday Eve</b>	<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<i>This is a weeknight--KBS will not hold an event. You may contact Chabad, about celebrating: 808-499-4573.</i>			

Your **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION /CONTRIBUTION FORM** is included with this newsletter.

Call Shari Berman at \_\_\_\_\_ or Mike Bernstone at \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2010**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4
Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8 Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sep 9 Rosh Hashanah	Sep 10 Tashlich Shabbat Shuvah	Sep 11
Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17 Kol Nidre	Sep 18 Yom Kippur
Sep 19 Build Sukkah	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24 Shabbat eve Services	Sep 25 Super Sukkot Services
Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30 Simchat Torah eve	Oct 1	Oct 2

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services will be conducted at  
**King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Resort**  
 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona  
**Shabbat Shuvah** and Friday Sep 24 at the  
**Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort**

**TZEDAKAH 5771**

**Make your gift count twice! KBS is participating in the matching funds program **GIVE ALOHA** at Foodland/Sack 'n'Save. The KBS number is **78575**. See the attached jpg file.  
**Let's fight hunger. Bring canned or dry goods with you to services.****

**RABBI MEL LIBMAN**

Rabbi Mel's education includes:

- **BA from Harvard**
- **BJEd from Boston Hebrew College**
- **MHL, DHL, Honoris Causa and his Rabbinical Ordination by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America**
- **Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa**
- **Certificate in Pastoral Counseling, Post Graduate Center for Mental Health**
- **Post-Graduate work in Ancient Semitic Languages and Bible Studies at New York University**

Rabbi Mel has unique and widely varied experience that includes serving as:

- **Federation Director in Seattle, Greenwich CT, and Hawaii**
- **Congregations in Toronto, Washington D.C., and New Haven, CT**
- **Assistant Executive Vice President of the National United Jewish Appeal**
- **Adjunct Faculty Member in Jewish History, Philosophy, and Languages at Chaminade University and at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, and Palomar College in San Marcos, California**
- **Moderator and panelist of several television programs**
- **Representative for the Jewish community at a meeting with the Dalai Lama in Hawaii**

Rabbi Mel has been innovative in congregational and communal programming. He has introduced such progressive programs as board training for synagogues, summer day camps, home care service for the elderly, Judaic study programs for Federation leadership, a joint Jewish-Japanese Holocaust program, and a study course for missions to Israel. Notably, he has personally led over 25 missions to Israel, including supervising a national Young Leadership Mission with over 2,000 participants. He has spoken extensively and taught numerous classes in churches and synagogues. Rabbi Libman is currently retired and living in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, at 6 pm, and  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, at 10 am**

**LOCATION: KING KAMEHAMEHA'S KONA BEACH HOTEL-BALLROOM 1**

**ROSH HASHANAH** 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. We can 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 Hashanah 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).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, at 6 pm**

**LOCATION: THE KALANI KAI OF THE OUTRIGGER KEAUHOU BEACH RESORT**

**SHABBAT SHUVAH** (between Rosh Hashanah 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 Mel** will lead us for the services. There will be a potluck supper after Friday night services

**TASHLICH** is the service 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. Before the Friday evening Shabbat Service we will walk to the ocean to perform this simple but meaningful ceremony.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, at 11 am**

This will be a special short morning service. We will read from the Torah portion and then have a leisurely discussion with Rabbi Mel.

**LOCATION: THE HOME OF SHARI BERMAN AND ALICE BRATTON, HOLUALOA**

**The Rabbi will be available in the morning on Sunday, September 12 for by-appointment counseling sessions. If you are interested, please make an appointment through Shari at KonaBethShalom@gmail.com**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, at 6 pm**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, at 10 am**

**LOCATION: KING KAMEHAMEHA'S KONA BEACH HOTEL-BALLROOM 1**

As the sun sets on Friday evening we chant the **KOL NIDRE**, a prayer written in ancient Aramaic containing a formula that asks Gd's forgiveness for any oaths or vows we have made to Gd 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 Friday evening and continue until sundown Saturday 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 Gd. The Yom Kippur service begins at 10 am. There will be a break at around 1 pm and Rabbi Mel will be available for part of the time for discussions.

At 4 pm we reconvene for **YIZKOR** (the Memorial Service). When you send in your **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM**, please include the names of family or friends you wish to have remembered so that we can recite their names at this time. Many people like to observe the tradition of donating *tzedakah* (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** (Wahines of Kona Beth Shalom) in memory of **Lorraine Highkin's** granddaughter, **Talia Miller**. **THE LOCATION IS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, at 6 pm, KALANIKAI PAVILION**

KBS will resume end-of-the-month **SHABBAT SERVICES** to continue throughout the year on the fourth Friday and the Saturday that follows of each month. Volunteers in our community conduct the different portions of these services. We're always looking for new people to share their knowledge with us at these events.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 10 am**

**LOCATION: HOME OF UNA GREENAWAY, LEON ROSNER AND HELEN SALZBERG IN SOUTH KONA**

**SUPER SUKKOT CELEBRATION** This will be a super celebration under the sukkah at Kuaiwi Farm in South Kona. There will be a morning service with the weekly parsha, which is the last chapter of the Torah. It will be followed by a potluck lunch. Then, there will be a chance to see our precious Torah rolled out. We will roll her back together and have a mincha service, where we will read from the first book of the Torah and we will offer blessings for the children, as we do on Simchat Torah. It has been a while since we've had a truly dynamic celebration of Sukkot. We will take the opportunity to fulfill some of the rituals of Simchat Torah minus the specific prayers for that occasion. Kuaiwi Farm is very beautiful—the ideal location for a truly spiritual experience, so please put this event on your calendar.

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 keep your eye on the West Hawaii Today KBS releases each Saturday and visit our website at [www.konabethshalom.org](http://www.konabethshalom.org).



#### **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 and also who care about their commitment to Judaism enough to choose to celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvah with us. This year's Newsletter is somewhat abbreviated and 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.

#### **OCTOBER**

- We began 5770 renewed and refreshed. A few kind folks built the sukkah and there was a Sukkot gathering at the home of **Helen** and **Erwin Myhre**. Some folks visited and had meals with the Myhres under the sukkah. Erwin, long-time KBS Vice-President was always very generous in hosting events at his home and this was the last such gathering before Erwin passed away.
- We celebrated Simchat Torah in Waikoloa with our friends from around the island.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- We rejoiced at the Bat Mitzvah of **Norma Edelstein** in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Norma's family joined us from the Mainland and it was a magnificent celebration.

#### **DECEMBER**

- We celebrated Chanukah with style. In addition to our World Famous KBS Chanukah Party, we were invited to light candles at the Fairmont Orchid Hotel and our North Hawaii Chavurah had a celebration, making it a 3-day Chanukah weekend on the Big Island. Our big bash finished the weekend off. Once again, we had music supplied by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band. Mahalo! And, thank you to all of the WaKoBeS for managing the food and hospitality for our many guests.
- We had a special 2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of Chanukah service at the home of **Shari Berman** and **Alice Bratton** in memory of Shari's father.

#### **JANUARY**

- We started our Western New Year with a bang as we rejoiced with the family at the Bar Mitzvah

of **Sean Dunnington** at the Mauna Lani residences. It was a most touching mincha service.

- We welcomed Rabbi **Mel Libman** and his fiancée **Bonnie McMullen**. Rabbi Mel conducted January services for us and gave us much to ponder.
- We celebrated Tu B'shevat at the home of **Aviva, Yehudah** and **Ben Plaut**. The children from HATS participated in a seder led by instructor **Trina Yerlick** with the help of **Marilyn Anderson**.

#### **FEBRUARY**

- Our monthly services were very unusual. On Friday night, we had a large and lively contingency of visiting judges in town from the Mainland for a conference. Saturday morning, **Richard Chamberlin** was scheduled to leyn and read the haftarah in honor of his birthday, but we had our first ever tsunami cancelation!
- We had a purim celebration at the Big Island Chabad house. In addition to the whole megilla, the children from our HATS classes participated in a purim play.

#### **MARCH**

- Our annual community seder at the Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort was once again the talk of the town. Women from our sisterhood, the WaKoBes, in addition to preparing the ceremonial food, helped serve the meal to a full house. Mahalo!

#### **APRIL**

- Long time KBS helper **Ben Plaut** leyned for us from the parsha he did for his Bar Mitzvah for our April services. This was very special, as Ben is off to attend Oberlin College very soon. *We wish Ben a very enriching and successful university career!*

#### **MAY**

- **Cantor Doug Cotler** gave a fantastic concert that was both musical and amusing. **Trina** and **Shai Yerlick** hosted it and served soup and salad at their Lilikoi Inn.
- Two extraordinarily memorable concerts were performed by Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band at the LEAD Center on Mother's Day weekend.
- We had a Shavuout Torah study session with a potluck dinner at the home of **Aviva, Yehudah** and **Ben Plaut**.
- **Marilyn Anderson** leyned in honor of her birthday and **Stacey Minster Newman** leyned in honor of her grandparents "the **Temples**" (family name) visiting from the Mainland.

#### **JUNE**

- HATS student **Ella Kotner** who had all of her training in Kona had her Bat Mitzvah in her grandparents' congregation in St. Louis. Both Grandma and the Rabbi reported that her hard work in Kona paid off and it was a beautiful service.

#### **JULY**

- **Vivienne Aronowitz** organized a lovely Kabbalah workshop for us up in Waimea with famed psychologist and part-time Kama'aina **Dr. Estelle Frankel**.

#### **August**

- We had a special mincha service with a baby naming for **Michael Friedman** from Los Angeles at the home of **Shari Berman** and **Alice Bratton**. A nice group gathered to see Michael Joshua become the young lad also known as Moshe Yosef.

**What a year!**



#### **MAHALO AND TODAH RABAH**

"Trope Geek," **Shari J. Berman**, wants to again send a special shout out to her fellow 5770 Torah leyners: **Marilyn Anderson, Richard Chamberlin, Shaul Janes, Stacey Minster Newman, Ben Plaut, Aviva Plaut, and Neil Soicher**. Thank you for coming up to the bimah. Reading from the Torah is an almost indescribable honor.

### HEBREW AND TORAH STUDY (HATS)

#### Message from the Hebrew teacher:

HATS Hebrew school had a great year and we ended with a Bat Mitzvah for **Ella Kotner**, who did a good job! We studied all of the Hebrew letters and some vowels and learned to read and write them. We also enjoyed many holidays together including Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukah, Tu'beshevat, Passover and Israel's birthday. For Sukkot we ate and studied under a sukkah, for Hanukah we played dreidel games. On Passover we learned the 4 questions and we even learned folk dance to Israel's birthday!! Finally we learned some important prayers, which were recited at Ella's Bat Mitzvah. I look forward to another good year of learning with more Jewish children on the Big Island.

With Shalom and Aloha,  
Trina of Kona Beth Shalom.

### KBS JEWISH STUDIES GROUP

We had special gatherings for Shavuot and TuBeshevat. We hope to start next year with a bang by having a morning service and study session with Rabbi Mel in Holualoa for the morning of Shabbat Shuvah.

#### WaKoBeS (Wahines/Women of Kona Beth Shalom)

Contact **Jan Rae** (325-4991, janiamone@aol.com) or **Ruth Ader** (325-0008, rader36@yahoo.com) for more information on activities and get-togethers.

#### AlteKaKoBeS ("Wise Men"/Kane of Kona Beth Shalom)

Contact **Ernie Knapp** (714 423-0601, ebkeze@yahoo.com) for information.

### NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

Contact **Vivienne Aronowitz** in Waimea (885-3217, aronowitz@gmail.com) for information.

### HOMELANI CEMETERY

With the deepest humility and with a commitment to honor the memories of our departed ancestors, we have purchased a section of the Homelani Cemetery in Hilo to use as a Jewish Cemetery. As Jews, although the specifics of our practices may differ, we commit ourselves to the respectful care of those sacred grounds and the trust that has been bestowed upon us. It has a *mehitsa*, that sets it off from its surroundings, making it holy for Jews. It is considered consecrated ground where Jewish burial practices and customs are observed. It is owned by our Jewish community through the auspices of KBS and it has rules and regulations governed by the KBS Board of Directors and the Cemetery Committee. Just as synagogues preserve Jewish continuity in life, so do Jewish cemeteries preserve Jewish continuity after life has ended.

This past May, an all-women chevra kadisha was convened to perform a tahara ceremony (ritual cleansing) before burial. Under the guidance of **Pearl Krasnjanksy**, members of our congregation are becoming more familiar with this important ritual that prepares our loved ones for a Jewish burial. The funeral then took place at Homelani Cemetery.

Currently, **Jerry & Judy Rothstein** founding members of Kona Beth Shalom and **Geraldine Levine** are the only individuals who are interred there at this time. There are spaces for seventeen more burials. Any members of the congregation who wish to purchase burial plots in advance will be able to do so. Jewish individuals and their family members who are not KBS members may also purchase plots although the cost will be higher. Advance purchases will be less costly than last minute arrangements. Burial in the cemetery is restricted to individuals who are Jewish and their family members who may or may not be Jewish.

You may contact **Dr. Barry Blum** (e-mail [goliard@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:goliard@hawaii.rr.com)) for more information. We offer our deepest gratitude to **Barry** who along with his wife, **Gloria Blum**, attended a chevra kadisha conference to familiarize themselves with the various customs of burial arrangements. We appreciate the information

they have shared with us. We also thank **Marilyn Anderson** for her tireless phone calls and negotiations with the cemetery.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Erwin LeRoy Myhre**

Last November a large group of people gathered at Erwin's home to tell stories and honor his memory. Many of you who attended KBS services over the years will remember Erwin as the name collector. Erwin always had index cards for new friends to fill out to keep apprised of Kona Beth Shalom activities. In addition to frequently opening their home for our activities, Erwin and his wife Helen had many of the duties that included schlepping wine and candles to services, to name a few.

Erwin was 90 when he passed quietly on November 9 after a long illness. He was born in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington. He met and married his first wife, Jeanette, in Seattle. In the mid-seventies, after their divorce, Erwin came to Honolulu to do a plumbing job, and stayed there until moving to Kailua-Kona, where he met and married Helen. He owned two pawn shops and Country Store Antiques in Captain Cook, next door to the Manago Hotel.

Erwin and Helen were also active in the Kiwanis, Kailua-Kona Seniors and Kona Orchid Society. Erwin was vice-president of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom and was the Shomer (guardian) of the Torah for many years. In fact, the Congregation Board met at his home the day before he passed away.

Erwin is survived by Helen, his daughters Sandra (Alvin) Iverson, of Bellevue, Washington, Tanya (Howard) Frank, of Bellevue, Washington, and Pamela (Harvey) Dodson, of Seattle, and many grandchildren.

### **Geraldine Ann Levine**

Geraldine Ann Levine, 63, of Kailua-Kona, died April 28 at Kona Community Hospital. Born March 21, 1947, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a homemaker and a jewelry sales representative.

She is survived by husband, Steven Levine, of Kailua-Kona; son, Eric Levine, of Waxhaw, N.C.; daughter, Lori (Charles) Gattuso, of Waxhaw, N.C.; mother, Lillian Friedlander, of Lake Erie, Ohio; brother, Leonard (Marietta) Friedlander, of Oahu; sister, Evin (John) Bodel, of Lake Erie, Ohio; one grandchild.

She was buried in Kona Beth Shalom's private Estate at Homelani Memorial Park on May 3.

***Our friend Lorraine Packer lost both of her parents in 5770. Both services were officiated in whole or in part by trustees of Kona Beth Shalom. Lorraine has blessed us with this remembrance of her parents:***

### **Edward J. Packer and Mildred R. Packer**

July 3, 1925 – October 1, 2009 Ed Packer

April 24, 1926- May 5, 2010 Millie Packer

Ed was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and spent his early years as an upholsterer in Los Angeles, California. He met his wife Mildred "Millie" Packer of New York at a wedding in Los Angeles, California in 1927. They were married on June 20, 1928 in a formal old style wedding complete with a top hats for the groom and his groomsmen.

In the 1970's, Ed and Millie floated their life from Woodland Hills, California via Matson over to a tiny fishing town, Kailua-Kona! Soon they started Packer Realty, until Millie's stroke in 1989. After retiring from their real estate brokerage, Ed embraced his passion for horticulture, and created Packer Nursery.

Edward was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. He is survived by his daughter Lorraine Packer of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and his (worthless, ungrateful, self) son, Dr. Louis Packer of Alaska.

Ed and Millie passed 7 months apart, however they are back together again with "all their love".

### **Phillip Mark Plotkin**

Phil passed away on July 7, 2010 in Puako after a long illness. His wife (Sarah Kramer) and Sarah's daughter, Rebekah, were with him at the end. Phil was a veteran of the Army National Guard. He loved traveling through Asia with Sarah and found a special place in his heart for the people of Tibet and Nepal. In recent years, Phil completed a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and visited the Patella Palace in Tibet. He enjoyed trekking in the Himalayas, and white-water rafting down the Ganges River in India. Phil had a

kind and loving heart and will be missed by family and friends from all around the world.

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

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

Shaloha dear friends--

It is once again that time of year. I have had to condense the activities of the year in a format that I can send out to everyone. It is always challenging. We are a small community, yet we manage to have many opportunities for worship, celebration, study, entertainment and all-around Yiddishkeit every year. We had new children in our HaTS program and I look forward to welcoming more children for HaTS 5771. I want to thank **Trina Yerlick** for all of the extra cultural touches she has offered our kids.

We are wandering this year, so please double check the location of each activity. To summarize, all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur events are at the King Kamehameha Beach Hotel. The ballrooms have been newly renovated, so it should be very comfortable. See [www.KonaBeachHotel.com](http://www.KonaBeachHotel.com). After services on Thursday morning, there will be a potluck lunch in Kealakekua at the home of **Aviva** and **Yehudah Plaut**. ([plaut@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:plaut@hawaii.rr.com))

Shabbat Shuvah, including Tashlich, on Friday night will be at our usual location, the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort [www.keauhoubeachresort.com](http://www.keauhoubeachresort.com) in the Kalani Kai pavilion followed by a Potluck dinner. For Saturday morning of Shabbat Shuvah, we will have a brief service, including Torah readings and Torah study followed by a potluck lunch with Rabbi Mel in Holualoa at my home. ([KonaBethShalom@gmail.com](mailto:KonaBethShalom@gmail.com)).

Our regular September Friday night service (Sep. 24) will be in the Kalani Kai Pavilion. Then, Saturday morning, September 25 will be at the home of **Una Greenaway**, **Leon Rosner** and **Helen Salzberg** in Captain Cook ([una@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:una@hawaii.rr.com)). This will be our community Sukkot celebration, Super Sukkot, as we will have a morning service followed by a potluck lunch, followed by turning our Torah back to the beginning, followed by a short minchah service. We will include the blessing of the children that is traditionally found in the Simchat Torah service.

I wish to thank those of you who helped set up and clean up after our monthly services and all of the board and committee members that have organized activities throughout the past year. If you are reading this and would like to become more involved, I ask that you contact us. We have positions available on the Board. We would love to have some new folks who share a different perspective.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to **Rabbi Shefa Gold** for her support and wisdom. Rabbi Shefa taught us many new things. And, I welcome **Rabbi Mel Libman** from Honolulu for High Holy Days 5771. We are very fortunate to have someone with his wealth of experience grace our bimah.

We have two major opportunities for tzedakah this year. We are gathering food once again, as outlined by Mazon, for our local Food Basket. In addition to dry and canned goods, there is a big need for personal hygiene products. We are also participating in the **GIVE ALOHA** program at Foodland and Sack 'n' Save. The Kona Beth Shalom number is **78575**. When you give a donation, Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match it, up to \$249. We are very excited to be part of this program.

I know we have said this before, but I believe the most important message appears at the bottom of this newsletter is: "We are not complete without you." Please join us and make 5771 our most dynamic year ever!

B'shalom v'ahava,  
In peace and love

*Shari*

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**We look forward to 5771 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, 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!**



## **Membership Application / Contribution Form**

