

Kona Beth Shalom Newsletter

Aloha KBS Family;

As we approach our new year, I would like to welcome all to join us at our High Holiday Services. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Stephen Pearce, who will serve as our Rabbi for these most special Days of Awe. Here is a short bio from Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco;

Dr. Pearce has been recognized three successive times by Newsweek as one of the 50 Most Influential Rabbis in the United States. Rabbi Pearce in conjunction with clergy and staff has created a collaborative team approach to worship, life-long education, social concerns, and cultural offerings. He currently serves Congregation Emanu-El as Senior Rabbi Emeritus.

Our congregation is what we make of it and invite you to join us in creating an active, thriving and inclusive Jewish community on Hawaii Island.

Membership forms, and Foodland Give Aloha instructions are attached as pdf files. Paying your dues at Sack and Save through the Give Aloha program helps KBS to receive some extra funds. An important reminder though, if you do pay your dues in this fashion, please inform Michael Bernstone , our treasurer, that you paid, and provide him with a copy of the receipt. He has no other way of knowing who has paid. Please do wait until September to pay through Foodland, as the Give Aloha program does not begin until then. I look forward to seeing you at services and wish you and your family a wonderful and healthy new year.

Mahalo

Una Greenaway,

President, Kona Beth Shalom

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Kona Beth Shalom year 5773 in review:

### Events

In September we celebrated High Holiday Services at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Hotel for the last time. Rabbi Jack Gabriel led the services. Sukkot was held at the home of Trina and Shai Yerlick. Simcha Torah celebration and the Annual Membership meeting were held at Anna Ranch in Waimea, with Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band performing.

In October we moved out of the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Hotel, and nestled into our new home at the Mauna Lani Shops, as the result of a very generous donation from our members Bill and Vivienne Borkan. It is wonderful to have a home. No more moving the aron kodesh.

In December we celebrated Chanukah at the Mauna Lani Shops, in the center courtyard. Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding band performed, Arneleo the Great dazzled us with his magic, and hula halau Na Kupuna o Kona Ali`i did some lovely dances. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered. A wonderful time was had by all.

In January, visiting Rabbi Stephen Pearce led Shabbat afternoon discussion on the parsha of the week and havdallah service.

We celebrated Purim at the KBS home in February, with Rabbi Natan Segal leading the event.

Our KBS Passover was celebrated at Huli Sue's at the Mauna Lani in March.

Visiting Rabbi Shlomi Zarchi led services in June.

We celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Scoler on August 3, at the Four Seasons Hotel. The Scoler family came from Toronto, Ontario, Canada for the event and Barry Blum led the service. Aviva Plaut read from the torah along with Samantha.

### Leaders

Members who led services over the year were Trina Yerlick, Aviva Plaut, Alan Pollak, Vivienne Aronowitz, Una Greenaway, Barry Blum and Shari Berman. Midrash presenters were Marilyn Anderson, Trina Yerlick, Barry Blum, Neil Soicher and Mike Colson.

Big thanks to Aviva Plaut for her commitment to reading torah for the year.

Many Mahalos to Joel Gimpel for his beautiful accompaniments on violin during services.

### Transitions

Michael (Ruth) Bernstone and Norma Edelman (Howard) lost their mother, Lottie Bernstone. They donated two paintings to congregation in her memory. She died in March 2013 at age 97.

Ruth Bernstone's brother David, who was 63, died in October 2012 from heart failure.

Long time member Alan Axelrod passed away.

Ruth Ader celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Mitchell Klatchko

John and David Waters, students of our HATS program, celebrated their B'nei Mitzvah in Anchorage, Alaska

