



5776 Annual Newsletter

Celebrate the High Holidays with Us!
September - October 2015



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| Rosh Hashana evening <i>Kiddush follows</i> | Sunday eve | Sep 13 | 6:00 pm |
| Rosh Hashana morning <i>Kiddush & Potluck to follow, home of Ruth & Mike Bernstone, Waikoloa (call 883-3809 for directions)</i> | Monday | Sep 14 | 10:00 am |
| Shabbat Shuvah <i>Followed by Tashlich and Potluck at Holoholokai Beach Park (near the Fairmont Orchid)</i> | Saturday | Sep 19 | 10:30 am |
| Kol Nidre (sunset is at 6:25 pm) | Tuesday eve | Sep 22 | 6:00 pm |
| Yom Kippur Yizkor Neilah (sunset is at 6:10 pm) <i>Bagels, lox and break-the-fast pupus follow after Neilah</i> | Wednesday | Sep 23 | 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm |
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| Sukkot Celebration and Annual Meeting <i>Home of Louise & Marvin Feldman, Captain Cook (call 415 722-1479 for directions)</i> | Sunday | Oct 4 | 2:00 pm |
| Simchat Torah Celebration <i>Potluck to follow</i> | Tuesday | Oct 6 | 6:00pm |

ALL BIG ISLAND JEWISH COMMUNITIES INVITED

Admission to all the High Holiday Services is free of charge for members of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom. Non-members who wish to attend are asked to make a contribution to help defray the costs of conducting the services.

SHARI JOY BERMAN

Shari Berman returns to Kona to lead our High Holiday services. As most of us remember, Shari was president of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom for five years, from late 2006 to early 2012, and has served on our Board since then.

Shari was born in Chicago, but she moved with her family to Ashiya, Japan (Kobe area) at the age of nine. There she attended fifth grade at Canadian Academy. She returned to the United States for secondary school and college. In 1975, **Shari** received her Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, with distinction in Spanish, majoring in Spanish, Italian and Japanese at Ohio State University. In 1983, she received her Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language from the School for International Training in Brattleboro,

Vermont. She taught in Japan between college and grad school. She returned to Japan in the early 1980s where she worked as a translator, and developed programs and materials to teach Japanese students, teachers, professionals and scientists how to speak, write and use English.

In 1998, **Shari** and her life partner, **Alice Bratton**, moved to Hawaii. They joined Congregation Kona Beth Shalom shortly after arriving here and **Shari** became even more inspired to study Hebrew. She was particularly fascinated by Hebrew trope, the musical notation used for chanting Torah, and quickly gained facility in leyning Torah. She became Bat Mitzvah with KBS at the Keauhou Beach Hotel in 2004. As president of KBS, **Shari** encouraged many of our members to study Torah and to learn Hebrew. She officiated more than a dozen Bat and Bar Mitzvahs here, and several after she moved back to Japan in 2012 to assume the position of Associate Professor at Hirosaki University.



CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The KBS Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday October 4th at the home of **Louise and Marvin Feldman** in Captain Cook, followed by our celebration of Sukkot. We will discuss and confirm our future directions of the congregation and elect Trustees to the Board of Directors. If you have any contributions or if you are interested in joining our Board, email **Una Greenaway** at konabethshalominfo@gmail.com, and please join us at our 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)

| Name of Trustee | Term Expires | Name of Trustee | Term Expires |
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| 1. Ruth Ader | 5777 (2016) | 8. Nella Silverman | 5777 (2016) |
| 2. Marilyn Anderson* | 5776 (2015) | 9. Elaine Dobinson* | 5776 (2015) |
| 3. Vivienne Aronowitz | 5777 (2016) | 10. Louise Feldman | 5777 (2016) |
| 4. Shari Berman** | | 11. Joel Gimpel | 5778 (2017) |
| 5. Michael Bernstone | 5778 (2017) | 12. Una Greenaway | 5778 (2017) |
| 6. Barry Blum | 5777 (2016) | 13. Zee Knapp | 5778 (2017) |
| 7. Alice Bratton* | 5776 (2015) | 14. Alan Pollak | 5778 (2017) |
| | | 15. Trina Yerlick | 5777 (2016) |

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. Currently, **Una Greenaway** is our president, **Alice Bratton** our first vice-president, **Vivienne Aronowitz** our second vice-president, **Mike Bernstone** our treasurer and **Elaine Dobinson** our secretary. Any active member may stand for office. You may submit your name in advance or at the meeting.



OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We are proud to announce the launch of our gorgeous new website, www.konabethshalom.org. It was designed by **Mara Greenaway**, and implemented by **Bernie Bernstone**. The website committee was comprised of chairperson, **Elaine Dobinson, Louise Feldman and Una Greenaway**. Big mazel tov to all involved, with a special shoutout to **Elaine** for her amazing skill and direction in this endeavor.



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. 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. We apologize if we neglected to mention you individually or your contribution to KBS.

Shari Joy Berman, our past president, led our High Holiday Services. **Shari** shared a lovely service, and because of her lovely voice and familiarity with the congregation, was especially gifted in customizing the experience for our members. This was the first year that we increased the participation of our members. Under the tutelage of **Aviva Plaut**, many members were able to chant torah during our HH services.

We celebrated Sukkot at the home of **Marvin and Louise Feldman** on October 12.

We celebrated Simchat Torah in Waimea on October 19 at Anna Ranch in Waimea, with live music provided by **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band**.

Interfaith Concert

On November 25, the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Concert took place at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Kailua Kona with 200 persons attending. **Aviva and Yehuda Plaut** with **Trina and Shai Yerlick** represented the Jewish community with their musical contributions.

Chanukah Party

Once again, in our yearly tradition, **Dr. Barry Blum** led a grand Chanukah celebration on December 20, outdoors at the Mauna Lani Shops Courtyard. **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** provided the music. **Na Kupuna O Kona Alii** performed Yiddish hula for the event, led by **Auntie Lani Lee**, and featuring our own **Ruth Ader** and **Trina Yerlick**. **Arnie Rabin** appeared as **Arneleo HaGadol**, master magician. Many of our congregants provided a potluck meal, and **Under the Bodhi Tree** made the latkes. **Alan Pollak** provided a dreidel table for the keiki.

We were fortunate to have **Simcha J. Kopin**, from Congregation Beth El in Berkeley, CA visit and teach a folk dancing class with a Shabbat potluck on Feb. 20. It was coordinated by **Trina Yerlick**.

Rabbi Daniel Lev, formerly of Berkeley, CA, now from Kailua, Oahu, led services as a guest rabbi for our January and May Shabbat services. In May he also led us in a celebration of Shavuot. **Rabbi Lev** will be assuming the role of ongoing visiting part-time rabbi for KBS.

KBS held our Community Passover Seder on April 4 at the King Kamehameha Hotel. It was led by **Dr. Barry Blum**. Congregants who were invaluable were **Mike and Ruth Bernstone, Alan and Nella Silverman, Trina Yerlick and Jean Walzer**. We asked the Four Questions in many different languages, including Hebrew, English, Yiddish, French, Spanish, Hungarian and "Lawyeresese." **Vivienne Aronowitz** hosted a Seder in Waimea at the Kahilu Town Hall, which was attended by 75 people.

This past year, the responsibility and pleasure of leading Shabbat services has been shared among many members of the congregation. **Aviva Plaut, Trina Yerlick, Vivienne Aronowitz, Una Greenaway and Dr. Barry Blum** have all led us. **Aviva Plaut** has consistently led the Torah portion of the services. Todah rabah to all of you! Challah bakers, **Aviva Plaut, Alice Bratton, Una Greenaway, Ruth Bernstone**

Many thanks to our volunteer musicians who play for Shabbat and holidays, **Yehuda Plaut, Joel Gimpel, Dr. Barry Blum, Gloria Blum, Marvin Feldman, Alfredo Gormezano**



WE KVELL

Sandee and Lance Winston welcomed a granddaughter, **Mollie Elizabeth**, on January 27. Her Hebrew name is **Miriam Elisheba**.

Julian Zion I'o Foster was born on May 30, 2015. He is the son of **Kupala** and **Jeff Foster**, grandson of **Maureen** and **Tane Datta**, and great grandson #1 of **Lois-Ellin Datta**.

Lois-Ellin Datta moved to the Hualalai Regency, August 1st.

Trina and Shai Yerlick celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. **Trina's** brother , **Robert Walzer**, has recovered from esophagus cancer!! **Trina** celebrated her 60th birthday.

Ruth Glatt's son, **Dean** and her daughter-in-law **Somrudee** were visiting from Thailand, for the occasion of **Ruth's** 85th Birthday. **Dean** enjoyed playing both Silver and Shakuhachi flute, with the Traveling Jewish Wedding Band and totally enjoyed the event.

Michael and Vivienne Aronowitz's daughter, **Julie** will be moving to the San Francisco Bay Area to continue her work as a community organizer. Her parents are delighted to have her closer after 11 years in Boston.

Justin Limoges, son-in-law of **Una Greenaway and Leon Rosner** became the chief preparator at the Contemporary Jewish Museum of San Francisco.



MAHALO AND TODAH RABAH

We send a special **todah rabah** to the family of the late **Bill Borkan**, who donated the space in his shopping center, The Shops at Mauna Lani, for our congregation to use when we were in need. His beloved wife, **Vivienne**, and his brother **Burt**, have continued to honor Bill's generosity since his untimely passing and we are grateful to have our little shteibel in such a lovely location.

IN MEMORIAM



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.

Leon Hyman, M.D. passed away on January 4, 2015. He was a most caring husband, father and grandfather, as well as a very capable, respected and thoughtful physician in our community. He is survived by his wife Alex, his three sons and six grandchildren.

Barbara Green passed away on 10/11/14. Barbara fought a huge battle for five and half years. In that time she danced at both her son's weddings and participated in the baby naming of her first grandchild. She is survived by her husband Rick, and two sons.



We look forward to 5776 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!!!



**Membership Application
Contribution Form
5776 (Sep. 2015 - Sep. 2016)**

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: _____

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

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Membership Contribution:

☐ **Sustaining Membership** \$540

☐ **Family Membership** \$360

☐ **Single Membership** \$270

☐ **High Holiday Services**

☐ **Yizkor Contribution**

Please include the names of persons on the reverse side

☐ **Misheberach (healing) Contribution**

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☐ **Hebrew and Torah Studies (HATS)**

Children's Hebrew Education Program:

☐ **Building Fund Contribution**

☐ **Unrestricted Contribution**

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Non-member Contribution:

☐ **High Holiday Services only** \$54/person
\$72/family
no charge for children under 13 per holiday

**To insure adequate seating reservations are requested
Your membership includes High Holiday seating**

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