



## Kona Beth Shalom October 2018 Newsletter

### ***MAHALOS***

✧ Thank you to all who helped during the High Holiday services! Huge thanks to the many congregants, including board members, who gave of their time to make the services run beautifully and smoothly. Very special thanks to Rabbi Daniel Lev and former KBS President Shari Berman for co-leading the services, to our wonderful musicians Yehuda Plaut, Joel Gimpel, Aviva Plaut, Marvin Feldman and Alfredo Gormezano, and to Alan Silverman for serving as sound technician as well as for posting videos to the KBS website with drashes from the High Holidays.

\* Thank you to the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden for the use of their beautiful space at the High Holidays, and throughout the year.

✧ The board is very grateful to West Hawaii Mediation Center for a successful facilitation, helping the board work together more cohesively!

✧ The 2018 KBS Annual Meeting was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Una Greenaway for continuing to serve as KBS President! Thanks also to Alan Silverman for being our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Vic Greenspan for newly serving as 2<sup>nd</sup>VP, Nella Silverman for continuing as Secretary and Mike Bernstone as Treasurer. You all are truly appreciated!

✧ The congregation was deeply moved to have 96-year-old Holocaust survivor and Kona resident Goldie Lefkowitz share her experiences in Nazi Germany at our July 2018 Shabbat service. To acknowledge her efforts to reach out to the next generation and to speak out for respect for all beliefs, the KBS Board has presented Goldie with a lifetime membership in our congregation.

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## ***BIKUR CHOLIM/SOCIAL OUTREACH***

✧ KBS will be collecting gifts for less privileged children in the greater Kona area at the December 2 Chanukah party. If you are able, please bring a wrapped gift, value no more than \$15, and we will collect and bring all of the gifts to the Neighborhood Place of Kona for distribution at the holidays. Gift cards welcome as well. More information about this to come soon. In advance, thank you for your generosity!

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## ***UPCOMING KBS EVENTS***

✧ **Shabbat Service November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden. Potluck to follow, no pork or shellfish please.

✧ **Community Chanukah Celebration December 2 4-7PM** at Hale Halawai on Ali'i Drive in Kona. More details to come.

✧ **Shabbat Service December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am** at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden. Potluck to follow, no pork or shellfish please.

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## ***OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST***

✧ **6pm Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>** The North Hawaii Chavurah will meet for Erev Shabbat celebration with special guest from Israel, Lior Vaknin, and his wife Danielle. Also potluck (no pork or shellfish please) at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Restaurant No 3. For more information, please contact Vivienne at [aronowitz@gmail.com](mailto:aronowitz@gmail.com)

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## ***QUESTIONS***

✧ Are you receiving duplicate KBS emails? The KBS email list has almost 700 names, and we know some of these are duplicates. If you are receiving duplicate emails from KBS, or for any reason wish your name to be removed, let us know. You may do so by emailing Alan Silverman [Alan Silverman](mailto:Alan Silverman)

✧ Would you like to advertise your local business on the KBS website? The [Business Page](#) on the KBS website has room for more ads. If you would like to advertise there, the cost is \$25 annually per business card listing.

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# **REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

✧ KBS occasionally is asked to provide transportation to KBS services and events for elderly or incapacitated congregants or guests. If you can ever help with transportation, please let Alysa know, and we will try to match you with someone living nearby. Thank you!

✧ 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. Thank you!

✧ The KBS Board is welcoming new members. We have 3 vacancies. Please consider serving! Contact [KBS President Una Greenaway](#) if you are interested.

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Sincerely,

The KBS Board:

Una Greenaway, President

Alan Silverman, 1st Vice-President

Vic Greenspan, 2nd 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, Marvin Feldman, Ruth Ader and Alysa Freeman



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