



5783 Annual Newsletter

CELEBRATE THE SEP-OCT 2022 HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH US!

**Our HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES will be on Zoom and in-person at
HAWAIIAN QUEEN COFFEE GARDEN, 75-1048 Henry St, Kailua-Kona
(opposite the old Safeway) unless otherwise indicated
ALL POTLUCKS ARE VEGETARIAN**

KBS Annual Meeting	Sunday	Sep. 11	2:00 pm
<i>We will meet on Zoom. Sign up on konabethshalom.org to receive Zoom information</i>			
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Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday eve	Sep. 23	6:00 pm
<i>At Ruth Ader's home in Kona Palisades. Light potluck. Call 808 325-0008 for directions</i>			
Shabbat	Saturday	Sep. 24	10:30 am
<i>Vegetarian potluck to follow (at HQCG)</i>			
Rosh Hashanah evening	Sunday eve	Sep. 25	6 - 8 pm
Rosh Hashanah morning	Monday	Sep. 26	10 am - 12:30 pm
Tashlich	<i>At the beach area of the Natural Energy Lab</i>		5:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2nd day	Tuesday	Sep. 27	10 am - 12:30 pm
<i>At the home of the Aviva & Yehudah Plaut in Kealakekua. Call 808 756-0863 for location</i>			
<i>Vegetarian potluck</i>			
Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah	Friday eve	Sep. 30	6:30 pm
<i>At Ruth Ader's home in Kona Palisades</i>			
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday	Oct. 1	10:30 am
<i>Followed by potluck</i>			
Havdalah	<i>At Hapuna Beach, North Pavilion, hosted by North Hawaii Chavurah</i>		5:30 pm
Kol Nidre	Tuesday eve	Oct. 4	6 - 8 pm
Yom Kippur Shacharit	Wednesday	Oct. 5	10 am - 1:15 pm
Mid-afternoon discussion class about Jonah			~2:00 pm
Minchah Torah Service			3:30 pm
Yizkor			4:00 pm
Neilah			5:50 pm
Havdalah (followed by break-the-fast)			Sunset is at 6:08 pm
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Simchat Torah Celebration	Sunday	Oct. 16	4 - 6 pm
<i>At HQCG. Music by the KBS Band featuring Leslie Harlib. Light pupus potluck</i>			

Seats at all the High Holiday Services are included in Congregation Kona Beth Shalom membership. Non-members who wish to attend are asked to make a contribution to help defray the costs of conducting the services. **No one is turned away for inability to contribute.**

When you participate via Zoom, you will have online access to our newly revised *machzor*. Those who attend in-person at the Hawaiian Queen will have the printed *machzor* available. For Zoom connections, please join or register. Your **Membership/Registration Form** is at the end of this Newsletter.

CALENDAR September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Sept. 1	Sept. 2 Candle-lighting☆	Sept. 3 Torah Study☆
Sept. 4	Sept. 5 (LaborDay)	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9 Candle-lighting☆	Sept. 10 Torah Study☆
Sept. 11 10:30am Annual Meeting <i>Zoom</i> ☆	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16 Candle-lighting☆	Sept. 17 Torah Study☆
Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Rabbis Pressman and Berman arrive	Sept. 23 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat <i>at Ruth Ader's*</i>	Sept. 24 10:30am Shabbat <i>at HQCG</i>
Sept. 25 6pm Rosh HaShana Eve	Sept. 26 10am Rosh HaShana	Sept. 27 10am 2nd Day Rosh HaShana <i>At the Plauts**</i>	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah <i>at Ruth Ader's*</i>	Oct. 1 10:30am Shabbat Shuvah <i>at HQCG</i>

☆ only on Zoom **Plaut's/ Call 808 756-0863 for directions * Ader's/Call 808 325-0008 for directions

October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4 6pm Kol Nidre	Oct. 5 10am Yom Kippur	Oct. 6	Oct. 7 Candle-lighting☆	Oct. 8 Torah Study☆
Oct. 9	Oct. 10 (Columbus Day)	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14 Sukkot at NHC Candle-lighting☆	Oct. 15 Torah Study☆
Oct. 16 4pm Simchat Torah <i>at HQCG</i>	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21 Candle-lighting☆	Oct. 22 Torah Study☆
Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28 Candle-lighting☆	Oct. 29 Torah Study☆
Oct. 30						

☆Friday Eve Candle-lighting and Saturday Morning Torah Study are on Zoom throughout the year.
You need not be a member of KBS to attend those Shabbat events. Check www.konabethshalom.org for times and access.



COVID-19

The COVID pandemic continues to affect all our lives. After more than a year of having to conduct all our services on-line by Zoom, we were delighted to resume in-person services at Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden in July. Because we feel responsible to protect our membership and visitors, we established these health practices following State and County rules and guidelines for our sacred spaces:

- All persons who enter the facility must be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.
- All attendees will wear appropriate masks when indoors.
- The maximum number of attendees will be determined by State and County guidelines at the time.
- We practice 6' social distancing.



RABBI DANIEL PRESSMAN



Rabbi Daniel Pressman was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. As a young rabbi, Daniel Pressman was especially passionate about Jews in the former Soviet Union who were being oppressed and not allowed to emigrate. Not only did he encourage congregants to take a stand, but he also was among the 27 rabbis arrested in 1985 for chaining themselves to the gates of the Soviet consulate in San Francisco.

He is the son of Rabbi Jacob Pressman, a founding father of Camp Ramah in California and of the Conservative movement's University of Judaism in Los Angeles (now American Jewish University).

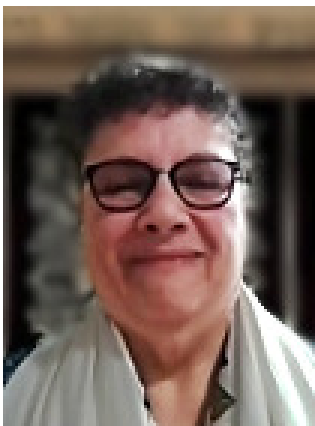
Daniel Pressman came to the Bay Area with his wife, Beverly, and three children after spending seven years as a pulpit rabbi in Palos Verdes. His tenure at Beth David in Saratoga, where he served as senior rabbi for 33 years until his retirement in 2014, was marked by his emphasis on *chesed*, or lovingkindness. He strengthened support for traditional Jewish funeral practices, forming a *chevra kadisha* (burial society). Rabbi Pressman emphasized the participation of women and girls: He added the matriarchs to the Amidah prayer, and also urged many women, denied the opportunity to have a bat mitzvah as girls, to have an adult bat mitzvah. He also welcomed interfaith families.

He was known as a "rabbi's rabbi." KBS got to know him as a regular participant in our on-line Torah study sessions and has earned the respect and friendship of all our participants.

Rabbi Pressman has invited us to schedule some education classes while he is here between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. The dates will be announced by e-mail and on the KBS website.



RABBI SHARI JOY BERMAN



Former KBS President Shari Berman was ordained as Rabbi on June 18, 2022, while many of us watched on Zoom. Rabbi Shari returns again to Kona to join Rabbi Pressman in the role of rabbi and *chazzanit* for this year's High Holiday Services. Shari was president of Congregation Kona Beth Shalom from 2006 through 2012 when she moved to Japan to assume the role of Associate Professor at Hirosaki National University. In 2020, she became Special Associate Professor to the university's Graduate School of Medicine. Since relocating, she has returned to Kona several times to serve as officiant or cantorial soloist for the High Holidays as well as to lead Shabbat Services. She has been active with the Jewish Community of Japan (JCJ), participating as well as leading services online and in Tokyo and officiating at JCJ B'nei Mitzvah.

In addition, Shari has brought groups of Hirosaki University students to Kona to learn about health care, marine biology, agricultural science, etc., as they actively work on ideas to improve our lives both in Hawaii and in Aomori Prefecture. As president of KBS, Shari encouraged many of our members to study Torah and to learn Hebrew. She officiated more than a dozen B'nei Mitzvah here, including several after she moved back to Japan.

Shari was born in Chicago and moved with her family to Ashiya, Japan at the age of nine. The family later moved to Ohio. She studied Spanish, Italian and Japanese at Ohio State, graduating *summa cum laude* with distinction in Spanish for a thesis on Judío Español ("Ladino"). After working in Tokyo at Sony Language Laboratory for two years, she returned to the United States to earn her MAT (Master of

Arts in Teaching). After serving as an instructor at two University of California campuses she returned to Japan where she met her wife, Alice Bratton. They launched a language services business, Japan Language Forum, Ltd., in 1986 that still thrives today.



CONGREGATION KONA BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The **KBS Annual Membership Meeting** will be **conducted via Zoom on Sunday, September 11th at 2 pm**. We will send out the Zoom instructions by email to all KBS members prior to the meeting. At the meeting we'll elect Trustees to our Board and Officers of the Congregation. We will also discuss **plans for KBS for the coming year** and if you have suggestions, come to the meeting. **We are actively seeking new members for our Board. The work is exciting and rewarding.** If you are interested in joining our Board, email **Vic Greenspan** (vicgreenspan@aol.com) before September 10th, and then be sure to attend the meeting! Our present Board is shown below with the expiration dates of the trustees' three-year terms. 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>
1. Vivienne Aronowitz	2023	7. Una Greenaway	**
2. Shari Berman	2022*	8. Victor Greenspan	2022*
3. Michael Bernstone	2022*	9. Sarah Kramer	2024
4. Barry Blum	2022*	10. Alan Silverman	2022*
5. Elaine Dobinson	2024	11. Nella Silverman	2022*
6. Joel Gimpel	2023	12. Trina Yerlick	2022*

*Term ending now and trustee standing for reelection. **Immediate past president.

After the new Board is elected, the congregation will vote to select the new officers for the coming year. Each officer's term is one year. Current officers are:

President: Vic Greenspan
1st Vice-President: Barry Blum
2nd Vice-President: Sarah Kramer
Treasurer: Mike Bernstone
Secretary: Nella Silverman

Any active member of the congregation may stand for office. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be immediately followed by the **monthly KBS Board Meeting**. All who attend the Annual Meeting are invited to stay and participate.



ANOTHER JEWISH YEAR LIKE NO OTHER, 5782

As these years of the pandemic continued, many of Kona Beth Shalom's activities continued to take place in the home of **Aviva & Yehudah Plaut**. They report that our Torah seems to remain happy and content living in their son Ben's room upstairs when not in active use.

One of the most enduring and successful KBS activities has been the Torah study of the weekly *parasha*, now in its third year. With 7-8 regular participants from all over the world, we have been joined by drop-ins including visiting rabbis. One rabbi who has attended regularly, **Rabbi Daniel Pressman**, is in fact our rabbi for High Holy Days services this year along with our own **Shari Berman**, who was ordained as rabbi this past June.

Each online Torah study session starts with a presentation of **Art of the Torah** gathered by **Alan Silverman** from all over the world. This "gallery tour" includes old masters as well as contemporary Jewish artists. Each *parsha* is read and discussed by all who want to add their thoughts. Historical commentary is added as well. As we described for the Annual Newsletter last year, the weekly invitation to our Torah study group has a link to the reading on the [Sefaria](http://Sefaria.com) web-site. Having completed the cycle the last two years, we are now immersed in our third cycle.

High Holy Days (2021)

Last year our High Holy Days services were conducted on-line via Zoom. The services were led from Japan by **Shari Berman**, along with **Rabbi Marc Labowitz** of Temple Adath Or in South Florida, who joined us with his family, also via Zoom. Again using an updated version of the Renewal *machzor* **B'Seifer Chayim** that **Rabbi Daniel Lev** introduced to us from the **Aquarian Minyan** in Berkeley, reassembled for Zoom usage with the help of **Alan Silverman** and revised by **Shari Berman**, we prepared, printed and mailed out copies to all our members and registrants in time for Rosh HaShana.

Besides the music repertoire of both video and high quality audio, including cantorial and song by **Shari Berman** and **Daniele Gold** with instrumental accompaniment by **Aviva Plaut** (recorder), **Yehudah Plaut** (guitar) and **Joel Gimpel** (violin), **Rabbi Marc Labowitz** performed many beautiful, original song arrangements with his musical family as well as providing a stellar High Holy Day sermon.”

Simchat Torah

KBS had planned to celebrate Simchat Torah at the Imin Center in Holualoa, but at the last minute, COVID restrictions caused us to cancel the in-person event and we returned to an online observance via Zoom. Instead of traditional *Hakafot* with singing, dancing and food, the Torah was walked once around the *bima* (the Plaut's dining room table) for each *Hakafah* followed by a five-minute *D'var Torah* given by members for each *hakafah*.

Shabbat Monthly Services

We finally were able to resume a small gathering at Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG) on **October 23, 2021**, when we conducted a hybrid Zoom/limited in-person Shabbat service. County rules still restricted indoor events to 10 people but it felt so good to be back there again and we even had a *minyan*! **Shari Berman** led the service from her home in Japan. **Aviva and Vic** read the Torah. Several Board members attended and **Leah Hillert**, soon to have her own Bat Mitzvah, attended with her mom, **Alysa Freeman** and brother, **Franz**. Everyone attending in person was fully vaccinated. Seating was set up to allow wide spacing.

On **Thanksgiving Saturday, November 27**, we held another hybrid service. **Aviva Plaut** led with **Vic, Aviva and Shari** reading from Torah *parasha* Vayechi. **Barry Blum** celebrated his birthday by delivering the *drash*. We still limited attendance to 10 persons at Hawaiian Queen but **Alan Silverman** broadcast the service to the entire planet via Zoom. Although there was no food after the service, we did have a quick Kiddush.

On **December 18, 2021**, KBS held another "hybrid" service at Hawaii Queen Coffee Garden. Jewish religious life was slowly but surely returning to normal!

Chanukah

Vivienne Aronowitz led the way for us helping to host our combined **KBS/NHC Annual Chanukah Celebration** up north at the **Mauna Kea Beach Resort**. A select portion of **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** including **Barry & Gloria Blum, Joel Gimpel** (violin), **Leslie Harlib** (keyboard), and newcomer to the Band **Bill Lamden** (clarinet), with **Alan Silverman** doing the sound engineering, played the traditional Chanukah songs for all to sing as part of our celebration.

January 1, 2022, a Happy New Year Bar Mitzvah

That Saturday, besides being the first day of 2022, was a special occasion, the *minchah* **Bar Mitzvah** of **Samuel Nicholas Davidorf**, son of **Robert & Suzanne Davidorf** of San Francisco, CA. **Shari Berman** officiated (in-person), and noted that Sam was one of the most active and socially minded 12-year-olds she had ever come across. **Vic Greenspan, Aviva & Yehudah Plaut**, and **Alan & Nella Silverman** set up **Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden** to be a safe space during the height of the Delta Variant threat and the service was broadcast via Zoom. Sam's parents gave an “Our Bar Mitzvah Boy is Great” speech that may be Guinness-Record worthy.

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Hillert

For the first time in many years, KBS celebrated a **Bat Mitzvah** of one of our own children in **February 2022: Leah**, daughter of **Alysa Freeman & Gunnar Hillert**, whose family members traveled all the way from Germany to join in the *simcha*. As usual, it was a joint effort of the whole *kehillah*. **Trina** taught Leah Hebrew, along with parts of the service and the prayers. **Aviva** taught Leah her Torah portion. **Rabbi Daniel Lev** met regularly with Leah for Jewish education and helped her with her *drash*. **Yehudah** played the music during the service. **Alan Silverman** was the tech wizard. **Nella Silverman** kept everyone sane and organized (!). **Alysa Freeman**, amazing mother that she is, was the behind-the-scenes planner. Many others helped as well. Two big tents were erected outside to meet all health protocols. It was a wonderful effort by all and everyone was proud of Leah's accomplishment as she joined the ranks of the community.

Goldie Lefkowitz joined KBS soon after moving to the Big Island. Goldie is a Holocaust survivor and is an author and world-wide lecturer on that subject. In honor of her **100th birthday on April 12, 2022**, Hawaii County **Mayor Mitch Roth** proclaimed that day as "**Goldie Lefkowitz Day.**" The mayor and several KBSers as well as Goldie's family attended her birthday party in Kailua-Kona.

On **June 4, 2022**, we celebrated **Shavuot** and **Shabbat** at HQCG including **the first pot-luck** since the pandemic began, with blintzes, bagels and more.

Services since then have continued to be a hybrid mix with some attending in person and some on Zoom, participating on the large screen monitor set up in the room. **Aviva Plaut, Barry Blum, Trina Yerlick, Shari Berman** and **Vic Greenspan** have led the services this past year. **Aviva, Vic, Shari** and **Trina** are our Torah readers. Our KBS Jewish community has continued on without faltering, remaining flexible and mindful of both restrictions and common sense.

For this coming year we look forward to continuing our monthly hybrid Shabbat gatherings at HQCG (4th Saturday of each month) and our weekly online gatherings for **Friday evening candle-lighting** and **Saturday morning Torah Study**. All are invited to attend, KBS members or not. For Zoom information, please register with KBS and check our website at www.konabethshalom.org.

L'shanah tovah tikatevu v'tichatemu,

Yehudah & Aviva Plaut



HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

We had a great year at school this year highlighted by two main events. The first was in February when had a wonderful **Bat Mitzvah** for **Leah Hillert** lead by **Aviva Plaut** and **Trina Yerlick**. We were joined by many in the community as well as her family who came from all over and as far as Germany. It was truly special and many kids who attended expressed interest in having their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Later, to end the school year, we had an overnight at Spencer Park in May to celebrate Shabbat with our families. There were four families attending and we hope the kids decide to study Torah and prepare for their roles in *Klal Yisrael*.

Plans for the coming academic year are not yet complete. With only one student planning to attend, I will be tutoring him privately. Our other students go to Jewish camps and attend schools on Zoom, but do not wish to attend the KBS program regularly. We hope in the future that more families with children will join us and attend KBS events. With Covid restricting so many gatherings, I am retiring at this time from regular teaching. I will be available for a limited amount of private tutoring and you may contact me at (808) 333-5539 or lilikoi.inn@gmail.com.

Meanwhile KBS is seeking other individuals able to teach the subjects to our students, including a Hebrew language teacher. If you are such a person, please contact **Sarah Kramer** at

kramerhawaii@gmail.com; or call (808) 222-2657. The same applies to anyone with a child whom you would like to enroll in our Hebrew School.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy New Year as well.
With Aloha and Shalom,

Trina Yerlick



NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH

On November 6th, the North Hawaii Chavurah gathered for our first in-person event of the Jewish year at Hapuna Beach for a late afternoon potluck, *havdalah* ceremony and stargazing led by **Greg Doppman**, Keck astronomer. Greg is a consummate educator and did not disappoint us.

The true miracle of the Big Island's **Chanukah** was that we were able to meet in person at **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** with the **Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band** delighting the 50 brave souls who were willing to come despite the major storm and inside accommodations. It was delightful to gather in-person and hear **Barry** tell the story of Chanukah and enjoy the Band's music.

On February 11th, we were able to go back to our usual spot at the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Restaurant Number 3** (MKBH) where **Latifa Kropf**, visiting the Big Island with her husband **Peter**, led a lovely Kabbalat Shabbat service which was followed by a potluck.

On March 12th, we met for Erev Shabbat with the blessings led by **Jeffrey Kay**. Jeff and his wife **Sharon** are new part-time residents here. We also heard from **Elia Groode** about her first year participation in Jewish life at USC. It was super exciting to hear about the richness of her experience and her enthusiasm.

On April 15th, we had a wonderful **Seder** for 30, outside No. 3, led by **Michelle Levey** and **Vivienne**. The food was fabulous, especially the cabbage rolls, tastefully and lovingly made by **Ann Rothstein**. The tables were also heavily laden with other traditional Pesach delights. It was a beautiful evening with the full moon rising as the Seder progressed.

On April 23rd, we were blessed to have **Rabbi Sydney Mintz** from Temple Emanu-el in San Francisco, give a *drash*, and then have talented musician, **Maya Abrahamson**, also a Bay Area resident, lead a *kumsitz* and *havdalah* for Shabbat and Pesach as the sun set and stars emerged at Hapuna Beach.

July 7th, we gathered again at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel for Erev Shabbat. It was lovely to see folks again after our on/off year of trying to dodge Covid.

We hope to be able to maintain a more regular schedule in the new year with lots of interesting speakers and talented musicians. *Todah raba* to all who participated and contributed. **The North Hawaii Chavurah** welcomes your ideas for future programs. Contact **Vivienne** at (808) 936-9001, aronowitz@gmail.com, for information about the Chavurah's activities and to be placed on their e-mailing list.

Vivienne Aronowitz

North Hawaii Chavurah coordinator



BOOK CLUB(S)

The **KBS BOOK GROUP** is starting up again. Whether you participated before or not, all interested in reading Jewish authors or books with Jewish topics are welcome. The plan is to meet once a month for an hour or two. It will likely be on Zoom at first. We will decide about book choices and rotating facilitation at the first meeting or by email. This is a wonderful way to build and strengthen community that is not just *tefillah* based. To kick off the Book Group, we have chosen "**To Midwife a Soul**" by **Rick Light**. We hope to have the author present to give us some background on why he wrote the book and how he hopes it will be used. This book is more of a manual than a novel or book of nonfiction. We plan to invite readers to respond to specific questions to help guide the conversation. We already have

several copies available that can be delivered to participants. Please RSVP to Vivienne at aronowitz@gmail.com. We don't need to limit this to books. Magazine articles, movies and even websites of Jewish interest could be the subjects for discussion.

Alysa Freeman wishes to organize a **TEEN JEWISH BOOK CLUB**. This would be a continuation of her daughter's and other classmates' education in their teen years. If you would like more information, please contact Alysa at: af@alysafreeman.com



OUR WEBSITE

This is the Kona Beth Shalom "Go-To" location: www.konabethshalom.org. Here is where you can find out what is happening with your congregation and your local Jewish community. This includes information about Shabbat and Holiday services and celebrations, Hebrew School, other educational opportunities for adults, public events, concerts and much more. You can keep track of *yahrzeits*. You can participate in Friday evening candle-lighting and Saturday morning Torah Study. You can communicate with us. Join us. Check us out.

Alan Silverman

KBS Webmaster



MISHEBEIRACH

**Marilyn Anderson, Katie Blum, Sherrill Cawn, Ruth Ader, Ruth Glatt, Myron Glatt,
Sarah Kramer, Barbara Lewis, Jan Rae Gimpel, Goldie Lefkowitz**

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu*

May the source of strength,
Who blessed the ones before us,

Help us find the courage, to make our lives a blessing,
And let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing,
with *r'fuah sh'leimah*,

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
And let us say, Amen.

-Debbie Friedman



TIKKUN OLAM and BIKUR CHOLIM

Jewish Community Services is a non-profit agency serving the Jewish Community of Hawaii. You can access their website that includes a calendar of Jewish events across the islands at: <https://www.jcs-hi.org/>

Their mission is to support and enhance Jewish life in Hawaii through communication, coordination and provision of appropriate social services to those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, or is joining our community and looking for guidance, call them at (808) 258-7121 or e-mail them at: admin@jcs-hi.org.



NITZAVIM

Kona Beth Shalom, along with all of our state's Jewish congregations, has continued participation with the *Nitzavim* program offered by the **Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation** to build community, interpreted to mean "standing ready to act according to the commandments."

At the recent *Nitzavim* Conference led by **Josh Levinson**, the framework that we worked with was based on the teachings of **Marshall Ganz** through his 42-page document called *Leading Change; Leadership, Organization, and Social Movements*. What we have been practicing for months is this concept of telling:

1. The Story of Self
2. The Story of Us
3. The Story of Now

This is a persuasive format for making social change. We were shown many examples; most recently we studied the Montgomery Bus Boycott. We broke up into 4 or 5 groups, each facilitated by a leader/consultant, all from the mainland. Each group had a certain purpose. The larger group as a whole never got to work on a statewide effort to enact social change. We are not finished though, so we may find ourselves as a statewide group working on a campaign for helping to solve the hunger/food insecurity problem in our state. In late 2022 or early 2023, the larger group is planning to make trips to each island to experience the different communities/congregations first hand.

KBS will be utilizing *Nitzavim* funds for an upcoming **Varieties of Jewish Experience** presentation when the **San Francisco Yiddish Combo** comes to Kona to present a klezmer music concert on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. We'll let everyone know location and other details as the time gets closer.

Una Greenaway

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BEIT HASHAMAYIM

Beit HaShamayim is the name of the Big Island's Jewish Cemetery. Located within **Homelani Memorial Park** in Hilo on the eastern side of the Big Island of Hawaii, *Beit HaShamayim* is the only Jewish cemetery on the island. It is open to all Jewish families and persons in need, whether Jewish by birth, choice or family relationship. The Hebrew words *Beit HaShamayim* and the Hawaiian word *Homelani* each mean "Heavenly Home." For more information about Jewish burial on the Big Island, check the KBS website: <https://konabethshalom.org/beit-hashamayim-booklet> or contact **Dr. Barry Blum** at bonedoc.bb@gmail.com. **Eva Pierce**, who lives in Hilo, has graciously accepted the role of *shomer* of our cemetery. The mortuary we recommend because of their relative familiarity with Jewish practice is **Dodo Mortuary**, Kona: (808) 322-9592; Hilo, (808) 935-5751.

For many years, a national organization called *Kavod v'Nichum* has offered seminars and workshops on Jewish community resources, education and training about the end of life, from serious illness through dying, death, bereavement and mourning. **Gloria & Barry Blum** attended one of their workshops in Edmonton, Canada over 20 years ago and found it valuable and uplifting as well as exceptionally informative. The organization's website is www.KavodvNichum.org. More recently, **Alice Lachman** and others on Oahu and the neighbor islands have created an Inter-Island *Chevra Kadisha* to provide these kinds of support and services for all of us throughout the Hawaiian Islands. You are invited to contact her at alachman@hawaii.edu to be placed on her mailing list, see upcoming classes and events or just find more information on this subject. **Vivienne Aronowitz** is our representative to the Inter-Island *Chevra Kadisha*

Shaloha,

Dr. Barry Blum



In Memoriam

Alan Steven Berman, brother of **Shari Berman**, passed away on June 20, 2022, at age 64 in Boston. He was born in Chicago, grew up in Cleveland and later moved to Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Alan had a career dedicated to sales and management that began in the booming retail AV/appliance era of the 1980s. He enjoyed cheering on the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots, collecting antique art pieces - with a particular interest in retro diners, and adoring his late Labrador retrievers, Jake and Buddy. One of Alan's biggest passions and greatest talents was cooking for his friends and family, all of whom could not wait for his next culinary masterpiece.

Ruth Irene Bratton, 94, mother of **Alice Bratton**, passed away on February 8, 2022, in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Born in Farmersburg in 1928, she graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1945 and was immediately hired to work as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell. She married Raymond Bratton and the couple settled on a farm just east of New Ross. Irene began fulfilling a life-long dream when she went to beauty school in 1965. Upon her completion, she opened a beauty shop where she styled hair for more than 20 years. Irene is survived by two daughters (including Alice), one son, eight grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Kris Leslie Gitelson passed away at the age of 68 in Kona on February 7, 2022. She was born in Minneapolis. Kris lived in Captain Cook with her husband, **Barry Gitelson**, and was an artist and bookkeeper.

Robert Israel Walzer, brother of **Trina Yerlick**, died in October 2021, at the age of 69 after a long, courageous fight with esophageal cancer. A smart businessman who loved sports, especially the Mets, the Jets and all teams New York, Trina well remembers his terrific Bar Mitzvah.

Emanuel David Zola, the son of **Michael Zola**, past president of KBS, passed away on March 26, 2022. He lived on Canoga Park, California where he was a partner at Zola Wegman & Associates. Born in 1968, he received his Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University, School of Law in 1997.

The Last Jews of Polná. Every year, Congregation Kona Beth Shalom takes upon itself the responsibility of reciting Kaddish for the last Jewish residents of Polná 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.

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FOR THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FRIENDS, AND FOR ALL OF US.**



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"GIVE ALOHA" at FOODLAND, SACK N SAVE and FOODLAND FARMS

Kona Beth Shalom is participating in GIVE ALOHA, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

How It Works

From Sept. 1-30, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout using their Maika'i Cards. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation* up to a total of at least \$350,000 for all organizations combined.

How to Donate

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**We look forward to 5783 being a wonderful 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!!!***

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Join us for the coming year and share your ideas with us.
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