

Minutes  
Kona Beth Shalom  
Board of Trustees  
May 7, 2023  
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

Alan Silverman, Barry Blum, Nella Silverman, Vic Greenspan, Joel Gimpel, and Sara Nealy

TRUSTEES ABSENT

R. Shari Berman, Vivienne Aronowitz, Trina Yerlick, Elaine Dobinson, Eva Pierce, Mike Bernstone

OTHERS PRESENT

Aviva Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting began at 10:13 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Barry opened the meeting by asking everyone to sing "Happy Birthday" to Joel.

MINUTES

Upon motion made and seconded, the amended minutes of the April 2, 2023, board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike is off-island and will send the financial report to the Board later in the month. Mike noted that the cost of the seder was around \$2500. Barry noted that the seder was small, but a sweet event and a good investment for us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES

Unable to reserve Hale Halawai for Chanukah party on December 10.

Alan also noted that Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG) needs to be reserved for the Nitzavim visit on May 17.

EDUCATION

There is no report for this committee.

#### CEMETERY

There is no report for this committee.

#### WEBSITE

There is no report for this committee.

#### BIKUR CHOLIM

There is no report for this committee.

#### NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH (NHC)

Vivienne provided an email report that there was a nice gathering on April 14 at Mauna Kea Beach Restaurant #3. There will be a Havdalah/Star Gazing event on May 20 at Spencer Beach.

#### NITZAVIM

Nitzavim leaders from the other islands will visit Kona on Wednesday May 17. They will take a van from Hilo side that morning.

First: They will stop at Homelani Cemetery in Hilo and visit the Jewish section of the cemetery, Beit Hashamayim. \*Barry will send Vic a copy of the KBS cemetery booklet so that \*Vic can make copies to provide each participant. \*Vic will contact Eva Pierce to make sure she knows the timing and will be at the cemetery to welcome the group and be a source of information. There was a thought that they might stop at Honaunau, city of refuge, on the way to Kona but nothing has been arranged.

Second: They will travel to Kona and have lunch at Chabad around noon. \*Vic will contact Rabbi Gerlitzky to find out the time lunch will be served and to let Chabad know KBS will join them along with the Nitzavim representatives for lunch. \*Vic will email Barry with the details and \*Barry will confirm the number of KBS participants going to lunch. It is thought that Barry and Gloria Blum, Joel Gimpel and possibly Jan Rae, Vic and Vivienne will attend. \*Vic will confirm with Chabad the number of KBS lunch participants.

Third: Kona representatives Vic, Barry and Joel will lead them to HQCG around 2:30-3:00 p.m. \*Vic has spoken to the director of the elementary school, Kokua Academy, and they were OK with the Nitzavim committee using the outdoor space to have a meeting at this time. There's an open-air pavilion with a roof in case of rain. \*KBS will provide fruit, cookies, coffee and water. \*Barry will make arrangements for coffee. \*Nella and Alan will make arrangements for fruit, cookies and water. \*Vic will contact Chuck Frumin, manager at HQCG, to reserve the space for this meeting as

well as \*confirm where the van and 3 cars may park at this hour. \*Vic will also confirm that the Nitzavim meeting can move indoors at 4 so that they can \*view the space we use for services, the ark and torah, and \*Alan will use HQCG's TV to screen a video montage of our past Simchat Torah events. Alan will find the information trifold in storage at HQCG and make it available to participants. \*Barry will be in contact with Alan to try to find KBS scrapbook, most likely at KBS storage unit.

\*Vic will let Barry know within the next 2 days where the van and 3 cars can park at HQCG and confirm the arrival time at the outdoor pavilion and time we can go into the building.

\*Vic will prepare a printout of the Kona program of May 17 activities to give to Nitzavim participants.

\*The asterisks denote jobs that need to be done and who is responsible for them. See Addendum.

A discussion ensued about what the afternoon meeting should impart to our visitors. Aviva thought our congregation exists because we have the torah and that we should be blunt about telling them of our issues. Barry noted that our membership is low and that we have no permanent home or place to celebrate our holidays.

#### HIGH HOLIDAYS (HH) MACHZOR COMMITTEE

Aviva and Shari spoke to R./Cantor Jack on a video call. The consensus was to look into ordering the new reform machzor, "Mishkan Hanefesh." It comes in two volumes, one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur, each includes the torah portions. The Kindle versions are priced at \$9.99 apiece, perhaps made available for Zoom participants. The two hard-copy books would be about \$50 a set. A discussion of how the machzorim would be paid for was tabled for another meeting. A suggestion was made to purchase 50 copies for the congregation. Aviva will send an email so that the board can see a PDF sample. R./Cantor Jack will work with Shari for HH services.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

SHAVUOT SHABBAT SERVICES      May 27, 2023      10:30 a.m.

Leader/Drash:      Barry will speak with Shari  
Torah:              Vic/Shari  
Challah:            Silvermans

DOPPMAN BAT MITZVAH SHABBAT      July 22, 2023      10:30 a.m.

Leader/Drash:      Mainland cantor who has been working with Liana.

Aviva is coordinating with the Doppman's and the cantor.

#### CHANUKAH

Venue: Hale Halawai has already been reserved by someone else.

Alan will try to reserve Old A Pavilion.

Barry's band is no longer together. Whatever we do, it should not be on the same date as Chabad's community celebration.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mahalo to Sara Nealy who live streamed her film, "White Fire, Black Fire," on Kahilu Theater TV April 18.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### PALEAKU PEACE GARDEN SUKKAH

Arnie Rabin has been working on the project of constructing a Jewish "shrine" in the Paleaku Peace Garden in Captain Cook. The basic structure is a kind of chuppah or sukkah on six ohia poles topped off with an open Star of David roof. It will soon have a grape arbor growing within and around it. Arnie, who is the shomer for this project and Barry are planning to have a simple ceremony for attaching a mezuzah to one of the poles. Aviva, who is in Israel now, will be researching the right mezuzah. Ken Love will be donating an etrog tree to be planted nearby.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held June 4 at 10 am on Zoom.

Note: There will be a Kona Choral Society concert that same evening at the Waikoloa Hilton at 4 p.m. There will be songs in multiple languages including Hebrew.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nella Silverman  
Secretary

## ADDENDUM

### TASKS TO BE DONE FOR NITZAVIM VISIT

Vic:

- \* contact Eva Pierce to make sure she knows the timing of Beit Hashamayim visit
- \* make copies of cemetery booklet to provide each participant.
  
- \* contact Rabbi Gerlitzky to find out the time lunch will be served
- \* let Chabad know KBS will join them, along with the Nitzavim representatives, for lunch.
- \* email Barry with the details of lunch [time, address]
- \* confirm the number of KBS participants going to lunch with R. Gerlitzky
  
- \* contact Chuck Frumin, manager at HQCG, to reserve the space for this meeting
- \* confirm with Chuck where the van and 3 cars may park at this hour
- \* let Barry know **within the next 2 days** where the van and 3 cars can park at HQCG
- \* confirm with school director and Chuck Frumin the arrival time at the outdoor pavilion [2:30-3:00] and let Barry know
- \* confirm with school director that the Nitzavim meeting can move indoors at 4 and let Barry know
- \* set up table for discussion under the outdoor pavilion
  
- \* prepare space at HQCG for participants to see room we use for services
- \* prepare the ark and torah for viewing
  
- \*prepare a printouts of the Kona program of May 17 activities to give to Nitzavim participants, including Kona participants

Barry:

- \*Barry will send Vic a copy of the KBS cemetery booklet
- \* confirm the number of KBS participants going to lunch [get info back to Vic]
- \* make arrangements for coffee
- \* be in contact with Alan to try to find KBS scrapbook

Alan

- \*prepare video montage of Simchat Torah celebrations be in contact with Alan to try to find KBS scrapbook, for projection on TV at HQCG
- \*bring water, fruit and cookies for outdoor meeting HQCG
- \*find trifold in storage at HQCG for distribution to participants

Nella

- \*prepare ice water in large thermos with small paper cups

\*buy fruit and cookies, place on platters