

Minutes  
Kona Beth Shalom  
Board of Trustees  
July 2, 2023  
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

Alan Silverman, Barry Blum, Nella Silverman, Joel Gimpel, Vivienne Aronowitz, Trina Yerlick, Elaine Dobinson, Eva Pierce, Mike Bernstone

TRUSTEES ABSENT

R. Shari Berman, Vic Greenspan and Sara Nealy

OTHERS PRESENT

Aviva and Yehudah Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Mi shebeirach was sung for those in need of healing.

MINUTES

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the June 4, 2023, board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike sent the financial report to the Board by email. Without the help of the Nitzavim funds, there would have been a loss of approximately \$6,000 for expenses vs. income this past year. Not enough member dues were paid to offset our expenses.

Upon motion made and seconded, the financial report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES

Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG) is more accessible now that Kokua Academy is out for summer break. Old A is booked for Chanukah in December.

EDUCATION

Evan Wedgwood is continuing his bar mitzvah education with Aviva Plaut.

A proposal was made to create a list of young adult books with Jewish themes available on our website as a source for our b.mitzvah and other interested kids and adults in our community. A discussion of alephbet and other books for the younger generation was postponed for another time.

#### CEMETERY

Barry was contacted by the grandson of a recently deceased woman who lived in Kona and had requested that her ashes be buried in a Jewish cemetery. There were concerns raised that we may not understand the family dynamics and don't know if the grandson is the executor of the ashes. Vivienne said she is meeting with Chevra Kadisha later and will bring up this question. Research online indicates that there is no law preventing ashes from being buried in a Jewish cemetery. Barry will continue to find out more information and report back to the Board.

#### WEBSITE

Website is holding steady. There were requests that announcements for Zoom events should only include the "click here" link instead of giving the other connection options.

#### BIKUR CHOLIM

Covid still seems to keep popping up in our community. Joan and Ray Jackson as well as Shai and Trina Yerlick now have it. Vivienne said Dr. Robert "Buzz" Hollander passed this past week leaving a wife and two children, ages 14 and 11.

#### NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH (NHC)

Vivienne provided an email invite for the NHC gathering on July 14 at Mauna Kea Beach Restaurant #3. See addendum for the original email. Psychologist Nicola Wagenberg will speak about Holocaust survivor guilt and there may be music also. Rabbi Sydney Mintz is planning to do some programming in the future.

#### HIGH HOLIDAYS (HH) MACHZOR COMMITTEE

Eva reported that her investigation found that CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) Press, which is publishing the "Mishkan Hanefesh" machzor KBS is purchasing for HH, has the best price at \$40 per set, plus taxes and shipping. In order to get this price an application needs to be filled out by Mike, our Treasurer. Eva will send him the pertinent information. A motion was made, seconded and passed to buy 50 sets of machzors from CCAR for \$40 each, plus shipping and taxes. Kindle versions that congregants can order for themselves are \$10 for each holiday.

## NITZAVIM

Yehudah filled out the final survey and urged continued funding as some Jewish community organizations will cease to exist without these funds. Josh Levenson is resigning as Chair.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

A tent will be set up at HQCG to accommodate the 70+ guests that are expected to attend. Poi Dog Deli will prepare and deliver the oneg shabbat. The tent setup will be at 7 a.m. on the day of the event. Alan has informed HQCG and will be there to open the gate. Uncertain what time the tent rental company will return afterwards for pickup. Vivienne has been asked to coordinate with Ilene Grossman, the mom, on details of set up, clean up, desserts, personal parts of service (e.g. tallit and gift presentations, etc.). Aviva has been in touch with the cantor and feels that things are well in hand for the service.

## OLD BUSINESS

### HIGH HOLIDAYS (HH)

The committee for HH will consist of Aviva, Yehudah, Nella and Barry. Decisions need to be made for dates of annual congregational meeting, meet the cantor lunch, tashlich, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, etc. These dates are needed for the Annual Newsletter and posting on the website as soon as possible.

There will be no change in the dues structure for this HH.

A Sukkot celebration outdoors such as at the Peace Garden or Una's farm or elsewhere might be an opportunity to attract new people to participate. Open for suggestions.

With Board member's schedules in mind, Simchat Torah celebration will be scheduled Saturday, October 7, at 6 p.m. with pot luck. Alan will check if HQCG is available from 5 - 8 p.m. Joel and Yehudah will be there. Leslie Harlib may be available on piano. An invitation suggestion was to call the event, "KBS Dance Party with Torah."

CHANUKAH      SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023      3 - 6 p.m.

Alan was asked to cancel the Old A Pavilion site for the Chanukah party. We will use HQCG which has also been booked for that date. A small party is envisioned.

COMMUNITY SEDER

MONDAY 4/22 OR TUESDAY 4/23

Suggestion was made that instead of one large seder that the attendees would be assigned to home seders. There may be a need for seder kits to help those who want to do their own home seder. This topic was tabled for future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

SCRAPBOOKS

Old scrapbooks that have recorded KBS events include pictures of people no longer with us and need to be identified. Digitizing the scrapbooks is time consuming, but the best possible way to keep the memories. If someone wants to scan the pages, Barry could identify the people. Walmart could do it for 25¢ a pic but that would require pre-editing to choose which pages to digitize.

JUDAICA SILENT AUCTION

Herb Weiss has artwork that he would be willing to donate for a fundraiser. He was thinking of an in-person event but the Board thought online would be more feasible. There was some thought that everyone, on the Board at least, is now trying to downsize so not sure who on our mailing list would be interested in buying.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held August 6 at 10 am on Zoom.

Note: Vivienne will be away in California.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nella Silverman  
Secretary

## ADDENDUM

Vivienne's email re next NHC event on July 14 and her speaker's bio:

Shaloha,

I hope you are all having a great summer. I am excited to share the program for our next erev shabbat gathering on July 14th at 6pm.

Dr Nicola Wagenberg, psychologist, artist and filmmaker will be joining us to share her experience growing up in the Jewish community in Bogota, Colombia and the findings of her dissertation on generational Jewish trauma (see below). It's a subject that many of us can relate to.

Bring a potluck item to share (no pork or shellfish). We will meet at our usual spot at No 3 at the Mauna Kea Beach Resort. I hope to see you there.

Shabbat shalom,

Vivienne

Hello! I am Nicola Wagenberg, originally from Bogotá, Colombia where I grew up with both European Jewish and Colombian Indigenous roots. I have been living in the SF Bay Area for the past 30 years. I am a clinical and cultural psychologist, artist and community worker. I grew up in a small Jewish community that mostly came together around WWII. As a third generation descendant of survivors of the Jewish Holocaust I have been impacted by Jewish trauma in many ways throughout my life. For my dissertation I researched the relationship between survivor guilt, and healing intergenerational trauma. I am excited to share about my personal experiences growing up Jewish and what I learned through the process of doing my research. I imagine these topics are very relevant to many of you, so I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your experiences.