

Minutes
Annual Meeting of Congregation
Kona Beth Shalom
September 8, 2024
Zoom (on-line) meeting

MEMBERS LOGGED INTO MEETING (minimum of 14 members needed for quorum)

Barry & Gloria Blum, Sarah Kramer, Vic Greenspan, Trina & Shai Yerlick, Alan & Nella Silverman, Joel Gimpel & Jan Rae, Michael & Ruth Bernstone, Aviva & Yehudah Plaut, Elaine Dobinson, Vivienne & Michael Aronowitz, Heather Friedman Rivera
(Total members = 18)

OPENING PRAYER

Kaddish was said for the latest six hostages killed by Hamas in Gaza, the recent school shootings in Georgia, the turmoil and death in Sudan and worldwide. May peace prevail in the Middle East and may all the hostages be returned.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Joel and seconded, the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barry reflected that he enjoyed his long tenure as KBS president, expressing pride in the congregation's growth and impact, especially the many bnai mitzvot. He discussed the significance of regular Torah study, meetings, and services, emphasizing fellowship over strict business goals. He noted the congregation's future will be different starting in a new venue. Leadership roles and meeting formats could become less formal in the future. He wishes for KBS to continue to grow in size and depth.

CALENDAR FOR 2024-25 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

High Holidays at New Thought Center of Hawaii (NTCH)

Sukkot Rabbi Sydney at Beit Aloha Elohim (BAE), Friday night, October 18

Simchat Torah KBS event at BAE, Saturday afternoon, October 26

Chanukah with BAE December 29

Passover possibly with BAE in 2025

Minor holidays: Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Yom HaShoah, Lag B'Omer, Shavuot, Tisha B'Av

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget for 2025 was submitted by email before the meeting. (See Addendum). Mike reduced the amount of money expected as memberships due to possible membership losses with the change of venue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FACILITIES

First service in August at NTCH went well and we had a good turnout. The aron is stored at NTCH and the prayer books are stored inside. The Zoom worked well with the new TV. Joel noted that we need people in the congregation who are speaking need to wait for the mic so that Zoom attendees can hear them. People stepped in front of the camera and blocked the Zoom view. Alan said he plans to have an additional camera at the next service. The new place is in Kealakekua north of Konawaena School Road at the Discovery Antiques driveway. There are no steps to get into the open lanai where services are held. Alan feels that we need an additional hour of setup for next shabbat there. NTCH provides a reduction in rental fees if we pay for 3 months in advance which Alan will set up by the next shabbat. A suggestion was made to bring a warmer to heat the food as NTCH has no stove and the chafing dishes did not work well.

We have rented a storage unit near NTCH and will be moving out of our old storage facility by the end of this month. This Friday, September 13, Barry has asked Vic and Alan to help move books out of the old storage unit and get them to BAE for storage by 12:30 that afternoon. Aviva asked to be informed about any moving ahead of time so she can make plans to help. Rebecca Barnes plans to have a library eventually at BAE.

WEBSITE

Alan Silverman, along with Elaine Dobinson, have a project to do a general update to refresh the website..

CEMETERY REPORT

Heather visits Beit Hashamayim in Hilo often and has spoken to Josh, the manager, who has suggested a white vinyl fence to replace the current rusting metal one. The mechitza will be sturdier and withstand having to be moved every time there is a burial inside or near the boundary of our part of the cemetery.

Suggestion has been made to put a Jewish cemetery in Waimea on the same property as BAE.

BIKUR CHOLIM/SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Anyone who needs assistance or knows someone who does, please contact KBS through our email, info@konabethshalom.org, or any Board member.

HEBREW SCHOOL

There are no students. When students come to our attention, we might combine with BAE to have fellow students with whom to study. Trina said she has some books from teaching Hebrew school that she can bring to be transported to BAE.

JEWS NEWS AROUND THE ISLAND

The next BAE service will be on Friday, September 27, with Rabbi/Cantor Roz Barak.

BAE will have a reverse Tashlich event at Kawaihae Harbor on September 29, 2024, led by Shayna Cohen of Repair the Sea.

Rabbi/Cantor Roz Barak will lead High Holiday services starting with erev Rosh HaShanah on October 2, 2024.

Heather attended Hilo Chabad lunch and Blessing of the new month of Elul on August 31.

Raquel Glassman of Jewish Community Service, Hawaii Island, is planning another hike. Details to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

According to the bylaws, eighteen is the maximum number of trustees, excluding the past-president. Trina Yerlick and Eva Pierce resigned as Trustees this year. Heather Friedman Rivera was accepted onto the Board this year. Barry Blum is resigning as President. Elaine Dobinson is up for renewal: Vic will no longer be past-president and is up for election as a trustee. The new and renewed trustees were voted onto the board by acclamation. The following are the Board of Trustees and the Hebrew and English years through which their terms run:

1. Vivienne Aronowitz 5786 (2026)
2. Shari Berman 5785 (2025)
3. Michael Bernstone 5785 (2025)
4. Barry Blum will become Immediate Past-President
5. Elaine Dobinson 5787 (2027)
6. Joel Gimpel 5786 (2026)
7. Victor Greenspan 5787 (2027), no longer Immediate Past-President

8. Sarah Kramer 5786 (2026)
9. Heather Friedman Rivera 5787 (2027)
10. Alan Silverman 5785 (2025)
11. Nella Silverman 5785 (2025)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Barry Blum resigned as board president this year. Sarah Kramer resigned as 2nd Vice-President

By acclamation the congregation approved the following as next year's Officers for KBS Board of Trustees:

President

1st VP

2nd VP

Treasurer Mike Bernstone

Secretary Nella Silverman

Since there was no one willing to take on the title of President , 1st Vice-President or 2nd Vice-President, Vic Greenspan, as previous 1st Vice-President, will temporarily take on the role as President until a more complete slate of officers can be found or until the bylaws can be amended to create a triumvirate of leaders without the titles. It was proposed by Joel to table this discussion for another meeting,.

ADJOURNMENT

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. A short Board meeting will follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nella Silverman, Secretary

Kona Beth Shalom
Budget 2025

	Amount
Income	
Contributions Income	3,000.00
Membership Dues	12,000.00
Total Income	<u>15,000.00</u>
Expense	
Credit Card Fees	250.00
Directors & Officers Insurance	900.00
Liability Insurance	625.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Holidays	10,000.00
Sabbath services	500.00
Program Expense - Other	250.00
Rent	7,500.00
Website maintenance	750.00
Total Expense	<u>21,025.00</u>
Interest Income	8,000.00
Net Income	1,975.00

ADDENDUM