



ON BOARD WITH OJO

On June 30, 2024, members gathered for the Annual Meeting in Kalihi Valley. Keiki o Ka 'Aina's lush green landscape provided a soothing backdrop as people shmoozed, noshed, and welcomed the new board: President George Apter; Vice Presidents Melanie Rabirotff & Veronica Abney; Secretaries Karen Kimbrell & Hank Trapido-Rosenthal; Treasurers Harvey & Lynne Rackmil; and At-Large Members: Alma Lemus, Hannah Hall, Jean Rosenfeld, Katie Friedman, Paul Gracie, Sharon Gordon, Sue Brown, and Yahna Kawa'a.



Katie Friedman & George Apter

Photo: Karen Kimbrell



L to R: Sue Brown, Patricia Kawa'a, Hannah Hall, Jean Rosenfeld, Hank Trapido-Rosenthal, Katie Friedman, Alma Lemus Photo: Karen Kimbrell

Mahalo, todah rabah to the outgoing board, Katie Friedman, Alma Lemus, Edwyna Spiegel, Hank Trapido-Rosenthal, Hannah Hall, Harvey & Lynne Rackmil, Jean Rosenfeld, Melanie Rabirotff, Patricia Kawa'a, Paul Gracie, Sue Brown, Veronica Abney, for their dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership.

AT HOME IN OUR COMMUNITY



L to R: Nalani Leonard, George Apter, Sharon Gordon, Bob Brown & Nitza McCarthy

On a warm summer evening in July, Sue and Bob Brown opened their Kailua home yet again for Havdalah--marking the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week. OJO President, George Apter led the intimate service.



L to R: Bob Brown & Earl Kawa'a

Rabbi Schaktman & OJO folks gathered in May 2021 & when evening fell, Karen Kimbrell's garden torches were lit. Bob Brown captured the joy of that evening in his beautiful painting which was presented during our Havdalah gathering July 20, 2024.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Wow! Isn't this new edition of our OJO Newsletter great! Mahalo and Todah Rabah to Yahna Kawa'a for taking this on and so skillfully bringing our OJO Newsletter back to life with a fresh new look. In many ways this re-imagined version of our newsletter is symbolic of the changes your leadership team is working on for OJO. We are at once working to increase our presence in the Hawaii Jewish community and the broader community as we also embrace what makes OJO different and unique — or, as I've been putting it, OJO is Jewish Done Differently. What does that mean exactly — more to come about that. As we work to prepare for the High Holidays with Rabbi Miriam Burg and Rabbi-Cantor Jessica Lenza, we are exploring ways to combine tradition with new approaches and will soon have some exciting news about that as well. In the coming months, with your help and participation, we will be revitalizing our Tikkun Olam commitment, with a variety of experiences in the broader community, including opportunities in learning and working with the Native Hawaiian community. We are also working to re-imagine our movie group, book group and create new options in adult learning. This month we welcome new member, Alex Lichten. Please help make Alex feel welcome as part of our 'ohana and invite others to join our events and our congregation. Personal connections mean the most!

*Lshalom,
George*

AUGUST EVENTS

CELEBRATIONS - SIMCHAS

Birthdays



Edwyna Spiegel, Karen Scheniderman,
Veronica Abney, Ruth Abney,
Alice Tucker, Paul Gracie,
Saundi Schwartz



Anniversaries

Patricia & Earl Kawa'a
Karen Schneiderman & Tracey Messer
Vanessa & Steve Buchtal
Hank & Jean Trapido-Rosental
Andrea & Bob Snyder

- 8/9 Virtual Shabbat 6 PM on Zoom
- 8/10 Virtual Torah Study 9 AM on Zoom
- 8/16 Simcha Shabbat 6:30 PM at Moiliili Hongwanji

MAHALO, YOU'RE A MENSCH!

Alice Tucker, George Apter, Hank Trapido-Rosenthal, Katie Friedman, and Earl & Patricia Kawa'a - Thank you for your generous support for Simcha Shabbat. Special thanks to former President, Katie Friedman for taking us through Egypt to get to the Promised Land. Big mahalo to George Apter for picking up the torch and making sure that OJO is continuing to grow and flourish in many awesome ways!

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