

KOL KINLOSS

Gummy
Bears & Gemara
on Monday
evenings



משפטים
SHABBAT START
5.11pm
SHABBAT END
6.15pm
MISHPATIM

ROSH CHODESH
ADAR IS NEXT
FRIDAY &
SHABBAT - 28
FEBRUARY & 1
MARCH



21-22 February 2025
כ"ד שבט תשפ"ה


KINLOSS

THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY THE DANIEL FAMILY
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SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

5:10pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv in the Large Deal Hall
5:10pm Minyan LaShir in the Beit Midrash
5:00pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

MAZEL TOV
BERTIE LEWIS
on his
Bar Mitzvah

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

7:45am **HASHKAMA** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash
9:00am **SEPHARDI SERVICE** in the Sephardi Synagogue **celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA NASSIMI**
9:15am **MAIN SERVICE** in the Main Synagogue **celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of BERTIE LEWIS and Auf Ruf of ARIEL AMINOFF**
9:30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls
9:30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Rabstein Room
The **YOUTH SERVICE** is on a break for Half Term and will return next week

MAZEL TOV
ARIEL AMINOFF
on his
Aufruf

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NASSIMI
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Bar Mitzvah

10:45am CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Age 0-4 in the Silver Suite with Leah Frankl and Zac Simmons
Reception to Yr 2 in the Nemetnejad Room with Natalie Sommer
Yr 3-Yr 4 in the 1st floor classrooms with Jasmine Bor and Sam Ellis
Yr 5-Yr 6 in the Newman Room with Mia Wohlgemuth and Tomer Doctors

12:30pm **EARLY MINCHA** in the Main Shul

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

5:05pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI BIRNBAUM**, entitled '**AI POWERED ROBOTS & SELF-DRIVING CARS - WHO IS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES?**'

The topical shiur will take place each week approximately half an hour before the end of Shabbat - all welcome!

6:15pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT**

KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite after Maariv sponsored by Joanna Wolff, Tanya Dahan & Zara Blaskey in memory of their father **SIDNEY LANDESBURG z"l**

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the: **HASHKAMA MINYAN** in the Silver Suite

MAIN SERVICE in the Kinloss Suite jointly sponsored by the Lewis family in celebration of **BERTIE'S BAR MITZVAH** and Aminoff family in celebration of **ARIEL'S AUFRUF**

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room



10:15am
ANIM ZEMIROT CLUB
IN THE NEWMAN ROOM
LED BY DAVID LESSER

MAZEL TOV



BERTIE LEWIS

Bertie attends JFS and his hobbies are playing football for a team and watching Brighton and Hove Albion.

Mazel Tov to parents Fleurise & Darren Lewis, sister Hilla and grandparents Geraldine & Stuart Luder and Loraine & David Lewis.



JOSHUA NASSIMI

Joshua attends JFS and his hobbies are reading Harry Potter books, art, football and watching movies.

Mazel Tov to parents Michelle & Danny Nassimi, sister Natasha Gorjian, brother Ben Nassimi and Sammy Nassimi and grandmother Esther Gorjian.

Mazel Tov to Rebecca & David Aminoff on the Aufruf of their son Ariel, and forthcoming marriage to Gabriella, daughter of Louise & Simon Barnard.

Mazel Tov to Alicia & Jonny, Alfie and Louis Cohen on their daughter and sister Lila's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Barbara & Laurence Cohen and Carole & Milton Lindsay.

Mazel Tov to Angela & Mike Abrahams on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter for Debbie & Adam Marks and family. Mazel Tov also to Philippa & Anthony Marks.

Mazel Tov to Isabella & Richard Daniels, Jesse and Jonah on the birth of a son and brother. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Dalia & Michael Hakimian and Steven Daniels, as well as great grandmothers Mahin Hakimian and Pari Lavian. Remembering Sonya Daniels (Savta) with great love at this time.

BIRTHDAYS



Mazel Tov to the children in our community celebrating their birthdays this week:

Ava Posniak (11), Lielle Staub (11)
Lily Golding (8)

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Day	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
Friday	8.45 – 9.15 AM	Rav S R Hirsch on the Parsha	Rabbi Josh	Beit Midrash	All
	10.30 – 11.10 AM	The Derashot of Rabbi Isaac Bernstein	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	All
Shabbat	9.00 – 9.30 AM	*Rambam: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	Deal Hall	All
	Half an hour before Shabbat ends	Contemporary Themes	Rabbi Birnbaum / Rabbi Josh / Guests	Beit Midrash	All
Sunday	8.45 – 9.30 AM	Gemara Megilla	Rabbi Birnbaum	Small Deal Hall	All
Monday	1.30 – 2.10 PM	Key Themes in Sefer Devarim	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	Women
Tuesday	8.45 – 9.15 AM	Sefer Pele Yoetz – Encyclopaedia of Judaism	Rabbi Fine	Beit Midrash	All
Wednesday	8.45 – 9.15 AM	Gemara Berachot	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
	8.00 – 8.45 PM	Timeless Torah Parsha Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
	8.00 – 9.00 PM (fortnightly)	KYC Gemara Chabura	Rabbi Josh	Members' Homes	Men
Thursday	8.50 – 9.15 AM	Nach - Kohelet	Rabbi Heller	Beit Midrash	All
	8.00 – 8.40 PM	Advanced Practical Halacha with Shalem Student Fellowship	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	Women
	8.30 – 9.30 PM (fortnightly)	KYC Practical Halacha Chabura	Rabbi Josh	Members' Homes	Men

* Not taking place this week

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
25th Feb	8.00 – 9.00 PM	Combined Shiur 'The Stories You Weren't Taught In School' & 'Women's Rosh Chodesh' - The Story of Megilat Esther through Adult Eyes	Rebbetzen Tali	Beit Midrash	Women 
27th Feb 20th Mar	12.30 – 1.15 PM	Shiur 'Eitz Chaim'	Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum	Members' Homes	Those in the year of mourning or marking a Yahrzeit 
7th Mar 4th Apr	10.00 – 11.00 AM	Highlights & Hot Drinks – Inspiration around the Jewish year	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Small Deal Hall	Women

Daily: Daf Yomi with Rabbi Moshe Sampson
Nemetnejad Room – 8.00 – 9.00am (Sunday 9.00 – 10.00am)
Monday-Friday: Advanced Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Heller
Persian Sephardi Synagogue – 7.45 – 8.15am

For further information on any of the outstanding learning opportunities on offer at Kinloss, please contact the Shul Office or the speaker directly.

TIMELESS TORAH

PARSHAT MISHPATIM - The Legacy of Personal Responsibility

Law and Morality

After several *parshiyot* recounting the story of the Jewish people until Matan Torah, Parshat Mishpatim is the first parshah that deals primarily with the actual laws of the Torah. Rather than focusing primarily on moral laws, as does Parshat Kedoshim, this parshah is more of a civil code, outlining the various monetary and interpersonal laws that every society needs in order to function. It would be tempting, therefore, to view these laws as inherently less spiritual. But the placement of this parsha following the Ten Commandments (Aseret HaDibrot) is crucial to understanding that the civil laws of the Torah do in fact have religious significance. The Torah is a way of life that guides and informs every decision we make and our civil code is a part of that because it uplifts us morally and spiritually.

The Abarbanel (d. 1508) takes this idea even further. The Aseret HaDibrot were short utterances and the laws of Parshat Mishpatim are meant to expound on them. This, he argues, is reflected in the very first law of Parshat Mishpatim, the law of *eved ivri*, a Jewish person who was sold as a servant to another Jew on account of his destitution. The Torah emphasises that a Jewish servant is never placed in a lifetime bondage but must be released after six years. According to the Abarbanel, this is an extension of 'Lo tirtzach — You shall not murder', because depriving someone of his freedom is like taking away his life. Other ancient nations also understood that murder was inherently wrong, but the laws of *eved ivri* helped us develop an attitude to the evils of murder in every sense.

The laws of lending money offer another example of this. Although the mitzvah to lend money is phrased by the Torah in the conditional — 'If you will lend' (*Shemot* 22:24) — Rashi explains that it is actually a command: we **must** lend money to a person in need. Moreover, we are instructed to lend without interest and to prioritise our lending to impoverished people rather than to the wealthy, despite such a loan being, by nature, unsecure. In fact, we are even prohibited from pressuring someone to repay if he is unable to do so and we are limited in what we may take as a pledge for the loan. It would appear, then, that the mitzvah of lending money should be classified as a *chesed*, a kindness. Yet, this mitzvah is considered a *mishpat*, a law, and questions concerning it are addressed to the *beit din* and deliberated by the *dayanim*. For other nations, perhaps, this would be considered charity, but for us, it is the law of moral living.

Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Salant (d.1981) understands this to be the interpretation of an unusual verse in Parshat Beshalach. Before the Torah was given, the Jewish people encamped at Marah, where they were told about certain laws, described by the Torah as '*chok u'mishpat* — statutes and judgments' (15:25). Generally, a *chok* is a law that has no logical explanation whereas a *mishpat* is a law that can be understood easily. In our parsha, however, the laws seem to be encapsulated within the single term '*mishpatim*'. Rabbi Salant explains that before the Torah was given, our unique attitude to the civil law was seen as a *chok*, unable to be understood and unparalleled by other societies.



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

Wednesdays - 8.00-8.45pm | In-person at Kinloss

After the Revelation at Har Sinai, however, we were able to understand how we are to live our lives as a moral people. As a consequence, these laws can now all rightly be called *mishpatim*.

Responsible Living

A defining feature of this parshah is the significant number of verses that are taken by our Sages to mean something different from their apparent literal meaning. One well-known example is the verse that describes the punishment for causing physical harm to another person: the assailant must give 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' (21:24). Clearly, the correct way of interpreting this verse is that the value of the injury must be assessed and compensated for. In fact, this verse was the basis of a lengthy historical debate, quoted by Ibn Ezra (d. 1167), between Rav Saadiah Gaon (d. 942) and a Karaite scholar known as Ben Zuta, in which Rav Saadiah proved that the verse cannot be taken literally. Why, then, is it written in this way?

The Ibn Ezra explains that if the Torah would merely instruct an assessment to be made of the damage, the seriousness of the offense would not be conveyed. Instead, by phrasing this law so dramatically, the Torah is teaching us to develop a sensitivity to the significance of causing bodily harm. When the attacker compensates their victim for blinding them, they must feel as if their own eye is being removed.

As another example of this principle, if an ox gores a person to death, the ox is killed and the value of the victim must be evaluated

and paid to their inheritors. The verse, however, says that 'the owner of the ox is put to death' (21:29). While the very next verse makes it clear that this is not meant to be taken literally, the Torah is conveying that monetary compensation alone does not reflect the damage that was caused. A moral nation must internalise the consequences of their actions and learn to take full responsibility for negligence.

With these lessons in mind, we can gain an understanding of a cryptic series of verses at the end of the parshah. The Torah informs the Jewish people that their sins will lead to the eventual removal of Hashem's Presence from among them. Instead, they will be led by an agent, identified by the commentators as either an angel (Ramban) or Yehoshua himself (Chizkuni) who would bring them into the Land of Canaan (23:20). The message here is that the aspiration for a morally perfect existence described in Parshat Mishpatim does not depend on the lofty spirituality experienced in the Wilderness. Even when the Jewish people would enter a more mundane existence, devoid of the open miracles to which they had become accustomed, they would always need to accept personal responsibility for the way in which they would lead their lives. Our parsha indeed sets a high bar for moral living, but it is these principles which serve to this very day as a constant guide for our everyday interactions with others.

Next Week: Parshat Terumah - A Giving Home, A Giving Life

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

GROUPS AND CLUBS



MONDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT DISCUSSION GROUP (ONLINE)
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MONDAY 8PM
WOMEN'S PILATES
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/PILATES



TUESDAY 10.30AM
FRIENDSHIP CLUB
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/FRIEND



TUESDAY 2.00PM
BRIDGE
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/BRIDGE



TUESDAY 2.00PM
ART CLASS
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/ART

עברית

TUESDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT CLASSES
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/IVRIT



THURSDAY 10.30AM
CHAIR BASED EXERCISE
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THURSDAY 5.30PM
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CLUB
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8 MARCH
SHABBAT LUNCHEON CLUB
FOR ALL THOSE AGED 70 YEARS
YOUNG AND OVER.
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COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHABBAT
28TH FEB -
1ST MAR

DR TANYA WHITE: SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Tanya White, will be joining us for Shabbat and speaking at a **FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG, SHABBAT FORUM & SHABBAT MINCHA.**

Dr Tanya White, a leading Jewish educator, lectures in Jewish Philosophy at Bar-Ilan University and is senior lecturer of Tanach and Jewish Thought at Matan Women's Institute for Torah Learning.

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MONDAY
3RD MAR
8.00PM

BOOKS & BEYOND - THE RABBI SACKS PODCAST

Join us for a live podcast discussing Rabbi Sacks' ideas in a post October 7th World.

Dr Tanya White in conversation with Daniel Finkelstein OBE and Gila Sacks.

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TUESDAY
4TH MAR
8.00PM

RABBANIT RACHELLE FRAENKEL

The Persian Sephardi Synagogue invite the community to join them for a live shiur followed by a Q & A.

Persian Sephardi Synagogue, Top Floor

THURSDAY
13TH MAR
AFTER
MEGILLA

YOUTH MEGILLA AFTER PARTY

Elisheva & Amichai are hosting an epic Megilla After Party at the shul for Year 7+ featuring a silent disco, photo booth, hot dog & burger dinner, and more! Not to be missed!

SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK NOW AT KINLOSS.ORG.UK/DISCO



Save the Date

KINLOSS COMMUNAL SEDER

2ND NIGHT PESACH - SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

Open to all

Full details to follow

PURIM AT THE KINLOSS FAYRE

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT!
THURSDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

– PURIM EVENING 13TH MARCH –

FAMILY MEGILLAH READING

YOUTH READING

QUIET READING

GIRLS 4 GIRLS

WOMEN 4 WOMEN

PURIM
EXTRAVAGANZA
FOR EVERYONE

LATE NIGHT READING

MEGILLAH READINGS FOR ALL

– PURIM DAY 14TH MARCH –

**SHACHARIT &
MEGILLAH**

WOMEN 4 WOMEN

LATE MORNING READING

**THE FIRST EVER KINLOSS
COMMUNAL PURIM SEUDA**

**RABBI AND REBBETZEN BIRNBAUM. RABBI JOSH
& REBBETZEN TALI. AMICHAI AND ELISHEVA**


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ACTIVITIES. OPEN TO ALL!**

YAHRZEITS

Shabbat 22nd February

Barbara Bleiberg	Father
Stephanie Ferster	Mother
Gerald Gershon	Mother
Alexander Langdon	Father
Karen Leigh	Mother
Ronald Rosenblatt	Father
Heather Taylor	Mother

Sunday 23rd February

Susan Brett	Mother
Aubrey Moher	Father
Susan Shrago	Mother

Monday 24th February

Louise Brayam	Mother
Felice Crown	Husband
Elizabeth Feldmann	Mother
Frances Glassberg	Mother
Harvey Levene	Father
Vivienne Mervis	Mother
Roberta Sanford	Father
Myrna Taylor	Father

Tuesday 25th February

Malcolm Chaplin	Father
Rosalind Fine	Father
Barry Frey	Brother
Evelynne Garbacz	Mother
Izydor Geffner	Mother
John Miller	Mother
Ruth Pittack	Father
Gail Silver	Brother

Wednesday 26th February

Jennifer Morris	Mother
Monica Simons	Father
Jonathan Wynbourne	Brother

Thursday 27th February

Helen Barget	Father
Daniella Ebrahimoff	Father
Adrienne Sussman	Mother
David Watson	Mother

Friday 28th February

Harris Bor	Father
Alistair Halpern	Father
Gerry Lucas	Sister
Philip Platt	Mother
Lorraine Silver	Mother
Raphael Zarum	Father

THE KEHILLA WISHES

חיים ארוכים

**'LONG LIFE' TO THE
FOLLOWING WHO
HAVE Yahrzeit
THIS WEEK**

CONDOLENCES

To Michael Fluss, Aran Fluss, Sharon Cohen, Tamar Smith and Barry Fluss on the passing of their father and brother David Fluss z"l

CONSECRATIONS

Sunday 23rd February 2025, 11.30am
at Bushey Old in memory of Fay Aarons z"l

Sunday 9th March 2025, 10.30am at Bushey
Old in memory of Hanna Nisse z"l

Sunday 9th March 2025, 11.00am at Bushey
New in memory of Kenneth Silver z"l

Monday 17th March 2025, 12.00pm at
Bushey New in memory of Dolores Zeid z"l

Sunday 30th March 2025, 12.00pm at
Bushey Old in memory of George Taylor z"l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 23rd 25 Shevat	Mon 24th 26 Shevat	Tues 25th 27 Shevat	Wed 26th 28 Shevat	Thurs 27th 29 Shevat	Fri 28th 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh
Shacharit	8:00am	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am	6:50am
Shacharit 2	-	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Sephardi Shacharit	8:00am	6:30am	6:45am	6:45am	6:30am	6:30am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	5.20pm	5.20pm	5.20pm	5.20pm	5.20pm	5.20pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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