

KOL KINLOSS



SHUL FOR THE MIND ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

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SHABBAT START

3:38pm

SHABBAT END

4:48pm

VAYEISHEV



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20- 21 December 2024



KINLOSS

THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY CORRINE MULKIS AND FAMILY ON THE YAHRZEIT
OF HER MOTHER EMMA MONAS Z"l

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

3:35pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv
in the Large Deal Hall & Minyan LaShir in the Beit Midrash
3:40pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

7:45am **HASHKAMA** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash
9:00am **SEPHARDI SERVICE** in the Sephardi Synagogue
9:15am **MAIN SERVICE** in the Main Synagogue celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of **SAMUEL PRAGER**
9:30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of **ILAN JESNER**
9:45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

MAZEL TOV
SAMUEL PRAGER
on his
Bar Mitzvah

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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

"Pre-Chanukah
Special"
**Children's
Services**

12:15pm **EARLY MINCHA** in the Main Shul

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3:30pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI JOSH HARRIS**, entitled '**RESPONSA FROM HEAVEN: HALACHIC DECISION MAKING IN DREAMS**'

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

4:48pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION
OF SHABBAT**

SHIUR ON SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
@4.15pm (after Maariv)
for half an hour

CHANUKAH FAQs FROM THE RABBI'S DESK
A HALACHIC OVERVIEW WITH
RABBI BIRNBAUM

10.15am
ANIM ZEMIROT CLUB
IN THE NEWMAN ROOM
LED BY DAVID LESSER



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Chicken Soup Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite Foyer after Maariv.

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA MINYAN in the Silver Suite
MAIN AND MINYAN Joint kiddush in the Kinloss Suite sponsored by:

Sandrine & Ashley Prager to celebrate Samuel's Bar Mitzvah and

Ora & Ari Jesner to celebrate Ilan's Bar Mitzvah



MAZEL TOV



Bar Mitzvah - Ilan Jesner

Ilan attends Habs and hobbies are carpentry, gardening and hockey. Ilan has volunteered for Gift for his Yoni Jesner Award and he will be doing the Bnei Mitzvah Challenge this summer to raise money for charity.

Mazel Tov also to parents Ora & Ari and grandparents, Yael & Simon Cohen, Marsha Gladstone and Joseph Jesner.



Bar Mitzvah - Samuel Prager

Samuel attends JFS and loves tennis, table tennis, football and golf. Samuel is going to do the Bnei Mitzvah Challenge.

Mazel Tov also to parents Ashley & Sandrine Prager, brother David. Remembering late grandparents Hellen Prager z"l, Cyril Prager z"l, Yvette Korcia z"l and Georges Korcia z"l

Mazel Tov to Anna and Dani Schuchman on the engagement of their daughter Ella to Saul, son of Michal & Eli Mocton of Manchester. Mazel Tov to grandparents Sally & Aubrey Moher, Lesley & Sidney Schuchman (Boca Raton, FL), Jonathan & Shulamit Pfeffer (Manchester), Sam Mocton (Manchester) and great-grandmother Marilyn Trager (Vero Beach, FL)

Mazel Tov to Rosalyn & Ian Liss on the birth of a great grandson. Grandson to Rabbi Nicky & Shuli Liss and son to Devorah & Mischa Dembovsky.

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

Jake Goodman (8), Tamar Klein (5), Tamara Hoddes (9)
Annabelle Sloam (11), Matilda Green (5), Felicity Sandberg (4)
Sadie Joseph (5), Levi Rosenberg (3), Noam Shaer (11)
Dylan Cowan (5) Reuben Ezra (6)



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: Mishna Torah	Rabbi Zarum	Large 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	Navi – Sefer Iyov	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
21st Jan 18th Feb	8.00 – 9.00 PM	The Stories You Weren't Taught In School (3 Part Series)	Rebbetzen Tali	Members' Homes	Women
20th Dec 7th Feb 7th Mar 4th Apr	10.00 – 11.00 AM	Highlights & Hot Drinks – Inspiration around the Jewish year	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Small Deal Hall	Women
6th Jan 3rd Feb 3rd Mar	8.00 – 9.00 PM	Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur	Rebbetzen Elisheva / Rebbetzen Tali / Guest Speakers	Beit Midrash	Women
23rd Jan 20th 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

THIS WEEK!

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 VAYEISHEV - Fractured Perspectives, Fractured Visions

Approaches to Change

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Parshat Vayeishev and the next few *parshiyot* form the longest single narrative of the Torah. They are a backdrop for enduring lessons in navigating the challenges of communal leadership in changing circumstances.

A magnificent interpretation of Yosef's dreams by Rav Soloveitchik (d.1993) begins with a small but powerful detail. Yaakov's family were, and had always been, shepherds by occupation. Yet, when Yosef envisions his brother's bowing down to him, he dreams in a context of crop farming. The brothers picked up on this seemingly insignificant anomaly and understood its message. They recognized that the dream about the sheaves of wheat was actually set in Egypt and not in Canaan, and they understood that Yosef was cognizant of the family's looming destiny of exile. Yosef's dream underscored the necessity of preparation for change. He recognized that survival in a foreign land would require adaptability and new skills. The brothers, on the other hand, rejected this vision, preferring to trust in Divine providence.

Throughout our long history, we have frequently experienced this clash of perspectives. We have been in certain situations where things have been stable, but then, the winds of change blow. At such junctures, there are always competing forces among the Jewish

people as to how to react. There are those who prefer an idealized adherence to the present and others who engage in a realistic appraisal of an uncertain future. In this debate between Yosef and his brothers, Rav Soloveitchik concludes, the events of the ensuing *parshiyot* clearly side with Yosef. Without the true fulfillment of Yosef's dreams, Yaakov and his entire family would have perished in famine.

A Unique Perspective

When all of Yosef's brothers plotted to kill him, only Reuven stood up for him. Why was it Reuven who saved Yosef? The Midrash tells us that Reuven had a different perspective on the dreams than the other brothers had. While they felt threatened by Yosef's vision of ruling over them, Reuven felt encouraged. We know from last week's *parshah* that Reuven had undergone a certain experience in which he had interfered with his father's marital arrangements, and as a result he felt ostracized by the rest of the family. Yosef's dream, which featured all eleven stars bowing to him, offered Reuven reassurance that he was still counted among the brothers. This inclusion shifted Reuven's outlook on Yosef and his dreams.

Later in the narrative, this divergence of perspectives becomes clearer. The brothers are in Yosef's palace in Egypt, dismayed at the thought of having to fetch Binyamin. In a moment of introspection, they berate themselves, saying, '*Asheimim anachnu al asher ra'inu tzarat nafsho... v'lo shamanu*—We are guilty for having seen [Yosef's] distress and not heeding (Bereishit 42:21)'. The brothers, at this stage, do not regret what they did; the



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

only culpability they find in themselves is for not behaving more mercifully. Reuven, on the other hand, asserts that, '*atah damo nidrash*—now his blood is being sought'. We should not have touched him altogether, he tells his brothers, and now we are being punished for assailing him.

Rabbi Aharon Kotler (d.1962) explains that Reuven's recognition of his own faults allowed him to view Yosef's dream as a vision for the unification of the tribes of Israel rather than as a threat to the continuity of the family. Our interpretation of external events is shaped significantly by the state of our inner self. If we view ourselves in a particular light, we are likely to continue that perspective in how we construe things that occur to us. If we acknowledge our own shortcomings and the virtues of our friends, it makes a radical difference in our reaction towards other people's conduct.

The Value of Responsibility

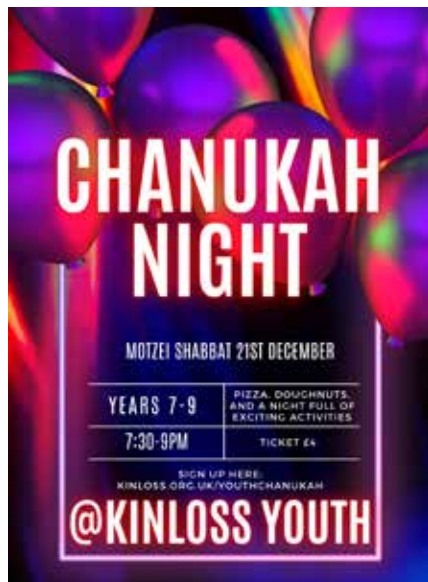
Another lesson on the theme of fractured perspectives can be gleaned from an analysis of the dreams of the butler and the baker at the end of the parsha. Yosef is thrown into jail and has the opportunity to interpret the dreams of his fellow inmates, former attendants of Pharaoh. The butler, in his dream, sees the vines flowering and the grapes growing. Then, he presses the grapes into Pharaoh's goblet. The baker also dreams of his former role in the palace, and he tells Yosef that in his vision, he was holding three baskets of bread, but instead of serving them, the birds were pecking at them. Yosef interprets these dreams to foretell the butler's reinstatement and the baker's execution.

Rav Nissan Alpert (d.1986) explains the difference between the two dreams. The butler and the baker, as officials in the palace, were probably not directly involved in serving Pharaoh; presumably, the work was done by their subordinates. Nevertheless, the butler's dream reflects his acknowledgment of personal accountability. He envisions himself directly involved in serving Pharaoh, signalling his readiness to learn from his mistakes. In contrast, in the baker's dream, the bread is already baked and placed in baskets on his head, portraying passivity and reflecting his refusal to take ownership of past failures. Interestingly, the verses seem to say that the baker was also given back his role before he was put to death. According to Rav Alpert, Pharaoh reinstated both of them to test whether they had learned their lesson. When he witnessed the baker's failure to take responsibility, his fate was sealed.

For Yosef, these events served as a critical formative lesson. When he later ascends to power in Egypt, Yosef does not stand on a pedestal and delegate responsibility for supporting the country during the famine. Rather, he personally oversees the distribution of food. In fact, it was precisely this fact that was the key to him encountering his brothers when they came to buy provisions for their family. Yosef learned his lesson from the butler and the baker and made sure that he was intimately involved in looking after the people under his charge.

Next week: Parshat Mikeitz - Points of Light in the Confusion of Night

KINLOSS YOUTH



What a couple of weeks it's been at Kinloss Youth! Last week saw the return of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah programmes, with the boys taking a special trip to The Warehouse in Hendon, where they learnt the importance of mental health in Judaism and the girls enjoying a Challah bake and learning about the importance of the Mitzvah of Hafrashat Challah.

We also practiced the art of debate in Learn2Lead (is Batman really a better Jew than Superman?) and our incredible year 11-13s continued to grow in the latest edition of Gummy Bears & Gemara.

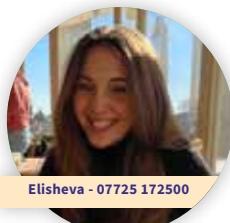
Today is the final youth service of the term, but we're certainly going out with a bang! We're looking forward to our Friday Night Dinner with year 10 & 11, before they will be joined by the sixth formers for Friday Night Live, featuring Noam Ebrahimoff, a London-based soldier who has just returned from a year in Gaza. More Youth Dinners and Friday Night Lives to come too, so watch this space!

However, the highlight of the week will definitely be this Motzei Shabbat's Chanukah Party for Years 7-9! We can't wait to see everyone there!

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MINYAN HaTZA'IR @KINLOSS

Minyan HaTzair is a new Minyan that will be launching at Kinloss on Shabbat 18th January.

The Minyan is for all graduates (or similar!), filling a gap for both the Finchley and wider communities. Minyan HaTzair will be the only service of its kind in the North West London area and will bring a wide-range of young adults into Kinloss.

THE RABBINIC TEAM, EXECUTIVE, COUNCIL AND KINLOSS OFFICE
TEAM WISH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY A CHANUKAH SAMEACH.



COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS



**28 DECEMBER
5.30PM**
Chanukah Celebration



KINLOSS CARES CHANUKAH TEA PARTY

Monday 23rd December
3.00 - 4.30pm
in the Deal Hall

Call to book
Rochelle 020 8349 5263

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**OUR HEROES FROM
THE FRONT LINE**
HEAR THE
EXPERIENCES OF 3 IDF
SOLDIERS
**MONDAY, 27TH
JANUARY**



SAVE THE DATE

THE ANNUAL FAMILY SHABBATON

8TH FEB 2025 —

Bringing the families of Kinloss together

For families with children ages 0-18

More details coming soon

Keep your lunch plans free!

Pre book now at
[kinloss.org.uk/
famshab](https://kinloss.org.uk/famshab)



CHATS FOR CHAPS AND MONDAY MATTERS (women's discussion group)

with Guest Speaker
Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum
Monday 6th January 2025
at 11am in the Deal Hall
call: Rochelle 020 8349 5263
Email: kinlosscares@kinloss.org.uk

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KYC FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG

10TH JANUARY 2025

YAHREZEITS

Shabbat 21st December

Cydlar Adler	Sister
Martin Coleman	Father

Sunday 22nd December

Anne Cavendish	Mother
Karen Davis	Mother
Keith Graham	Mother
Sally Saunders	Father
Colin Sive	Father
Sarah Weisz	Father

Monday 23rd December

Farita Franklin	Mother
Rami Kanzen	Brother
Pamela Plesner	Husband
Aviva Shoolman	Mother

Tuesday 24th December

Felice Crown	Mother
Wendy Ellis	Mother
Joachim Frank	Father
Edna Moser	Husband
Henry Newman	Brother
Harold Stewart	Brother

THE KEHILLA
WISHES
חיים ארוכים
'LONG LIFE' TO THE
FOLLOWING WHO HAVE
YAHREZEIT
THIS WEEK

Wednesday 25th December

Geoffrey Azizollahoff	Mother
Martin Azizollahoff	Mother
Sadie Bloom	Sister
Doreen Brown	Mother
Lynda Corcoran	Mother
Marilyn Dvorkin	Father
Ruth Glass	Mother
Judith Greenberg	Mother
Laurence Greenspan	Sister
Corinne Mulkis	Mother
Elaine Renshaw	Father
Rhoda Robinson	Mother

Thursday 26th December

Irene Alizade	Husband
Max Bernstone	Mother
Martin Coleman	Mother
Benson Greenberg	Mother
Hertz Hagai	Father
Michael Jacobs	Father
Martin Landsman	Mother
David Orlans	Father

Friday 27th December

Michelle Azizollahoff	Father
David Ebrahimoff	Father
Eitan Epstein	Brother
Janet Gold	Daughter
Lilian Green	Mother
Michael Kamlish	Father
Gillian Linke	Father
Julie Russell	Father

CONSECRATIONS

Wednesday 8th January 2025, 12pm at
Bushey Old Cemetery in memory of Hetty
Phillips z"l

Sunday 12th January 2025, 11am at Hoop
Lane Sephardi Cemetery in memory of
Jonathan Seres z"l

Sunday 2nd February 2025, 12pm at
Bushey New in memory of Brian Graham
z"l

Wednesday 12th February 2025, 11am at
Bushey New in memory of Edith Breskin z"l

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

CONDOLENCES

To Lorraine Silver, Jonathan Moss, Libby
& Harry Moss and Jeremy Silver on the
passing of their daughter, wife, mother
and sister Melody Moss z"l

To Gila Hakimian on the passing of her
father, Rachamim Betsaleli z"l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 22nd 21 Kislev	Mon 23rd 22 Kislev	Tues 24th 23 Kislev	Chanukah 1st Night Wed 25th 24 Kislev	Chanukah 2nd Night Thurs 26th 25 Kislev	Chanukah 3rd Night Fri 27th 26 Kislev
Shacharit	8:00am	7:00am	7:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Shacharit 2	-	8:00am	8:00am	-	-	-
Sephardi	7:50am	6:45am	6:45am	8:00am	8:00am	7:00am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:35pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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