

KOL KINLOSS



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LaShir

Service starts: 7.00pm

Candle lighting: 7.15pm

Shabbat Ends: 8.41pm

SHOFTIM



KINLOSS

29 - 30 August 2025

וי אלול תשפ"ה

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

Earliest candle lighting - 6.27pm

7.00pm Minyan LaShir in the Large Deal Hall (candles should be lit at 7.15pm)

Minyan Sheini resumes on Friday 5th September 2025

7.00pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit

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 SAM TOFFEL and AUFRUF of MAX STEIN

9.15am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls celebrating the
BAR MITZVAH of ISAAC SHIERS

9.30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Rabstein Room

YOUTH SERVICE will resume on 6th September

10.45am **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Yr 0-4 in the Small Deal Hall with Leah Frenkel

Reception - Yr 2 in the Nemetnejad Room with Natalie Sommer

Yr 3-6 in the Newman Room with Gila Schajer and Natan Ruback

MAZEL TOV
TO SAM TOFFEL
ON HIS BAR
MITZVAH

MAZEL TOV
TO MAX STEIN
ON HIS
AUFRUF

MAZEL TOV
TO ISAAC
SHIERS ON HIS
BAR MITZVAH

7.00pm **TZURBA (PRACTICAL HALACHA) CHABURA** with **RABBI JOSH HARRIS**

7.30pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora

Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI BIRNBAUM**, entitled 'The Rambam & The Return to Egypt'

8.41pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT**



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

SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

HASHKAMA in the Silver Suite

MAIN KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite
jointly sponsored by **LEANNE & ROBERT
TOFFEL** in celebration of **SAM'S BAR
MITZVAH** and **ANDREA & JEFFREY
STEIN** in celebration of **MAX'S AUFRUF**

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room



MAZEL TOV



SAM TOFFEL

Sam attends Haberdashers Boys School. He enjoys playing football, golf, travelling, music and supporting Tottenham Hotspur. Sam volunteered with Project Impact for Israel for his Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to parents Robert & Leanne, sisters Ella and Rachel and grandparents Irving & Lilian Toffel and Alan & Dalya Malkow (from Israel).



ISAAC SHIERS

Isaac attends JFS. His hobbies include football, gaming, cooking and Star Wars. He marked his Bar Mitzvah by raising money for Camp Simcha and Zaka, through the Bnei Mitzvah challenge.

Mazel Tov to parents Libie & Andy Shiers, sister Mirielle, brother Gabriel and grandparents Dalia Emslie and Estelle Shiers.

Mazel tov to Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum on the birth of their first grandson, Chaim Zundel, a son to Nechama & Yossi Lebrett in Yerushalayim. Mazel tov also to grandparents Libby & Jeremy Lebrett, great grandparents Ruth & Wayne Birnbaum, Judy & Richard Kaufman, Judith & Stuart Lebrett and Ita Rubin and great great grandmothers Daphne Kaufman and Bernice Kritz.

Mazel tov to Max Stein on his Aufruf and forthcoming wedding to Chloe Lauffer. Mazel tov also to parents Andrea & Jeffrey Stein and Arlette & Gideon Lauffer on the forthcoming marriage of their children.

Mazel tov to Sally & Scott Saunders and Adit & Zvi Shechter on the birth of a granddaughter, Remi Deena, daughter to Jordana & Oryan Shechter.

Mazel tov to Richard & Shirley Ellis on the birth of a grandson in Israel to Rafi & Penina Ellis.

Mazel tov to Sharon & Jeremy Kenley and Claudia & Dan Talisman on the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam Shaindel, a daughter to Danielle & Nati Talisman. Mazel tov also to great grandparents Esther Sherman and David Sherman, Shirley & Oliver Kenley and Rosalie Talisman. Remembering Arnold Talisman z'l and Marion & Leonard Lewis z'l at this happy time.

Mazel tov to Debbie & Carlos Meszarich, Sarah & Aron Schlagman, and Sarah & Jonathan Harris on the engagement of their children, Jordana Schlagman to Alexander Harris. Mazel tov also to grandparents Susan & Bernard Wolff, Sharon & Jack Schlagman, and Marcia & Bernard Harris. Remembering grandparents Rhoda & Basil Davis z'l at this happy time.

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

Day	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
Friday	8.45 – 9.15am	Rav S R Hirsch on the Parsha	Rabbi Josh		All
	10.30 – 11.10am	*The Derashot of Rabbi Isaac Bernstein	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	All
Shabbat	8.45 - 9.15am	Rambam: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	Deal Hall	All
	Half an hour before Mincha	Tzurba (Practical Halacha) Chabura	Rabbi Josh		All
Sunday	8.45 – 9.30am	Gemara Megilla	Rabbi Birnbaum		All
Monday	1.30 – 2.10pm	*Key Themes in Sefer Devarim	Rabbi Fine		Women
Tuesday	8.45 – 9.15am	*Sefer Pele Yoetz – Encyclopaedia of Judaism	Rabbi Fine	Beit Midrash	All
	8.15 - 9.15pm @ Rabbi Josh's home	L'Chaim & Learn	Rabbi Josh	@ Rabbi Josh's home	All
Wednesday	8.45 – 9.15am	Gemara Berachot	Rabbi Birnbaum		All
	8.00 - 8.45pm	Timeless Torah Parashat Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum		All
Thursday	8.50 - 9.15am	Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin	Rabbi Heller		All

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Daily: Daf Yomi with Rabbi Moshe Sampson
Nemetnejad Room – 8.00 – 9.00am (Sunday 9.00 – 10.00am)

* Not taking place this week. Please check table to see when this resumes.

KINLOSS BAR MITZVAH PROGRAMME 2025/26

PARENT-SON PROGRAMME FOR BOYS IN YEARS 7 & 8

9 fun and interactive sessions, including three group outings!

Explore key topics that will enhance the meaning of the Bar Mitzvah year

Meet the rest of the Kinloss boys celebrating their Bar Mitzvah next year!



Dates: (Wednesdays)

5th November

3rd December

7th January

11th February

11th March

15th April

13th May

10th June

(one Sunday to be added at a later date)



Please note that the Bar Mitzvah Programme is for Kinloss members only

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speak to Rabbi Josh
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TIMELESS∞TORAH

Summer Reflections

PARSHAT SHOFTIM - PERSONAL INVESTMENT IN COMMUNAL JUSTICE

Personal Investment in Communal Justice

The themes of this week's parshah, Shoftim, overwhelmingly focus on the *klal* (community) rather than the *yachid* (individual). The parshah sets out the rules needed to establish a judicial system, appoint a king, create cities of refuge (*arei miklat*), rules of warfare, and how to deal with challenging cases brought before the Sanhedrin. This parshah lays out foundational principles for a just, orderly society, emphasizing collective responsibility and necessary structures. This collective focus underscores a fundamental Jewish principle: individual flourishing is inextricably linked to communal health. Our personal spiritual journeys are not isolated but enriched and sustained by the communal framework within which they exist.

Yet, a striking paradox appears in the opening verses. The Torah states, '*Shoftim v'Shotrim Titen Lecha* - You (singular) shall appoint judges and officers (16:18).' Of all mitzvot, the communal obligation to establish justice systems would appear to require plural phrasing! No single individual appoints all judges; it is the essence of communal responsibility. This singular phrasing implies that their must be a subtle, deeper message embedded within the text.

Some commentators, like Rabbi Moshe Feinstein (New York, d.1986) in *Darash Moshe*, learn from this singular phrasing a reminder of the continuous need for self-judgment and personal reflection. Where are we in life? Where are we headed? Are we living up to our standards? This interpretation emphasizes that true communal order begins with individual accountability and within personal integrity. Before demanding justice from others, we must ensure that we have it within ourselves.

However, a simpler, yet equally profound reason for this singular phraseology might be that, in the Torah's eyes, the only effective way to approach communal responsibility is to place it, personally, on each member of the community. If we assume that 'someone else will do it,' problems arise. True communal flourishing demands personal investment. It must be personal. So that even the loftiest appointments, like the *shoftim* (judges), feel like they are my personal appointment. This is because I am deeply invested in the *kehilla* - it is an integral part of who I am. This personal ownership transforms passive membership into active partnership, making each individual a guardian of the community's values and future.

This attitude is also crucial because the more personally invested we are, the more we genuinely care. And the more we care, the more likely we are to do whatever is necessary for success, regardless of adverse circumstances or required *mesirut nefesh* (self-sacrifice). This personal commitment transforms abstract ideals into tangible action, making us active participants in building our collective future. This profound sense of personal responsibility has historically enabled Jewish communities to endure and thrive through countless challenges, demonstrating unparalleled resilience rooted in individual dedication.

The Pursuit of Justice: Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof

This understanding leads to the Torah's following immortal words - '*Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof* - Justice, justice you shall pursue (17:20)'. The phrase *tirdof* - 'to pursue' - is unusual. Softer words could have been used.



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

Wednesdays: 8.00-8.45pm | In-person at Kinloss
(returning 3rd September)

Redifah (pursuit) conjures an intense, single-minded, even relentless chase, implying something dramatic, requiring a person to run after it at almost any cost. This strong verb is chosen because when the aim, the ultimate goal - in this case, the Jewish people creating a society based on *tzedek*, righteousness - is so profoundly important, it is worth pursuing with every fiber of our being, whatever challenges arise. The double mention of *tzedek* emphasizes its absolute importance, not just as a legal concept but as a moral imperative permeating every facet of society.

This focus on inherent challenges in pursuing *tzedek* - the understanding that the easiest path may often be wrong - is reflected in many statements of our Sages on this verse. Rashi brings a Midrash (Sifri): '*Halech achar beit din yafeh*, Go after a beautiful (excellent) court.' This teaches us to ensure that the Beit Din we select is truly the best. Don't settle for the easiest option. Get it right, take the time - because true justice is worth the effort and discernment. It demands diligence, integrity, and a refusal to compromise on the highest standards of fairness.

The Gemara in Sanhedrin 32b comments on the double word 'tzedek' used in this verse, with the observation: '*Echad ladin, v'echad lepushara*, 'One [word] *tzedek* refers to judgment, and one to compromise.' This reveals *tzedek* is not solely strict legal adjudication but also the wisdom to find common ground and engender harmony. The Gemara illustrates this with two examples: two ships meeting in a narrow river, where simultaneous passage sinks both, but sequential passage saves both. Similarly,

two camels ascending a steep, narrow path; simultaneous climbing causes both to fall, but sequential climbing saves both. The Ben Yehoyada (written by Rabbi Yosef Chaim of Bagdad, known as the Ben Ish Chai, d.1909) in his commentary on this Gemara explains the need for two examples here: a ship waiting is pragmatic. A camel driver holding his camel on a treacherous path is trickier, risking personal safety. Yet, it is still worth it. Though more difficult, the peace of compromise means more than rigid adherence to immediate advantage. True justice sometimes requires flexibility, empathy, and the foresight to prioritize long-term peace over short-term victory.

Obstacles to communal life are always present: external pressures, internal complexities, and human inclination towards convenience. Easier options might seem appealing, tempting us from the effort needed for collective strength. But every time we actively engage in communal life, we send a powerful sign to ourselves and our families that our community, our *kehilla*, matters deeply. In doing so, we fulfill the Torah's command - '*Shoftim v'Shotrim Titen Lecha* - Don't let someone else do it, do it yourself.' We are called upon to be leaders, to stand up and be counted, to take personal ownership of our collective destiny. This is the essence of Jewish communal responsibility: not waiting for others but recognizing our individual capacity and obligation to contribute. It is in these personal acts of commitment, that the real collective strength of the *kehilla* is forged and sustained.

COMING UP

GROUPS AND CLUBS



MONDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT DISCUSSION GROUP (ONLINE)
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/CHUG



MONDAY 8PM
WOMEN'S PILATES
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/PILATES



TUESDAY 10.00AM
FRIENDSHIP CLUB
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/FRIEND



TUESDAY 2.00PM
BRIDGE
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/BRIDGE



THURSDAY 5.30PM
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CLUB
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/TABLETENNIS



SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
11.00AM
SHUL FOR THE MIND

Shabbat
Forum
with Lord Mann
HM Government's
Independent Adviser on
Antisemitism



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6th September, 11:30am
Main Shul
Followed by kiddush in the Kinloss Suite


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AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**STARTS
TUES 2 SEP
8.15PM**

L'CHAIM & LEARN

Every Tuesday night, Tractate Taanit for beginners
with Rabbi Josh.

Join the WhatsApp group www.kinloss.org.uk/l&l

**THIS
WEEK!**

KINLOSS PRE ROSH HASHANA

**AN EVENING OF
SONG & INSPIRATION**

Sunday 14th September 2025, 8:00 PM

Join us for a magical evening of uplifting music,
nostalgic melodies, soulful stories & spiritual insights
in preparation for Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur.

Led by Rabbi Dov Cowan &
the Kinloss Rabbinic Team

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Birnbaum**

**Rebbitzen Elisheva
Birnbaum**

**Rabbi Dov
Cowan**

**Rebbitzen Tali
Harris**

**Rabbi Josh
Harris**

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BIRTHDAYS



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

Lev Morris 11, Zev Mosafi (9), Emmie Krieger (4),
Joseph Savitz (9), Guy Perilly (10), Jesse Daniels (8),
Halelya Mindell (2), Nathaniel Davidson (6), Rocco Polak (2)

HIGH HOLY DAYS SECURITY

HIGH HOLY DAYS CRITICAL SECURITY TRAINING SESSIONS

Location: Kinloss Synagogue

Date: Tuesday, 9th September 2025

Time: 19:30–21:30

**Led by CST in conjunction with the
Kinloss security team**

Open to all members whether you are a current member of the team or hoping to be one in the future.

It is essential that we enhance our level of preparedness. The team will outline the core procedures needed for us to work as a team and respond as one in the event of an incident. This information will be shared at this session – so it is vital that everyone attends.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
kinloss.org.uk/hhdst

**Thank you for your ongoing commitment
to keeping our community safe**


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YAH RZEITS

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

Shabbat 30th August

Adrienne Bearman	Sister
Sandra Delroy	Sister
Denis Felsenstein	Father
Elizabeth Gaty	Mother
Beverley Goodman	Mother
Bernard Goodwin	Sister
Caroline Gray	Father
Anthony Kraiss	Brother
Norman Rose	Father
John Simons	Son
Monica Simons	Son
Birthe Tager	Sister

Sunday 31st August

Gary Bull	Mother
Deborah Laurier	Mother
Martin Morris	Father
Carole Paule	Father
Rosalind Seres	Mother
Anthony Warrens	Father

Monday 1st September

Evelyn Sassoon	Father
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Tuesday 2nd September

Deborah Blackston	Father
David Cramer	Father
Gloria Lebetkin	1 st Husband
Joanna Mindell	Father
Jill Pivnik	Mother

Wednesday 3rd September

Josephine Cohen	Brother
Heather Gedalla	Father
Julia Jackson	Husband
Clare Lesser	Father
Alfred Poser	Father
Jennifer Sosnow	Father
Lisa Woolfson	Father

Thursday 4th September

Lorraine Isaacs	Father
Gloria Lebetkin	Brother
Linda Renshaw	Mother
Alison Ross	Father
Paul Turner	Mother

Friday 5th September

Rodwin Jackson	Father
Marilyn Markham	Father
Susan Sharp	Sister
Elimelech Sufrin	Father

CONDOLENCES

Dani Tapnack, Nikki Hyames, Gemma Roskin and Martyn Slyper on the passing of their mother and wife Deborah Slyper z'l

Margirit Zakaei and Helen Solaimani on the passing of their husband and father Elyas Zakaei z'l

CONSECRATIONS

Sunday 31st August 2025, 11am at Bushey Old in memory of Sidney Bowles z'l

Sunday 7th September 2025, 3.30pm at Rainham Cemetery in memory of Norman Leff z'l father of Joshua Leff

Sunday 14th September 2025, 1.30pm at Bushey Old in memory of Renate Altmann z'l

Sunday 14th September 2025, 2pm at Bushey New Cemetery in memory of Carol Marks z'l mother of Avi Marks

Sunday 28th September 2025, 11.00am at Willesden in memory of Marian Phillips z'l

Sunday 19th October 2025, 12.30pm at Bushey New in memory of Angela Lucas z'l

Sunday 26th October 2025, 2.45pm at Waltham Abbey in memory of Helen Prager z'l mother of Ashley Prager

Wednesday 29th October 2025, 10.30am at Bushey Old in memory of Miriam Margolin z'l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 31 st August 7 Elul	Mon 1 st September 8 Elul	Tue 2 nd September 9 Elul	Wed 3 rd September 10 Elul	Thurs 4 th September 11 Elul	Fri 5 th September 12 Elul
Shacharit	8.00am	7.00am	7.00am	7.00am	7.00am	7.00am
Shacharit 2	-	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am
Sephardi Shacharit	8.00am	6.30am	6.45am	6.45am	6.30am	6.45am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.00pm

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