

KOL KINLOSS



Enjoying
the Simchat Beit
Hashoeva at the
Birnbauts



בראשית

Service Starts: 5.45pm
Candle lighting: 5.49pm

Shabbat Ends: 6.49pm

**Rosh Chodesh
Cheshvan:
Wednesday 22nd
& Thursday 23rd
October**

Bereishit

17th - 18th October 2025

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SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

5.40pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit in the Sephardi Synagogue
5.45pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat (Minyan LaShir) in the Deal Halls
5.49pm Candle Lighting

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
9.30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls
9.30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Rabstein Room
9.45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

10.45am CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Age 0-4 in the Kinloss Suite Foyer with Sonia
Reception - Yr 2 in the Nemetnejad Room with Natalie
Yr 3-4 in the 1st floor classrooms with Jasmine, Amitai and Louis
Yr 5-6 in the Newman Room with Ora and Ari

5.40pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **GUEST SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **Rabbi Dov Birnbaum**, entitled '**21st Century Shabbat Dilemmas**'.

Rabbi Dov Birnbaum is Rabbi of The Seed Shul, Edgware, and Head of the Hasmonean Girls Sixth Form Midrasha. He is also the voice at the end of Seed's Halacha Hotline where he fields halachic questions on a wide range of topics.

6.49pm **MA'ARIV & SHABBAT ENDS**



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA in the Silver Suite

MAIN KIDDUSH The Chatan Bereishit invites the whole community to kiddush in the Kinloss Suite

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room

YOUTH KIDDUSH in the Liora Graham Beit Hamidrash



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

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Adam, Talia, Poppy, Wolf and Charlie Savitz on Harry's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to grandparents Anne-Marie & Laurence Savitz and Pearl & Shimmy Lopian.

Mazel tov to Daniel Tuhrim and Francesca Baum on their aufruf this Shabbat and upcoming wedding. Mazel tov to parents Paul & Karen Tuhrim and Jeff & Nikki Baum. Mazel tov also to grandparents on this special occasion.

Mazel Tov to Angela & Gary Bull and Hallie Tamara Palmer on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Gabriella & Steven Palmer. Mazel Tov also to great grandmother Helen French.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Aaron Stiefel-Sevitt (9), Hugo Esterkin (8), Emma Taylor (7),
Jessica Cohen (11), Zachary Nyman (9), Aaron Roomer (4),
Jamie Spencer (11), Isabelle Dyan (9), Sophie Dyan (9)

**THE CHATAN BEREISHIT AND ALL THE
NACHSHEN FAMILY WARMLY INVITE THE
WHOLE COMMUNITY TO KIDDUSH IN THE
KINLOSS SUITE ON SHABBAT BEREISHIT**



LEARNING AT KINLOSS

WEEKLY SHIURIM

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	9am - 9.30am	Rambam: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	Deal Hall	All
Sunday	8.45 – 9.30am	Gemara Megilla	Rabbi Birnbaum	Deal Hall	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	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 Parsha Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum		All
Thursday	8.50 - 9.15am	Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin	Rabbi Heller		All

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

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
28th October, 18th November, 9th December	8.00 - 8.45pm	Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur on Shoftim	Rebbetzen Tali	Beit Midrash	Women
30th October	12.30 - 1.15pm	Shiur 'Eitz Chaim'	Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum	Members' Home. <i>Contact Samantha Sussman (020 8349 5269) for the address</i>	Those in the year of mourning or marking a Yahrzeit

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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For more info, please
speak to Rabbi Josh
07721423316



£65 per participant



TIMELESS ∞ TORAH

BEREISHIT - Perspectives & First Principles

The Power of Perspective

'The task is...not so much to see what no one has yet seen; but to think what nobody has yet thought, about that which everybody sees.' (Arthur Schopenhauer, d.1860)

One of Rashi's first comments on the Torah is remarkable, not only for its content but for its deviation from the style that generally characterises Rashi's commentary. Rashi examines the grammatical construct form of the word *'bereishit* – in the beginning' which appears to be incongruous in the context of the verse. Before offering a simple explanation of how to read the verse, Rashi cites the Midrashic interpretation; the Midrash teaches that this word alludes to the fact that the Heavens and the earth were created for the sake of the Torah and for the sake of the Jewish nation, both of which are referred to as *'reishit* – the first and most significant'. Rashi, however, is known in general for his focus on the simple explanation of the verses, and, in fact, this is his explicitly stated aim (see, for example, Rashi on Bereshit 3:8). Why, then, does he present the homiletic interpretation of this verse prior to the simple explanation?

It may be that the reason for this divergence from Rashi's normal methodology is that Rashi wants to convey an overall perspective on the story of Creation. The world was created, Rashi is reminding us, for an ultimate purpose: for the sake of the Torah and adherence to its principles. It is only through bearing this in mind as we work our way through the Torah as a whole, and particularly the account of Creation, that we will be able to comprehend the true values that the Torah is teaching us through the words contained within.

To cite an example of this concept, the Chafetz Chaim (Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, d. 1933) commenting on the verses that tell of the Creation of the celestial luminaries, writes that these verses underscore the vast disparity between our perspective on the world and the true perspective that is meant to be gleaned from the Torah. While we might imagine that the primary 'purpose' of the sun and the moon is to provide light and warmth to the world, the verses (1:14-15) are explicit that this is not the case. The primary purpose of these beings is to provide us with a frame of reference by which we can track time - days, months and years - which is crucial for the formation of our calendar and its annual Yamim Tovim. What we perceive to be the main function of the sun - light and warmth - is mentioned by the Torah only as a periphery benefit! Ultimately, this point of view is the true introduction to the simple explanation of the Torah. The values and ideals that the Torah teaches us can only properly be appreciated when we learn to think differently about that which is so familiar to us, constantly seeking the deeper meaning behind the eternal words of the text.

The Paradox of Human Nature

The first recorded person in the Torah to have offered a sacrifice was Kayin. But we do not find that he was commanded to do so or was even taught about the significance of such an activity. Indeed, the Ramban (d.1270), writes that Kayin delved into the secrets of Creation and independently comprehended the value of bringing *korbanot*. Clearly, then, Kayin was a deeply thoughtful individual.



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

We find, however, that Kayin's *korban* was rejected, and our Sages teach that this was because he offered only his mediocre crops to Hashem, as opposed to Hevel, who brought as a *korban* his choicest animals. Moreover, we find that Kayin, despite having experienced direct communication from Hashem Himself, immediately denies Hashem's knowledge of what transpires in the world and murders his brother (4:6-9). How can it be that such a superlative philosopher and prophet could at the same time have behaved in such a nefarious manner?

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz (d.1979) sees this as a pivotal episode in understanding the secret of human failure. As difficult as it is to comprehend, a human being contains the most profound contradiction to be found in the entire cosmos: the ability to reach immense heights, and at the same time, the drive to deceive oneself and turn away from that which one knows to be correct. In Rav Shmuelevitz's words, this is the 'light and the dark that operate concurrently within a person'. As great as a person might be, their inherent desire for negative behaviour means that they can never be fully confident in their successes.

Truly Honourable

Rav Shmuelevitz taught that the Midrash alludes to one specific tool that a person can utilise to overcome this dynamic. In Parshat Vayeira, the Torah recounts that Avraham was sitting outside his tent, experiencing a prophecy from Hashem, when he saw three men walking towards him, and he immediately ran in their direction and invited them to rest and eat in his home.

In these verses, the word *vayar* - and he saw - is written twice. The Midrash explains that indeed, Avraham waited to observe two separate things before interrupting his Divine audience. First, he waited to see if the Divine Presence would take note of them, which would indicate to him that these were important people, but even when this did happen, he did not yet know if they were honourable people - *nichbadim*. When Avraham saw that they honoured and respected each other, he was confident that were dignified individuals, deserving of his own respect and honour.

From this Midrash, Rav Shmuelevitz taught a profound principle. A person may be an important person, endowed with many qualities, but that does not necessarily make them worthy of honour. As we learn from Kayin, a person's greatness can easily be overridden by his undesirable traits. When, however, the person is open to seeing the positive values of other people, honouring and respecting them despite their inevitable flaws, this is a sure sign of true greatness. The Sages teach, 'Who is an honourable person? One who honours others' (Pirkei Avot 4:1); this a primary way in which a person can counter the forces of darkness within themselves and allow their light to shine.

Next Week - Noach: Timeless Torah
resumes in person on Wednesday, 22nd
October at 8:00pm - 8:45pm

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

GROUPS AND CLUBS



SUNDAY 26 OCT 11.00AM
SHUL FOR THE MIND
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MONDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT DISCUSSION GROUP (ONLINE)
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/CHUG



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

עברית

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



THURSDAY 10.30AM
CHAIR BASED EXERCISE
KINLOSS.ORG.UK/EXERCISE



THURSDAY 5.30PM
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CLUB
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For more information about events at Kinloss please contact lucy.marcus@kinloss.org.uk

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SHABBAT
1ST NOV
12PM**

KINLOSS CARES SHABBAT LUNCH 1ST NOVEMBER

Shabbat Lunch with family Birnbaum after the Shabbat service.

**To book please call Rochelle on 020 8349 5263
or visit kinloss.org.uk/shabbatlunch**

Journey to Poland

**Led by Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum together with
Scott Saunders MBE, CEO International March of the Living**



Thursday 30th April - Sunday 3rd May 2026

From the depths of pain in the Warsaw Ghetto to the remarkable story of Jewish Lublin. Bear witness to the horrors of Majdanek and Auschwitz. Draw strength from an inspirational Shabbat in Krakow.

Cost is £980 per person (excluding flights & travel insurance)

Single supplement is £150

Places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis

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Host of 'Ask Haviv Anything' podcast, Middle East analyst at
The Free Press and senior analyst at The Times of Israel

Haviv Rettig Gur

will be recording his podcast to a live audience
at his only UK event in 2025

ASK HAVIV ANYTHING LIVE AT KINLOSS



Monday 10th November | 8pm

Tickets £35 / £30 US Members / £25 Kinloss Members

Book now at kinloss.org.uk/askhaviv

All proceeds will be split between MyIsrael and the Kinloss
Kol Nidre Appeal kindergarten project at Kibbutz Be'eri

Haviv Rettig Gur is a veteran Israeli journalist. He has covered Israel's politics, foreign policy, education system and relationship with the Jewish diaspora since 2005, reported from over 20 countries, served as director of communications for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel's largest NGO, and taught at prestigious pre-military academies.




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YAH RZEITS

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

Shabbat 18th October

Hana Baldot	Father
Shoshana Baldot	Husband
Clive Chippeck	Father
Linda Cohen	Father
Hilton Mervis	Son
Vivienne Mervis	Son
Martin Sanders	Mother

Sunday 19th October

Sivi Harounoff	Father
Benjamin Jacobs	Wife
Alan Lyons	Mother
Jonathan Lyons	Mother

Monday 20th October

Huguette Cukier	Husband
Ann Marks	Father
Margaret Marks	Husband

Tuesday 21st October

Francesca Miller	Father
Cynthia Rothman	Husband
Margaret Solomon	Father
Anthony Warrens	Mother

Wednesday 22nd October

Arnold Archer	Mother
Jacob Golchewski	Father
Howard Goulden	Mother
Barbara Hoddes	Mother
Sheila Sive	Mother

Thursday 23rd October

Dara Ebrahimoff	Mother
Gloria Fox	Sister
Jennifer Goodman	Husband
Michelle Levin	Mother
Marian Stern	Sister

Friday 24th October

Henrietta Fearnley	Mother
Jeffrey Horn	Mother
Nigel Howard	Mother
Henry Milner	Father

CONDOLENCES

The family of Diane Scott z'l.

Leonard Silver, Andrew Silver and Abigail Rosen on the passing of their wife and mother Pam Silver z'l.

Jarvis Lebetkin, David Cramer, Paul Cramer on the passing of their wife and mother Gloria Lebetkin z'l.

CONSECRATIONS

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

Sunday 30th November 2025, 9.30am at
Bushey Old in memory of Valerie Halpern z'l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 19 th Oct 27 Tishrei	Mon 20 th Oct 28 Tishrei	Tue 21 st Oct 29 Tishrei	Wed 22 nd Oct ROSH CHODESH 30 Tishrei	Thurs 23 rd Oct ROSH CHODESH 1 Cheshvan	Fri 24 th Oct 2 Cheshvan
Shacharit	8.00am	7.00am	7.00am	6.50am	6.50am	7.00am
Shacharit 2	-	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am
Sephardi Shacharit	8.00am	6.30am	6.45am	6.30am	6.30am	6.45am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	5.35pm	5.35pm	5.35pm	5.35pm	5.35pm	5.30pm

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