

KOL KINLOSS



Rabbi & Rebbetzen
Birnbaum visited
Kinloss students in
Leeds & Birmingham



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SHABBAT START

5.49pm

SHABBAT END

6.52pm

KI TISSA

14 / 15 March 2025

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OF OUR DEAR, BELOVED FATHER SION KHAKEHOURI יהי זכרו ברוך

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

5.45pm Combined Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv in the Large Deal Hall **celebrating the BAT MITZVAH OF AVA GREEN**

5.40pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

MAZEL TOV
AVA GREEN
on her
Bat Mitzvah

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 ITAI AND ORI ZELOOF**

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

MAZEL TOV
ITAI ZELOOF
on his
Bar Mitzvah

MAZEL TOV
ORI ZELOOF
on his
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

3.30pm - 5.30pm BNEI AKIVA

5:37pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI BIRNBAUM**, entitled '**THE HISTORY & HALACHA OF CREMATION CONTROVERSIES**'

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

6:52pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT**



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite after Maariv sponsored by the Green family in celebration of **AVA'S BAT MITZVAH**

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA in the Silver Suite

MAIN KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite sponsored by **LYNN & OREN ZELOOF** in celebration of **ITAI AND ORI'S BAR MITZVAH**.

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room



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

MAZEL TOV

AVA GREEN



Ava attends JFS. Her hobbies are socialising, spending quality time with her family, and really enjoys her school studies. Charity work for the simcha, Ava and her family supports Kisharon-Langdon in a variety of ways.

Mazel Tov to parents Emily & Richard, brother Jesse, sisters Matilda and Penelope-Violet. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Paola Bradley, Gary Bradley, Simone & Raymond Green and great grandparent Lydia Biriotti.

Mazel Tov to Itai Zeloof and Ori Zeloof on their Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to parents Lynn & Oren Zeloof and siblings Eli & Lia.

Mazel tov to Rabbi Josh & Rebbetzen Tali on the birth of a daughter, a baby sister to Matan and Avishai.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Blake Benjamin (10), Avi Ellis (11), Sienna Hart (9),
Yaakov Sacks-Goldstein (3) Olivia Rodney (9),
Jack Cohen (3)

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	8.45 - 9.15AM	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
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
4th Apr	10.00 – 11.00 AM	Highlights & Hot Drinks – Inspiration around the Jewish year	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Small Deal Hall	Women

THIS WEEK!

SPECIAL SHIURIM

Date	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
Monday 24th Mar	8.00 - 8.45 PM	A Halachic Guide to Erev Pesach on Shabbat	Rabbi Birnbaum	Small Deal Hall	All
Monday 31st Mar	8.00 - 9.30 PM	An Evening of Seder Inspiration	The Rabbinic Team	Silver Suite	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

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 KI TISSA - Frozen In Time: Echoes of Forgiveness

The Eternal People

Parshat Ki Tisa includes the episode of the Golden Calf, whose powerful repercussions reverberate throughout Jewish history. The positioning of the verses leading up to this event illustrate the drama of a nation who had been at the pinnacle of spiritual attainment, having just received the Luchot, engraved by Hashem Himself, yet immediately fall to a state where Hashem declares that He will wipe them out entirely. Powerfully, however, the main theme that runs through this parshah is that of forgiveness, and in particular, the willingness of Moshe to entreat Hashem to allow the Jewish people to survive and make amends for their misdeemeanours.

Remarkably, of the two prayers offered by Moshe on behalf of the Jewish people, the Ramban contends that the first one was said before Moshe had even descended from the mountain. So great was Moshe's faith in both Hashem's willingness to forgive and the Jewish people's ability to grow that immediately upon hearing about the sin of the Golden Calf, he prayed that Hashem should forgive them. We find, further, that Hashem responded in kind. Throughout this episode, the Jewish people are referred to as '*amcha* — your (referring to Moshe's) nation,' or '*ha'am* — the nation', but never as Hashem's nation. This devastating expression of Hashem's detachment of Himself from His people changes only towards the end of the *parshah*. There, the people are told that they will not merit the direct Presence of Hashem taking them into Eretz Yisrael, but they will be led by an emissary.

Distressed by this news, the people cried out in mourning. At that point, for the first time since the formation of the Golden Calf, the verse (33:5) refers to *Bnei Yisrael*, the name that denotes Hashem's everlasting love for His people. Although the tone of the ensuing verses is still harsh, and the consequences of the sin were still being felt, the people were assured with these words that Hashem would never forsake them.

Becoming Spiritual Seekers

If we look at the way the commentators analyse the sin of the Golden Calf, we find that the faith that Moshe Rabbeinu had in them was, in fact, reciprocated. One of the main factors that contributed to the Golden Calf was the Jewish people's perspective on Moshe's role and their concern that he might have left them.

Most commentators, including the Ibn Ezra and Ramban, explain that the Golden Calf was not initiated out of a desire for idol-worship. Instead, after the Jewish people miscalculated the time that Moshe was supposed to return from Har Sinai and became concerned that he had actually died there, they panicked and sought to find a replacement. Quoting the Kuzari (written by Rabbi Yehuda HaLevi, d. 1141), Rav Soloveitchik (d. 1993) explains that the Jewish people wanted to create a physical representation towards which they could direct their service to Hashem. This means that when they saw that Moshe had not returned from the mountain, they felt that they had lost the intermediary between themselves and Hashem, and they attempted to find a repository with which they could locate their Divine service.



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

Ostensibly, they were seeking to enhance their religious service, but this was a form of religious expression that had been forbidden to them. The fundamental message here, Rav Soloveitchik explains, is that we must learn to channel our religious devotion and fervour only in the way that we have been commanded to do so by Hashem.

According to Rav Hirsch (d.1888), the Jewish people saw Moshe as someone who had surpassed ordinary human nature and become godlike, able to influence Hashem's will. This is what they were attempting to replace, and the error of the Golden Calf was thus a pagan delusion that views divine service in terms of passive human relationships. The idea that one fulfils their duty solely by paying homage and acknowledging their dependence on a higher power is the precursor to crude spiritual fetishism. Instead, a basic tenet of Judaism, argues Rav Hirsch, is that mankind may not and cannot make for themselves any kind of god, even as an intermediary. He or she cannot draw Hashem near by representing the godly in corporeal form, but must rather draw near to Hashem by filling themselves with spiritual and moral content as commanded by Hashem.

Fascinatingly, the common theme behind both of these approaches is the way in which the Jewish people perceived Moshe as a kind of intermediary between themselves and Hashem. Throughout the ages, the Jewish people have been led by many great leaders, but at this early stage, we were taught that our leaders are human beings who, while being powerful role

models and even teachers of Hashem's will, cannot replace our own direct connection to Hashem.

The end of this episode illustrates what is perhaps the remedy to these mistaken beliefs. The verses say that Moshe took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, calling it an '*ohel moed* — a tent of meeting'. Anyone who was a '*mevakesh Hashem* — one who seeks Hashem' would have to make their way there (33:7). According to Targum Yonatan, this tent was a '*beit ulpana* — a place of learning', and people would go there to do teshuvah; they would confess their sins, pray, and thus achieve atonement. In other words, after the sin of the Golden Calf, Moshe distanced himself from the people, and the mode of service transformed to individual proactivity. Until this point, the Jewish people had been told what to do by Hashem through Moshe, and they had, as a nation, performed Hashem's will. From now, religious growth was defined by the 'seekers of Hashem'. The message that we take from this parshah is that we have values that are worth standing up for, and we have the ability to embrace them ourselves. We can and should be inspired to seek spirituality in our own lives through the empowering knowledge that no one else will do it for us.

Next Week: Pekudei - The Power of a Covenantal Community

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

GROUPS AND CLUBS



MONDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT DISCUSSION GROUP (ONLINE)
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/CHUG](https://kinloss.org.uk/chug)



MONDAY 8PM
WOMEN'S PILATES
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/PILATES](https://kinloss.org.uk/pilates)



TUESDAY 10.30AM
FRIENDSHIP CLUB
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/FRIEND](https://kinloss.org.uk/friend)



TUESDAY 2.00PM
BRIDGE
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/BRIDGE](https://kinloss.org.uk/bridge)

עברית

TUESDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT CLASSES
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/IVRIT](https://kinloss.org.uk/ivrity)



THURSDAY 10.30AM
CHAIR BASED EXERCISE
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/EXERCISE](https://kinloss.org.uk/exercise)



THURSDAY 5.30PM
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CLUB
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/TABLETENNIS](https://kinloss.org.uk/tabletennis)



MONDAY 31ST MAR 11.00AM
CHAPS FOR CHAT
AND MONDAY MATTERS
KINLOSSCARES@KINLOSS.ORG.UK

For more information about events at Kinloss please contact lucy.marcus@kinloss.org.uk

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY
31ST
MARCH
8-9:30pm

AN EVENING OF SEDER INSPIRATION

Prepare for Pesach with an evening of fascinating insights into the Seder with the Rabbinic Team and a cooking demonstration with Fabienne Viner-Luzzato

TUES
1ST
APRIL
8pm

UNDERSTANDING OUR REACTIONS POST OCTOBER 7TH

Join JAMI to explore the impact of 7 October and make sense of our feelings as the conflict continues.
To book go to www.kinloss.org.uk/jami

THUR
3RD
APRIL
7.30-9pm

HAGALAT KEILIM

Come and kasher your metal utensils for Pesach.
No appointment needed.

WED
16TH
APRIL
8pm

CALLING ALL KINLOSS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Join your fellow students and Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum in their home for dinner and discussion
To book please email office@kinloss.org.uk

SHABBAT
30TH/31ST
MAY

RABBI BIRNBAUM'S INDUCTION

Please save the date for the formal Induction Shabbat of Rabbi Birnbaum by the Chief Rabbi. More information to follow.



PESACH



2nd Night Pesach
Sunday 13th April

KINLOSS COMMUNAL SEDER

Enjoy a meaningful, inspirational and interactive Seder
with Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum and family

Seder will start at 9pm and will finish at approx. 12.30am

Booking Essential before
Friday 4th April
www.kinloss.org.uk/seder



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YAH RZEITS

Shabbat 15th March

Brenda Archer	Mother
Gemma Dunitz	Mother
Stafford Fertleman	Sister
Nicole Greenwold	Father
Ian Hantman	Mother
Naomi Mark	Mother
Barbara Phillips	Mother
Barbara Rubinstein	Father
Susan Sperber-Kosky	Mother

Sunday 16th March

Anthony Artman	Mother
Paul Joseph	Father
Henry Newman	Mother
Ronit Selby	Father
Ruth Warents	Mother

Monday 17th March

Geoffrey Azizollahoff	Father
Martin Azizollahoff	Father
Susan Conroy	Father
Ruthea Fisch	Father
Lucia Kaye	Mother
Eleanor Kirsh	Mother
Barbara Klinger	Father
Marian Miller	Mother
Valerie Selwyn	Mother
Anthony Tischler	Father

Tuesday 18th March

Lorna Bennett	Mother
Trevor Gee	Father
Lynda Horn	Mother
David Judah	Brother
Gloria Lebetkin	Brother
Ilana Leigh	Father
Naomi Nevies	Mother
Pam Silver	Mother
Sandra Tauber	Mother

Wednesday 19th March

Michael Berger	Father
David Breskin	Father
Vivienne Crespi-Gulgoz	Mother
Lorna Gimmack	Father
Lilian Green	Husband
Corinne Nemetnejad	Father
Elaine Oster	Mother
Natasha Pearlman	Mother
Frances Posener	Brother
Alan Tinger	Sister

Thursday 20th March

John Blank	Mother
Clara Cohen	Father
Sheila Cohen	Mother
Yisroel Fine	Mother
Jarvis Lebetkin	Mother
Marian Miller	Father
Marie Prager	Husband
Bernice Walzer	Mother

Friday 21st March

Max Bernstone	Father
Stewart Shrank	Mother
Joanna Wacks	Father
Jeanne Wilson	Mother

THE KEHILLA WISHES

חיים ארוכים

‘LONG LIFE’ TO THE
FOLLOWING WHO
HAVE YAH RZEIT
THIS WEEK

CONDOLENCES

To Peter Caplan, Nate, Sid & Lenny Caplan, Ruthi Taylor, Sandra Feeney, Devid Menis & Jordan Taylor on the passing of their wife, mother, daughter and sister Gabrielle Caplan z”l

To Ivan Master and Michelle Lofchick on the passing of their mother Toby Rita Master z”l

To Angela Levine on the passing of her father Michael Killen z”l in Leeds

CONSECRATIONS

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

Sunday 6th April 2025, 11.30am at Willesden
Old in memory of Philip Freedman z”l

Sunday 27th April 2025, 11.30am at East
Ham Cemetery in memory of Rose Ralton z”l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 16th 16 Adar	Mon 17th 17 Adar	Tues 18th 18 Adar	Wed 19th 19 Adar	Thurs 20th 20 Adar	Fri 21st 21 Adar
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	7:00am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	6:00pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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