

KOL KINLOSS



Kinloss Cares Chanukah Party on 23rd December



שבת חנוכה
מקץ

SHABBAT START

3:42pm

SHABBAT END

4:52pm

**SHABBAT CHANUKAH
MIKEITZ**

Rosh Chodesh
Tevet is on
Tuesday and
Wednesday


KINLOSS

כ"ז כסלו תשפ"ה
27- 28 December 2024

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

3:35pm Combined Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv
in the Large Deal Hall

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 celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of Dovid Heller

9:15am **MAIN SERVICE** in the Main Synagogue

9:30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

YOUTH SERVICE is on a break until 11th January

MAZEL TOV
DOVID HELLER
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

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

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3:35pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham
Beit Midrash by **RABBI YONI BIRNBAUM**, entitled '**RAIDERS OF THE LOST MENORAH:
WHAT DID IT REALLY LOOK LIKE & WHERE MIGHT IT BE NOW?**'

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

4:52pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION
OF SHABBAT**

5.30pm - 7.00pm **MUSICAL HAVDALLA
AND CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IN THE
LARGE DEAL HALL**



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Chicken Soup Kiddush in the
Small Deal Hall after Maariv sponsored
by Joanna Wolff, Tanya Dahan & Zara
Blaskey in memory of their mother, Angela
Landesberg z'l.

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA MINYAN in the Silver Suite

MAIN SHUL Doughnut kiddush in the
Kinloss Suite

MINYAN sponsored by Sara Keen and
David Abramson



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

MAZEL TOV

Special Mazel Tov to Rabbi Leibish and Rebbetzen Dini Heller on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dovid.

Mazel Tov to Ruth and Elliot Renton on the engagement on their son Asher to Debby Poznanski, daughter of Rochelle and Yossi (z'l) Poznanski of Manchester.
Mazel Tov to Grandparents Rabbi Simon Silas, Sandra Renton and Meir and Pesi Levy



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

Amalie White (10), Aiden Adler (9), Tobias Davidson (2),
Thea Last (9), Maya Aminoff (6), Benjamin Swerdlow (5),
Poppy Cowen (6), Benjamin Weitzman (7)



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
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

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 MIKEITZ - Points of Light in the Confusion of Night

The End of an Era

During the latter part of the twentieth century, the term *Anthropocene* was increasingly popularised as a proposed title for a new geologic time interval, or epoch, in which Earth conditions and processes have been significantly altered by human impact. In March 2024, however, after fifteen years of deliberation, the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) rejected the formal adoption of the Anthropocene. While the committee noted the undeniable effect that human behaviour has had on the Earth in recent decades, there were insufficient grounds to mark this period as a truly new period in the Geological Time Scale. The beginning of a new epoch, whether geological or in terms of human history, is notoriously difficult to identify.

This week's parshah begins with the end of the previous episode: '*Vayehi mikeitz shenatayim yamim*', after a further two years in jail, Yosef was released in order to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. The Hebrew word, *mikeitz*, however, is uncommon. We would have expected the word *lebasof*, the more usual term for an ending, to denote the conclusion of Yosef's jail term. What is the significance of this unusual expression? Rav Soloveitchik explains that although both words mean 'the end,' *sof* has a connotation of finality while *mikeitz* is related to the word *katzatz*, meaning to cut off, implying a fixed term. As such, *mikeitz* refers to the end of an epoch. This means that when we see this word, we understand that although one era has passed, a new era is about to begin. In other words, this *parshah* does not really open with the arbitrary end of Yosef's

imprisonment but rather with the idea that the previous era has terminated to make room for a cataclysmic change. There is an orchestration of Divine events playing in the background that is radically shifting towards the next major scene in the Jewish story.

This shift is hinted to in another word in the same verse. The Ohr HaChaim (Rabbi Chaim ibn Attar, d. 1743) points out that the opening word of the parshah is not *v'hayah* but *vayehi*. Both words mean 'and it was', but our Sages always connect the word *veyhi* to negative circumstances. It is used here because this incident of Yosef's freedom would eventually lead to the Jewish people's exile in Egypt. Paradoxically, then, in the very verse that tells of Yosef's miraculous transformation from slave to ruler, the Torah is alluding to the terrible period of Egyptian exile and slavery.

Indeed, the Ramban maintains that even when Pharaoh praised Yosef's insight and leadership qualities, his applaud was actually an insidious gibe. The very fact that Pharaoh found it necessary to justify this appointment to his ministers indicates that he faced severe opposition to the idea of placing a Hebrew in such a senior position of power.

Hope Within Darkness

Conversely, however, the Midrash Tanchuma finds an optimistic nuance in the same word, *mikeitz*. The Midrash connects this verse with another verse, '*Keitz sam lachoshech*—He has set an end for the darkness (Iyov 28:3)'. The implication of this cryptic verse is that darkness, or periods of suffering,



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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always have a predetermined limit. In the context of this parshah, we see from the word *mikeitz* that although Yosef languished for many years in prison, Divine Providence had already set an end for this period of darkness in his life. Now, at the end of two years, it was time for Yosef to move from jail, and therefore, Pharaoh dreamed in order to facilitate his release.

For the Beit HaLevi (Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, d. 1892), this Midrash forms the cornerstone of a fundamental principle in the concept of faith and trust in Hashem. Generally, we understand that cause leads to effect. For example, if someone buys merchandise and sells it at a profit, his venture is the cause of his income. But, explains the Beit HaLevi, in reality the opposite is true. The real cause of the merchant's success is Hashem's decree that he should be successful. His sales and revenue are merely the effects of Hashem's will. Ostensibly, the cause for Yosef's release was Pharaoh's dream coupled with the previous demonstration of his ability to interpret dreams correctly. In truth, though, Yosef's release and rise to greatness at this precise juncture was predetermined, and Pharaoh's dream was merely a catalyst in order to enable this to materialise.

So, in this verse we find two opposing themes. On the one hand, there is a premonition of adverse events to come, but on the other hand, there is an allusion that just as Yosef's suffering was finite and came to an end at precisely the right time, so too, the future enslavement and exile of his descendants would come to an end at precisely the intended moment.

The Wisdom of Retrospection

With these lessons in mind, the deeper explanation behind two names in this *parshah* comes alive. Upon Yosef's appointment

as ruler of Egypt, Pharaoh bestowed upon him an honorific name, Tzafnat Pane'ach. Although these words are presumably Egyptian, the commentaries attempt to find analogies to them in Hebrew. According to Rav Hirsch, Tzafnat is related to the word *tzafun*, meaning 'hidden', and Pane'ach can be understood from an obscure rabbinic source to mean 'protection' or 'guarding'. Put together, this name therefore means 'Keeper of Secrets'. Yosef is given this enigmatic name because there is an understanding that his life is somehow a microcosm of the Jewish people. The story of Yosef, through which the Divine hand can be seen behind all its twists and turns, essentially follows the trajectory of our own national story.

A second name that follows this theme is that of Yosef's eldest son, Menashe. At Menashe's naming, Yosef declared that '*nashani Elokim et kol amali v'et kol beis avi*', which would normally be translated as, 'Hashem has enabled me to forget all of my troubles and all of my father's house.' Rav Hirsch, however, refuses to accept this interpretation. That Yosef should have named his child after his gratefulness that he had forgotten his family seems too astonishing to believe. Rather, Rav Hirsch suggests that the word *nashani* can denote 'being a creditor'. As such, Yosef was saying that all of his troubles and his complex relationships with his family have become his 'creditors'. His misfortunes have turned into an instrument to shape his happiness, and he finds himself greatly indebted to them. When his first son was born, Yosef felt that he was finally able to appreciate Hashem's plan, something that he was unable to fathom until now.

Next Week: There will be no shiur next Wednesday evening, 1st January. Timeless Torah will appear in Kol Kinloss as usual.

KINLOSS YOUTH

Is it your birthday weekend?

Bar/Batmitzva anniversary?

Your football team won?

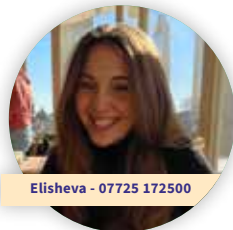
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**Youth Service starts
again on 11th Jan**

**youth@kinloss.org.uk
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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**

**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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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!

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**Monday 10 February
8pm**

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NIGHT ONEG**

10TH JANUARY 2025

YAHRZEITS

Shabbat 28th December

Simon Fearnley	Mother
Danielle Fluor	Mother
Janet Gold	Mother
Geoffrey Graham	Mother
David Kass	Mother
Samuel Melnick	Father
Rosalind Shear	Mother
Paul Tuhim	Mother

Sunday 29th December

Stephen Harrison	Father
Bernice Kliger	Husband
Philip Platt	Wife

Monday 30th December

Samuel Cohen	Mother
Shirley Davidson	Husband
Danielle Fluor	Father
Jacob Lax	Mother
Sharon Lee	Father
Gad Levy	Mother
Linda Lew	Father
Shimon Speigel	Father

Tuesday 31st December

Michelle Aminoff	Father
Brian Gedalla	Mother
Shirley Kenley	Father
Geoffrey Ralton	Father
Sonia Ralton	Father
Andrea Tinkel	Father
Yair Ventura Wurman	Father

Wednesday 1st January

David Clarke	Father
Trevor Gee	Brother
Simon Joseph	Father
Linda Myer	Father
Brian Silver	Father
Anthony Stanton	Mother
Josephine Symons	Father

Thursday 2nd January

Sheila Forman	Father
Cynthia Rothman	Brother

Friday 3rd January

Shula Reyhanian	Father
Geoffrey Soll	Mother
Zena Wagner	Brother

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

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 Gary Bargroff, Rayner Conway, Howard
& Keith Bargroff on the passing of their
mother Vera Bargroff z"l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Chanukah 5th Night Sun 29th 28 Kislev	Chanukah 6th Night Mon 30th 29 Kislev	Chanukah 7th Night Tues 31st 30 Kislev Rosh Chodesh	Chanukah 8th Night Wed 1st 1 Tevet Rosh Chodesh	Thurs 2nd 2 Tevet	Fri 3rd 3 Tevet
Shacharit	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	7:00am	7:00am
Shacharit 2	-	-	-	-	8:00am	8:00am
Sephardi	7:50am	6:45am	6:45am	8:00am	6:45am	6:45am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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