

KOL KINLOSS



Enjoying
the launch session
of this year's Bar &
Bat Mitzvah
Programmes



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Service Starts: 4.05pm
Candle lighting: 4.08pm
Shabbat Ends: 5.11pm

VAYERA



KINLOSS

7TH - 8TH November 2025

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SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 4.00pm **SEPHARDI MINCHA, KABBALAT SHABBAT & ARVIT** in the Sephardi Synagogue
4.05pm **MINCHA FOLLOWED BY KABBALAT SHABBAT** (Minyan LaShir) in the Deal Halls
4.08pm **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 celebrating
LOUIS GOODALL'S BAR MITZVAH
9.30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls
9.30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Silver Suite
9.45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

**MAZEL TOV
TO
LOUIS GOODALL
ON HIS BAR
MITZVAH**

10.45am CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- Age 0-4** in the Kinloss Suite Foyer with Donna Davidson
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

11:45am **HORIM V'YELADIM** in Large Deal Hall

12.15pm **EARLY MINCHA** in the Main Synagogue

3.30pm - 5.30pm **BNEI AKIVA**

4.00pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI JOSH HARRIS**, entitled **'THEY CALL ME JOSH - BUT SHOULD THEY? THE HALACHA OF USING A NON-HEBREW NAME.'**

The Shiur will take place during the last half hour of Shabbat (4:40pm)

5.11pm **MA'ARIV & SHABBAT ENDS**

KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT CHICKEN SOUP KIDDUSH in the Small Deal Hall

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA in the Silver Suite

MAIN KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite sponsored by the Goodall family to celebrate Louis' Bar Mitzvah

THE MINYAN in the Small Deal Hall sponsored by Thea & Bernard Valman

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



LOUIS GOODALL

Louis attends Immanuel college and loves Manchester United, playing football, drumming, listening to music and socialising! Louis participated in the Gift Bar Mitzvah programme.

Mazel Tov to Cassie, Guy, Max, Jenna & Ella Goodall on Louis' Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Malcolm Dagul and wife Silia, Grandpa Richard and Grandma Sharon. Thinking of Grandma Jenny at this time.

Mazel Tov to Anthony Lewis on the engagement of his granddaughter Lauren Pope to Sammy Letzer. Remembering the very special Alicia Lewis at this time.

Mazel Tov to Gila & Eli Hakimian and Sara & Sharon David on the birth of a grandson, a son to Orly & Allon David. Mazel Tov also to great grandmother Mahin Hakimian.

Mazel Tov to Michael & Mandy Staszewski and Mark & Ruth Curtis on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Moishy & Sarie Staszewski. Mazel Tov to great grandparents Zena Gross, Pinchos & Margaret Rothem and Kati Curtis.

Mazel Tov to Laura, Vitek, Libby, Mika and Jude Frenkel on Raya's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov to grandparents Ruth & John Frenkel and Gina & Martin Woolman. Remembering Naomi Frenkel z'l at this time.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Tamar Gordon (10), Dafna Stone (9),
Olivia Benjamin (6), Elissa Hajioff (11),
Nathan Aboody (10), Ariana Adler (7),
Sophia Osbourne (11)

LEARNING

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Day	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
Friday	8.45 – 9.15am	Rav S R Hirsch on the Parsha	Rabbi Josh	Beit Midrash	All
	10.30 – 11.10am	Divrei Torah for the Shabbat Table	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	All
Shabbat	9am - 9.30am	Rambam: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	Deal Hall	All
	Between Mincha & Maariv	Contemporary Jewish Topics	Rabbi Birnbaum/ Rabbi Josh	Beit Midrash	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	Zoom	Women
Tuesday	8.40 – 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	Beit Midrash	All
	8.00 - 8.45pm	Timeless Torah Parsha Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
Thursday	8.50 - 9.15am	Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin	Rabbi Heller	Beit Midrash	All
	8:45 - 9:25pm	Advanced Hilchot Shabbat	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	Women

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

* indicates not taking place this week

AT KINLOSS

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
8 th November, 6 th December, 10 th January	11:45am – 12:05pm	Horim V'Yeladim	Rabbi Josh & Rebbetzen Tali	Large Deal Hall	Primary School Children & their Parents
18 th November, 9 th December	8pm– 8.45pm	Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur (Sefer Shoftim – Book of Judges)	Rebbetzen Tali	Beit Midrash	Women
27 th November, 18 th December	12.30 pm – 1.30pm	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
4 th December	10:15am – 11am	Highlights & Hot Drinks	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Meeting Room	Women

THIS
WEEK!

HORIM V'YELADIM

MONTHLY

Parent-child learning after davening

11:45 - 12:05 in the Large Deal Hall

Followed by a raffle

Shabbat 8th Nov

Shabbat 6th Dec

Shabbat 17th Jan

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TIMELESS TORAH

VAYERA - The Strength to Climb the Mountain

Society of the Valley

Parshat Vayera contains several different narratives - each one independently significant - but the central portion of the parashah is devoted to the account of the destruction of Sodom. Sodom was the affluent but immoral city to which Lot, Avraham's nephew, had relocated, but their wickedness had now come to a head and the entire area was to be destroyed. Notably, throughout this lengthy passage, Sodom is portrayed as being in a low place, in a valley, and the verses emphasise that both the angels and Avraham 'looked out over Sodom' (18:16, 19:28). Both literally and figuratively, their perspective on Sodom was loftier and broader than that of its inhabitants, and it is this imagery that will help us understand what transpired in this episode.

In several places throughout the Torah (see, for example, Devarim 15:9), we find that the prayers of a pauper, a widow or an orphan are particularly potent; their cries arouse Hashem's mercy and can lead to particularly negative consequences for the perpetrators of any oppression shown towards them. Here too, the iniquity of Sodom is described as 'weighty' and the cries of their victims as 'having come before Hashem' (18:20-21). Rabbeinu Bechaye (d.1340) explains that from these words, we understand that a significant element of their sinful behaviour was their persecution of the disadvantaged among them. But in Sodom, it was not only individuals who behaved cruelly to others; as a society, Sodom was rotten - the antithesis of kindness even towards those closest to them. As a case in point, the Gemara in Sanhedrin (109b) relates the story of a young woman who had compassion on a pauper in Sodom and gave

him a piece of bread to eat. This was considered a crime, and when it was discovered, the people of Sodom punished her with unimaginable torture. In Sodom, the notion of parting with one's own possessions to uplift the lives of others was abhorrent to the extent that it was considered immoral.

When the people of Sodom realised that Lot was harbouring the angels as guests, a mob formed outside Lot's house, clamouring to lynch the unwanted visitors. As they came close to breaking down the door and entering the house, the angels struck them with blindness, and they were unable to cause Lot and his family any harm. This blindness, while certainly literal, was also symbolic. Blindness, the Metzudot David (Kings II, 6:18) explains, is not only the absence of sight but the absence of true recognition. Sodom was not merely a wicked city but a dystopian environment that had developed a total blindness towards its own faults.

Light From Within

From his vantage point on the clifftop, Avraham had a commanding view of the metropolis of Sodom and its surrounding cities. But more importantly, his perspective was also morally advantageous. Avraham's desire for *chesed* (kindness) and his aspirations to bring goodness to others was in sharp contrast to the values of Sodom, and Avraham yearned for them to see the light. In his courageous prayer to save Sodom, Avraham beseeched Hashem to find at least a small number of righteous individuals in each city whose merit would be enough to redeem their neighbours. According to Rav Hirsch (d.1888), the key words in this prayer are '*tzaddikim b'toch ha'ir*' - righteous people **within** the city'. Avraham understood that



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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positive influences among the people could bring them eventually to mend their ways, and he argued that even if only a handful of such righteous people existed, this should be enough to save Sodom from destruction. Only when Hashem assured him that there were no such *tzaddikim* did Avraham admit that there was indeed no hope for them. Sodom would never be able to see the light

Lot, however, did not fully share his neighbours' depraved values and he was willing to risk his life to offer shelter to wayfarers. Why is it, then, that his presence could not fulfil the positive influence that Sodom was lacking?

Although Lot originally begged the angels to allow him to remain in the neighbouring town of Tzoar, he eventually became afraid to stay there and escaped to a cave in the mountainside, far from the cities of Sodom. Rashi explains that Lot's reluctance to travel up the mountain was because he knew that the further up he travelled, the closer he would get to Avraham. He knew that as long as he was among the Sodomites, he was considered righteous whereas in comparison to Avraham, his merits were negligible. In this respect, Lot was the opposite of the *tzaddikim* for whom Avraham searched. Far from attempting to influence his neighbours for the better, Lot was happy with their low level of spirituality because it put him in a better light. In the words of the Sages (*Pirkei Avot* 4:15), he preferred to be a 'head of foxes' rather than a 'tail of lions'.

Climbing the Mountain

The most striking element of the test of *Akeidat Yitzchak* (The Binding of Isaac) is the contradiction that remains unresolved even after the episode ends. On the one

hand, Avraham knew without a doubt that Yitzchak would be the progenitor of a great nation. On the other hand, he also knew that he was to offer Yitzchak as a sacrifice before Yitzchak had himself fathered any children.

The verses relate that Avraham travelled for three days together with Yitzchak and two servants until he finally saw his destination ahead of him. At that point, he instructed his servants to remain with the donkey while he and Yitzchak would continue alone. Elaborating on this, Rabbeinu Bechaye cites a Midrash that when Avraham saw the Divine Presence on top of Mount Moriah, he asked his companions what they could see. While Yitzchak could indeed perceive the Divine Presence, the two servants could see nothing but wilderness and mountains. Avraham's instruction to them to remain with the donkey was an insinuation that with such a perspective, they would be destined to remain in the valley. Only someone with the clarity of vision to see the Divine from within the confusion is able to ascend the mountain.

Indeed, the eventual name of the very site of the *Akeida* - Yerushalayim - alludes to this. Yerushalayim is a portmanteau of 'yir'eh - He will see' and 'shalem - complete'. The success of the *Akeidah* was Avraham and Yitzchak's ability to see through the unanswerable contradictions towards a sense of ultimate completion, infused with an awareness of Hashem's presence. It was this which enabled them to ascend from the valley of darkness to the pinnacle of the mountain.

Next Week - CHAYEI SARAH: Balancing
Completion With Continuity

COMING UP A

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/ivrit)



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 24TH NOV 11.00AM
CHAPS FOR CHAT
AND MONDAY MATTERS
KINLOSSCARES@KINLOSS.ORG.UK

UPCOMING EVENTS

**STARTS
TUESDAY
11TH NOV
7:30PM**

LEARN 2 LEAD

Exciting year long leadership course for Year 9 & 10, every other Tuesday evening.

To book go to www.kinloss.org.uk/learn2lead

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**SUNDAY
16TH NOV
2PM**

AJEX ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE PARADE & CEREMONY 2025

Register now to join AJEX at The Cenotaph

Go to www.ajex.org.uk

Journey to Poland

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

**Last few
remaining
places!**

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

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ASK HAVIV ANYTHING LIVE AT KINLOSS



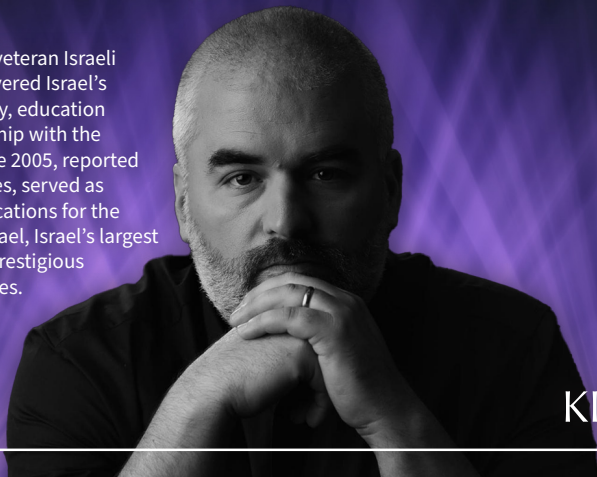
Monday 10th November | 8pm

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 8th November

Ivan Burland	Father
Lucia Kaye	Father
Joy Lyons	Father
Monty Zeid	Father

Sunday 9th November

Robert Cohen	Father
Simon Crespi-Gulgoz	Mother
Josephine Elias	Father
David Friedman	Mother
Benson Greenberg	Father
David Kutten	Brother
Gerry Lucas	Wife
Michael Staszewski	Father

Monday 10th November

Lorna Bennett	Husband
Wendy Class	Father
Susan Gradel	Mother
Helen Kamiel	Mother
Irene Mansfield	Father
Paul Morris	Father
Rita Toubkin	Father
Sandra Wagner	Father
Martin White	Daughter

Tuesday 11th November

Laurence Cohen	Father
Alick Glass	Brother
John Greenbourne	Mother
Shiley Hagai	Father
Norman Ricklow	Mother
Gila Sacks	Father
Mannie Sher	Mother
Martin White	Sister

Wednesday 12th November

Muriel Krieger	Father
Henry Milner	Mother
Gillian Pincus	Mother
Ann Raven	Mother
Pearl Rubin	Brother
Barbara Rubinstein	Mother
Brian Silver	Mother
Michael Soussan	Father
Clive Sutton	Father

Thursday 13th November

Michael Abrahams	Father
Anita Alexander-Passe	Husband
Gabriella Alexander-Passe	Father
Neil Alexander-Passe	Father
Perry Conway	Mother
Trevor Gee	Brother
John Greenbourne	Father
David Lightstone	Father
Gillian Pincus	Sister
Thea Valman	Mother

Friday 14th November

John Bentley	Father
Maxine Burland	Father
Tony Namdar	Mother
Arnold Wagner	Father
Ruth Warents	Father

CONDOLENCES

Susan Reizenstein, Janet Abrams, Hester Wax , Wendy Abrams & Rachel Abrams, and Gordon Berlyne on the passing of their mother and sister, Anita Abrams z'l

James, Maayan, Isaac & Ayala Levene, Shuki & Esther (z'l) Shalev, Zahavit Shalev and Coby Shalev on the passing of their wife, mother, daughter and sister, Daniella Shalev z'l.

CONSECRATIONS

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

Sunday 30th November 2025, 11.30am at
Bushey New in memory of Basil Saunders z'l
father of Scott Saunders

Sunday 14th December 2025, 11.00am at
Bushey Old in memory of Eva Greenspan z'l

Sunday 25th January 2026, 10.30am at
Bushey New in memory of Philip Klinger z'l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 8 th Nov 18 Cheshvan	Mon 9 th Nov 19 Cheshvan	Tue 10 th Nov 20 Cheshvan	Wed 11 th Nov 21 Cheshvan	Thur 12 th Nov 22 Cheshvan	Fri 13 th Nov 23 Cheshvan
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	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm	3.55pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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