

KOL KINLOSS



Year 11-13 weekly Gemara programme with Amichai

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SHABBAT START

3:58pm

SHABBAT END

5:07pm

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KINLOSS

י"א טבת תשפ"ה

10-11 January 2025

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT (ASARA B'TEVET)

3:45pm Combined Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv in the Large Deal Hall

3:35pm 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

9:15am **MAIN SERVICE** in the Main Synagogue celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of **OREN STAUB**

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

9:45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

**MAZEL TOV
OREN STAUB
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

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3:55pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI YONI BIRNBAUM**, entitled '**SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE**

NINTH OF TEVET: MEDIEVAL CENSORSHIP, A REMARKABLE HIDDEN MANUSCRIPT & THE STORY OF THE FIRST POPE'

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

5:07pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION
OF SHABBAT**



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Chicken Soup Kiddush in the Small Deal Hall after Maariv to break the Fast (Fast Ends 5.00pm) sponsored by Anna & Amit Staub in celebration of Oren's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA MINYAN in the Silver Suite

MAIN SHUL in the Kinloss Suite sponsored by Anna & Amit Staub in celebration of Oren's Bar Mitzvah

MINYAN sponsored by Mike & Jo Wacks on Mike's father's yahrzeit and on the occasion of Jo's father's stonemasonry



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

MAZEL TOV



Bar Mitzvah - OREN STAUB

Oren attends JFS and his hobbies are football, chess, camping and fishing. Oren will be volunteering at GIFT and taking part in the Camp Simcha Bar Mitzvah Programme.

Mazel Tov also to parents Anna & Amit, and sister Lielle and brother Aviv, grandparents Edna Staub, John Staub and Rhona & David Goldberg.

Mazel Tov to Helen and David Tarlow on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

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

Zachary Stone (9)



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Or email: volunteer@kinloss.org.uk

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
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 VAYECHI - Hallmarks of Hope: Yaakov's Eternal Final Words

The Sealed *Parshah*: Hope Amid Exile

Two fascinating points characterise the beginning of *Parshat Vayechi*. Firstly, the name of the *parshah*, which means life, is paradoxical for a *parshah* that revolves around the death of a revered forefather. Secondly, unique among all the *parshiyot* of the Torah, *Parshat Vayechi* is characterised as a *parashah stumah*, a sealed *parshah*, because of the absence of the customary spacing in the Torah scroll between the end of *Parshat Vayigash* and the beginning of *Parshat Vayechi*.

Rashi, in his first explanation, interprets the closed nature of the *parshah* to reflect the emotional state of the Jewish people after Yaakov Avinu's passing: 'The eyes and hearts of the Jewish people were sealed' from the pain of the enslavement that began at that juncture. It was at this point, when Yaakov asked his sons to make an oath that they would bury him in Eretz Yisrael, that they realised that it would be their generation through whom the prophecy of exile would be fulfilled.

The Be'er Basadeh (Rabbi Meir Danon, Rav of Sarajevo, d. 1854) expands on this idea, looking at the reason that gaps are given in the Torah altogether. Elsewhere (Vayikra 1:1), Rashi explains that the gaps represent the time that Hashem gave to Moshe to reflect and pause between one subject and the next. This is a key component of the learning process; one cannot simply rush forward but must contemplate what has been taught.

Preceding this *parshah*, however, there is no gap, reflecting their inability to consider the previous era and the lessons

that they could carry over to the coming period. Without room to pause and reflect, they were left confused and in a sense of pain.

A second, very different explanation given by Rashi is that this *parshah* is closed because although Yaakov had wanted to reveal the *keitz*, the time of the final redemption, Heaven momentarily concealed this knowledge from him.

Possibly, with these two interpretations, Rashi is opening the door to the fact that this *parshah* is not depressive, but quite the opposite. From the advent of the first exile, the Torah conveys to us that there will always be a redemption, a possibility of hope. Indeed, the Kli Yakar explains that the reason that Yaakov was Divinely prevented from disclosing the *keitz* was to allow hope for every generation that they could merit the coming of Mashiach. The concealment of redemption ensures that every generation lives with the possibility of imminent deliverance, preserving the dynamic of yearning and striving for continued spiritual elevation.

Shimshon's Prayer

Yaakov's blessing to Dan underscores the tribe of Dan's self-perception as the lowest of the tribes. Dan is compared to a serpent lying on the path, attacking the enemy by stealth and their role in the desert was to bring up the rear of the Camp of Israel. Surprisingly, though, his blessing also describes him as equivalent to the 'foremost of the tribes of Israel', and in Moshe Rabbeinu's blessings at the very end of the Torah he is even compared to a lion, the symbol of the tribe of Yehudah, from whom the Davidic kings would descend.



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

Similarly, in the building of the Mishkan, Dan is once again placed with Yehudah: the two overseers for the project were Betzalel, from the tribe of Yehudah, and Ohaliav, from the tribe of Dan.

According to the commentaries, the image of the serpent in this blessing is a direct reference to Shimshon, one of the most famous heroes of the Book of Judges, a member of the tribe of Dan. Shimshon's final act, pulling down the pillars of the Philistine temple after his tragic capture, was a moment of both destruction and spiritual elevation. Rashi explains that Shimshon, blinded and bound, called out to Hashem with the plea, 'Remember me and strengthen me just this once', and he was indeed granted that temporary redemption.

The final verse of this blessing emphasises Dan's prayer for eternal salvation: '*lishuatcha kiviti Hashem*—To Your salvation I hope, O Lord'. Rav Moshe Shapira observes that this is the first time that the four-letter name of Hashem (*Yud-Kei-Vav-Kei*) appears in the Torah since the middle of *Parshat Vayeishev*. This represents the fact that Hashem's intimate involvement in the Jewish people was somewhat lacking during their time in exile.

Now, however, in his allusion to Shimshon's prayer at the end of his tormented life, Yaakov encapsulated the idea that salvation emerges from faith in Hashem even in the depths of despair. Throughout the echoes and the pain of exile, the only thing that keeps our hope alive is the understanding that we have no one to turn to for salvation other than Hashem.

Legacy and Continuity

Yaakov's final words to his children do not seem to be words of hope and encouragement, as we might have expected, but are a stern warning to his sons to bury him in *Me'arat Hamachpelah*. Yaakov reiterates that their family had purchased this burial-plot at a high price from Ephron the Hittite and that their ancestors are buried there. What is the significance of this insistence of clearly reiterating where he should be buried and how the cave came into the family's original possession? Rav Elie Munk (d. 1981) interprets this emphasis on the burial site as a directive to the future wandering of the Jewish people: despite their sojourn in Egypt and elsewhere during subsequent exiles, they must always remember their true homeland. Their connection to Eretz Yisrael serves as a beacon, reminding future generations of their ultimate destiny and spiritual anchor.

A related idea can be found in our Sages' enigmatic statement that 'Yaakov Avinu did not die' (Talmud Bavli Taanit 5b). While Yaakov's physical death is undeniable, Rav Shimon Schwab (d.1995), citing the great Portuguese Jewish scholar and statesmen, Don Yitzchak Abarbanel (d.1508), explains that Yaakov still lives on inasmuch as we call ourselves Bnei Yisrael after him. Yaakov's *chiyut*, life spirit, never leaves his children, and it is handed down generation after generation, so that within each of us is a part of Yaakov Avinu's essence. This eternal bond between the Jewish people and Yaakov encapsulates the dual themes of this parshah: the reality of exile and the enduring hope for redemption.

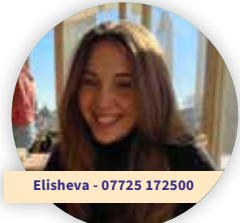
Next Week:
Parshat Shemot
The Origins of Great Leadership

KINLOSS YOUTH

Kinloss Youth is BACK for the Spring term!



Amichai - 07724 840560



Elisheva - 07725 172500

We have so many exciting things planned, none more than the Y8-9 Girls ID Paris trip, which is just one week away!!!

We're also really excited to announce our Friday Night Dinner for sixth formers on Friday 24th January, you can book your place now!

Kiddush Club also resumes this Shabbat with a special Chulent and Kugel kiddush sponsored by family Nyman on the occasion of Joey's birthday!!! Just pop in for some great food and join in one of our awesome Chaburot!

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JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF

STARTING
18TH
JANUARY

MINYAN HATZAIR

@KINLOSS

SHACHARIT 9.30AM

KIDDUSH 11.30AM

RABSTEIN ROOM

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.

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

WEEKLY CLUBS



MONDAY 1.45PM
Film Afternoon
8 JANUARY
The 1970's - Those
Were the Days
(PART 2)



MONDAY 8PM
Women's Pilates

TUESDAY
2PM
Bridge Club

THURSDAY
10.30AM
Chair Based
Exercise

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 JANUARY
11AM
SHUL FOR
THE MIND



KYC FRIDAY
NIGHT ONE
10TH JANUARY 2025

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OF 3 IDF SOLDIERS

MONDAY, 27TH
JANUARY

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Monday 10 February
8pm

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Yahrzeits

Shabbat 11th January

Rachel Caplan	Father
Clive Chippeck	Brother
Lea Gilchrist	Father
Sheila Leveson	Father
Rowena Rosenberg	Mother
Valerie Sanders	Father

Sunday 12th January

Loretta Adelson	Father
John Simons	Mother
Jacob Steinberg	Brother

Monday 13th January

Yaron Aharon	Father
Donald Breslaw	Brother
Lorna Gimmack	Mother
Stephen Levy	Father
Ruth Pittack	Mother
Nasser Rahimi	Father
Stephen Singer	Mother

Tuesday 14th January

Vivien Friedman	Brother
Jeffrey Gold	Mother
Pauline Harris	Brother
Bernice Kliger	Father
Birthe Tager	Son
Sarah Weisz	Husband

Wednesday 15th January

Loretta Adelson	Mother
Donald Breslaw	Mother
Naghme Ebrahimoff	Mother
Elaine Epstein	Mother
John Goldman	Sister
Bernice Kliger	Daughter
Eve Kugler	Mother
Beryl Rubenstein	Mother

Thursday 16th January

Stephen Bayard	Father
Adrienne Bearman	Mother
Carole Jayson	Husband
Jodi Schajer	Step Father
Michael Wacks	Father

Friday 17th January

Jonathan Barr	Father
Isaac Hirsch	Father
John Mark	Mother
Andrew Silver	Mother

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

CONSECRATIONS

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

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 12th 12 Tevet	Mon 13th 13 Tevet	Tues 14th 14 Tevet	Wed 15th 15 Tevet	Thurs 16th 16 Tevet	Fri 17th 17 Tevet
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	8:00am	6:30am	6:45am	6:45am	6:30am	6:45am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	4.05pm	4.05pm	4.05pm	4.05pm	4.05pm	4.05pm

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