

KOL KINLOSS



'Shul for the
Mind' last
Sunday.



'Women's
Rosh Chodesh
Shiur' on
Sefer Shoftim.



לד לד

Service Starts: 4.20pm
Candle Lighting: 4.21pm
Shabbat Ends: 5.23pm

LECH LECHA



KINLOSS

31st October - 1st November 2025

י" חשוון תשפ"ו

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 4.10pm **SEPHARDI MINCHA, KABBALAT SHABBAT & ARVIT** in the Sephardi Synagogue
4.20pm **MINCHA FOLLOWED BY KABBALAT SHABBAT** (Minyan LaShir) in the Deal Halls
4.21pm **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 Silver Suite
9.45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

10.45am CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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

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

3.30pm - 5:30pm **BNEI AKIVA**

4.10pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI BIRNBAUM**, entitled '**BRINGING THEM ALL HOME: THE SACRED DUTY TO BRING THE FALLEN HOSTAGES TO BURIAL**'.

The shiur will take place during the last half hour of Shabbat (4.50pm)

5.23pm **MA'ARIV & SHABBAT ENDS**

KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT CHICKEN SOUP KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite Foyer sponsored by Ariella & Brandon Horwitz to celebrate Tehila's Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA in the Rabstein Room

MAIN KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Silver Suite

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 Ariella & Brandon and Jonny Horwitz on their daughter and sister Tehila's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Gwen & Neville Horwitz and Eleanor & Gerald Kirsh.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Yisroel & Rebbetzen Judy Fine on the birth of a great granddaughter in Israel.

Mazal tov to Mannie & Leonie Sher on the marriage in Israel, of their granddaughter, Adeena, daughter of Shanan Sher and Sheera Epstein to Avrumi, son of Dafna & Benzy Schreiber. Mazal tov to Avrumi's Savta Therese.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Lola Zwick (11), Saffron Perilly (6), Amy Davidson (8),
Joshua Murciano (5), Zoe Murciano (5), Bella Averbuch (8)

Our local MP, Sarah Sackman, has asked us to distribute the following link in order to complete a survey she has initiated on antisemitism.

The aim of the survey is to hear what further actions on antisemitism the community want to see from HM Government.

**To complete the survey go to
<https://sarahsackman.com/antisemitism/>**

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Day	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
Friday	8.45am – 9.15am	Rav S R Hirsch on the Parsha	Rabbi Josh	Beit Midrash	All
	10.30am – 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	8.45am – 9.30am	Gemara Megilla	Rabbi Birnbaum	Deal Hall	All
Monday	1.30pm – 2.10pm	Key Themes in Sefer Devarim	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	Women
Tuesday	8.45am – 9.15am	Sefer Pele Yoetz – Encyclopaedia of Judaism	Rabbi Fine	Beit Midrash	All
	8.15pm – 9.15pm	L'Chaim & Learn	Rabbi Josh	Rabbi Josh's home	All
Wednesday	8.45am – 9.15am	Gemara Berachot	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
	8pm - 8.45pm	Timeless Torah Parsha Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
Thursday	8.50am – 9.30am	Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin	Rabbi Heller	Beit Midrash	All
	8:45pm – 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

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
6 th November, 4 th December	10:15am – 11am	Highlights & Hot Drinks	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Meeting Room	Women
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. Contact <i>Samantha Sussman</i> (020 8349 5269) for the address	Those in the year of mourning or marking a Yahrzeit

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

KYC
KINLOSS

TIMELESS TORAH

LECH LECHA - The Power of Covenantal Commitment

The Three Covenants

Beneath the drama of Parshat Lech Lecha lies a theme that is, in many ways, central to the Torah and Judaism: the concept of a *brit*, or covenant, which is mentioned no less than three times throughout the parshah. This idea is clearly of immense significance and as we learn this parshah we must bear in mind what these *britot* teach us about the foundational principles of Jewish faith.

The first covenant, between Avraham and Aner, Eshkol and Mamre, is mentioned only in passing (14:13). We are told that Avraham was informed about the battle between the four kings and the five kings and about Lot's capture, and at that time, Avraham was sitting together with his *baalei brit*, his confederates. In this enigmatic verse, which teaches that Avraham had made a covenant with other individuals, Avraham is for the first time in the Torah referred to by the moniker *Avraham Halvri*. The Sages offer various explanations as to why Avraham was called *Ivri*, but here Rashi connects the epithet to the word 'ever – the other side': Avraham had travelled at the command of Hashem from the *other side* of the Euphrates River and had stood himself on the *other side* of the prevailing view of the rest of the world.

Placed in such close juxtaposition to the mention of Avraham's *baalei brit*, it is possible to suggest that Rashi deliberately chose this interpretation to shed light on why Avraham made this *brit* with these people. We find in various places that these three friends of Avraham were not simply companions but they provided support to Avraham through many of his trials. It was Mamre,

for example, who encouraged Avraham to perform the *brit milah* (Rashi 18:1), and it was to these people that Avraham turned in this instance for assistance in battling the four kings (Midrash Aggadah). The reference here to *Ivri*, representing Avraham's idealism and his spiritual mission to spread the light of Hashem, suggests that Aner, Eshkol and Mamre were men of principle who wanted to be associated with Avraham and the values that he embodied.

Crucially, this is the essence of a covenant. As Rabbi Sacks explains in a number of his works (see, in particular, *The Politics of Hope* (1997)), whereas a social contract protects the interests of the parties involved, a covenant is about identity; it is a bond of loyalty designed to help two parties achieve together what neither would be able to do alone. This first *brit* of Avraham was a covenant between people seeking to share the same ideals and values in life.

Reciprocal Relationship

The second covenant in the parshah is the *Brit Bein HaBetarim* – the Covenant Between the Parts (chapter 15). In this *brit*, replete with powerful symbolism, Hashem promised Avraham that his progeny would exist forever as the Jewish nation and that, after the Egyptian exile, they would inherit the Land of Israel. In this passage, Avraham refers to Hashem several times as *Ad-nay Elokim*, and in fact, the Gemara points out that this is the first time that anyone called Hashem by this name, which is related to the word '*adon* – master'. Interestingly, however, although this expression is already used in verse 2, the Gemara picks up on this only in reference to verse 8, where Avraham asked how he could be assured that he would indeed



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

merit descendants who would inherit him. What is the specific connection between this question and the notion that Hashem is our Master?

Although the name Adon had never been used before, mankind had always been familiar with the notion that Hashem is the *Melech* – the King. There is, however, a substantial difference between the two concepts. Rav Shimon Schwab (New York, d. 1995) explains that a king's relationship with his subjects is distant and general; a king, almost by definition, cannot personally be familiar with all those under his jurisdiction. A master, on the other hand, knows his servants on an individual basis because each one serves a specific function necessary for him. Whereas until now Hashem had been known as a King, it was Avraham who came to the realisation that he had an individual mission and that his relationship with Hashem was personal. Thus, Avraham's use of the Name Adon is especially nuanced in the context of his enquiry about his heirs, because it was his personal relationship with Hashem embodied by this title which set the scene for the eternal covenantal promise granted by Hashem in the *Brit Bein HaBetarim*.

The Challenge of Living a Unique Existence

The final covenant of this parshah, the *brit milah*, was an ordeal that is considered one of the ten tests given to Avraham. This requires some understanding. Certainly, the prospect of a ninety-year-old man going through this procedure would have been daunting, especially bearing in mind its unfamiliarity. Nevertheless, it is difficult to understand why a mitzvah that is so cherished among the Jewish people, carried out

countless times by his descendants, should be listed among the ten unique tests of Avraham.

Rav Moshe Feinstein (d.1986) suggests that the *brit milah* challenged Avraham's entire approach to his life's mission. Throughout his life, Avraham had attempted to persuade and explain to other people the truth of Hashem's existence. In order to be successful in influencing others, it was important for him to blend in with his disciples. Had he stood apart and aloof, there would be little motivation for others to follow in his footsteps. Here, he was commanded not only to establish his personal relationship with Hashem as substantially different from other people, but he was also commanded to express that with a permanent mark on his body. The trial here was to set aside the philosophy that dictated that Avraham was no different to anyone else and to proclaim his unique role in the world.

In fact, Avraham was richly rewarded for passing this test. Through this challenge, Avraham was rewarded with *temimut*, the wholeness that comes from unquestioning obedience to Hashem's voice. The nations whom Avraham would have liked to influence surely ridiculed the notion that they should follow him once he had set himself on a pedestal of closeness to Hashem. Avraham's potent response, however, was that he had not doubted Hashem's word and had not hesitated to fulfil it - a message that was perhaps more compelling than any other he had taught through his words alone.

Next Week - VAYERA: The Strength to Climb the Mountain

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/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

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHABBAT
1ST NOV
12PM

KINLOSS CARES SHABBAT LUNCH

Shabbat Lunch with family Birnbaum after the Shabbat service.

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

**THIS
WEEK!**

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

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

TO SECURE BOOKING & PAY DEPOSIT VISIT
WWW.KINLOSS.ORG.UK/POLAND

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.




KINLOSS

YAH RZEITS

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

Shabbat 1st November

Anita Abrams	Husband
Maurice Faigenblum	Brother
Anthony Kraiss	Mother
Omek Marks	Father
Alexander Popivker	Father

Sunday 2nd November

Anita Abrams	Husband
Maurice Faigenblum	Brother
Anthony Kraiss	Mother
Omek Marks	Father
Alexander Popivker	Father

Monday 3rd November

Nona Davar (Ozerianskaya)	Mother
Deborah Goldschmidt	Husband
Haya Lewi	Mother
Michael Nathan	Father
Barbara Phillips	Father
Pamela Plesner	Father

Tuesday 4th November

Stephen Bayard	Mother
Gilda Braff	Mother
Sara Greenwood	Brother
Neil Nachshen	Father
Jacob Steinberg	Mother
Regina Woolman	Brother

Wednesday 5th November

Raphael Benggio	Father
Norman Davis	Mother
Richard Ellis	Father
Rachel Hajioff	Mother
Audrey Kelvin	Mother
Michael Weinstein	Father
Jonathan Wynbourne	Father

Thursday 6th November

Charlotte Collins	Father
Felice Crown	Brother
Aaron Diamond	Mother
Miriam Graham	Father
Sharon Lee	Brother
Janice Oliver	Father
Daniel Selby	Father

Friday 7th November

Farzaneh Amini	Sister
Frances Gordon	Husband
Rami Kanzen	Sister
Percy Kaye	Father
Enid Mahboubian	Husband

CONDOLENCES

Debra Sussman, Adam Sussman and Neal Sussman on the passing of their mother Adrienne Sussman MBE z'l.

Nick Winters, Carol, Michele and Matthew Winters on the passing of their husband and father Leslie Winters 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, 10.30am 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 2 nd Nov 11 Cheshvan	Mon 3 rd Nov 12 Cheshvan	Tue 4 th Nov 13 Cheshvan	Wed 5 th Nov 14 Cheshvan	Thur 6 th Nov 15 Cheshvan	Fri 7 th Nov 16 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	4.15pm	4.15pm	4.15pm	4.15pm	4.15pm	4.05pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum: rabbi.birnbaum@kinloss.org.uk / 07905 964 207

Rebbetzen Elisheva Birnbaum: rebbetzen.elisheva@kinloss.org.uk / 07581 312 310

Rabbi Josh Harris: rabbijosh@kinloss.org.uk / 07721 423 316

Rebbetzen Tali Harris: tali.harris@kinloss.org.uk / 07721 423 317

Ian Kamiel, COO: ian.kamiel@kinloss.org.uk / 020 8349 5264

Shul Office: office@kinloss.org.uk / 020 8346 8551

Samantha Sussman, Rabbinic PA: samantha.sussman@kinloss.org.uk / 020 8349 5269

Anthony Sarankin, Finance: anthony.sarankin@kinloss.org.uk / 020 8349 5261

Kinloss Cares: 020 8349 5263

Safeguarding Officer, Rachelle Lazarus: safeguarding@kinloss.org.uk

Jami Ambassador, Richard Kafton: 07973 986 344

Security (volunteering): security@kinloss.org.uk