

KOL KINLOSS



The inaugural
Kinloss Football
Tournament took
place last Sunday!

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LaShir

Service starts: 7.00pm

Candle lighting: 7.34pm

Minyan Sheini

Service starts: 7.35pm

Candle lighting: 7.50pm

Shabbat Ends: 10.17pm

BALAK

11th - 12th July 2025

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SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

Earliest candle lighting - 7.34pm

7.00pm Minyan LaShir in the Large Deal Hall (candles should be lit at 7.34pm)

7.00pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

7.35pm Minyan Sheini in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash (candles should be lit by 7.50pm)

Please note: If you (and members of your household) are unable to attend shul altogether, you should light candles by 7.50pm.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

7.45am **HASHKAMA** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

9.00am **SEPHARDI SERVICE** in the Sephardi Synagogue. **Rabbi & Rebbetzen**

Birnbaum will be joining the Sephardi Community for the Shabbat morning service

9.15am **MAIN SERVICE** in the Main Synagogue

9.30am **THE MINYAN** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls

WOMEN'S HAFTORAH GROUP in the Kinloss Suite Foyer (approx. 10.45am). Haftorah will be read by Dani Tapnack and Rebecca Simon will be speaking.

9.30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Rabstein Room

9.45am **YOUTH SERVICE** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

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 Eliyahu Cohen and Yoni Laitner

8.25pm **PRE-MINCHA TZURBA (PRACTICAL HALACHA - HADLAKAT NEIROT) CHABURAH WITH RABBI JOSH**

8.55pm **MINCHA** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

9.25pm **SUMMER SEUDA SHLISHIT SERIES** with **RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI** in the Nissan & Rifca Deal Halls entitled **'IS ANTISEMITISM INEVITABLE? REVISITING YAAKOV AND ESAV'**



RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

is Emeritus rabbi of Golders Green Synagogue, chief strategist and rabbinic head of University Jewish Chaplaincy and organisational consultant for the United Synagogue.

10.17pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT**



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

Year 6 'Preparing for the Youth Service' at 10:30am in the Meeting Room with Rabbi Josh

SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

HASHKAMA in the Silver Suite

MAIN KIDDUSH in the Kinloss Suite

THE MINYAN in the Small Deal Hall sponsored by Irene & Geoffrey Herman to celebrate Irene's 80th birthday, the marriage of their granddaughter, Liora and granddaughter Lielle's Bat Mitzvah.

YOUTH in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Margi Abeles & family on the birth of a great granddaughter, Brachi. A daughter for Shiri & Aaron Gillis and granddaughter for Simon & Shifra. Remembering great grandfather Leo Z'L at this happy time.

Mazel Tov to James & Judith Mindell on the birth of a daughter, Ruth Moriah. A granddaughter to Jeremy & Belinda Mindell and Rene & Gaby Schaechter. Mazel Tov to great grandparents Bertram Mindell and Norman & Debbi Primost.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Alexander Basrawy (12), Liat Shababo (9), Reuben Zwick (8)
Shani Blackston (8), Hallie Blitz (5)

Shabbat Forum

KINLOSS

*with Phil Rosenberg,
President of the Board of Deputies*

**26th July, 11:30am
Main Shul**

Followed by kiddush in the Kinloss Suite

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

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	The Derashot of Rabbi Isaac Bernstein	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	All
Shabbat	9.00 - 9.30am	Rambam: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	Deal Hall	All
	Half an hour before Mincha	Tzurba (Practical Halacha) Chabura	Rabbi Josh	Beit Midrash	All
Sunday	8.45 – 9.30am	Gemara Megilla	Rabbi Birnbaum	Small Deal Hall	All
Monday	1.30 – 2.10pm	Key Themes in Sefer Devarim	Rabbi Fine	Zoom	Women
	6.45 - 8.00pm	Gummy Bears & Gemara	Amichai Lerer	Beit Midrash	6 th Form Boys
Tuesday	8.45 – 9.15am	Sefer Pele Yoetz – Encyclopaedia of Judaism	Rabbi Fine	Beit Midrash	All
	8.15 - 9.15pm (fortnightly)	L'Chaim & Learn	Rabbi Josh	Members' Homes	All
Wednesday	8.45 – 9.15am	Gemara Berachot	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
	8.00 - 8.45pm	Timeless Torah Parashat Shiur	Rabbi Birnbaum	Beit Midrash	All
Thursday	8.50 - 9.15am	Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin	Rabbi Heller	Beit Midrash	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

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
19 th July	11:45am - 12:15pm	Kinloss Youth Kiddush Club Chaburot	Rabbi Josh/ Rebbetzen Tali/ Elisheva/ Amichai	Beit Midrash	Youth
18 th July	10:00 - 11:00am	Highlights & Hot Drinks	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Small Deal Hall	Women



Daniel Taub
Former Israeli Ambassador to the UK

SPECIAL SEUDAH SHLISHT
SHABBAT 18 JULY, 9.15PM

Jewish Wisdom for Tough Conversations in
Divisive Times


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TIMELESS TORAH

BALAK - A Nation That Rises Like a Lion: Understanding Bilaam's Blessings

The Hidden Hand of History

Parshat Balak is unique among all the parshiyot of the Torah in that it is written entirely from the viewpoint of outside observers. Indeed, as the Chatam Sofer (d. Pressburg 1839) pointed out in the final responsum printed in his halachic work on Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah, there were no Jewish eyewitnesses at all for the events of this parshah, and even one who firmly believes in the rest of the Torah might be tempted to harbour doubts about what happened in Parshat Balak. Nevertheless, asserts the Chatam Sofer, this episode forms an integral part of the Torah and is no different to any other passage; one who denies the truth of Parshat Balak is equivalent to one who denies any other part of the Torah. In the same way, the Chatam Sofer concludes, the brief mention of the Final Redemption at the end of the Book of Devarim, although it obviously has not yet been witnessed by anyone, is also a fundamental part of our belief system.

With these few words, the Chatam Sofer portrays this parshah as a glimpse into an accurate perspective on Jewish history. Behind the scenes of every episode that we experience lies the hidden hand of Hashem, Who, in His infinite love for His nation, guides and cares for us at every moment. In fact, the Torah itself, in Parshat Ki Tetzei, summarises the entire episode of Bilaam as follows: 'And Hashem turned the curses into blessings because Hashem, your God, loves you' (Devarim 23:6).

Rav Hirsch (d.1888) explains one of the verses in this parshah in a similar vein. 'From

the heights of the rocks I see it and from the high places I observe it' (23:9). According to Rav Hirsch, this is a commentary on the wide scope of history. Just as a distant view surveyed from an elevated vantage point seems closer than when seen from lower down, so do events through history appear more closely connected when looked at with a far-reaching perspective. When we live in the moment, we see only a small snapshot, but in the framework of the development of the whole of time, we are able to appreciate the centuries woven into a single tapestry.

A Nation With a Mission

One of the best-known phrases from Parshat Balak is Bilaam's description of the Jewish nation as an '*am levadad yishkon* — a nation that dwells alone' (23:9). Although the word *am* normally has a negative connotation, it is used here as a praise for the Jewish people. According to Rav Hirsch, while a *goy* is a nation that seeks to impress its greatness by power and might, the word *am* refers to a community which pursues its own internal mission without being unduly influenced by those of other nations.

Following in the same vein, the Netziv (d.1893) also sees this verse as exhorting the Jewish people to focus on their own values rather than imitate the hollow tenets of their neighbours. Throughout history, the trend of an exiled nation is to gradually integrate into the society to which they have been exiled until they eventually lose their identity altogether. The Jewish nation, however, is different. When they are proud of their identity, they dwell in tranquillity and honour; a people who are confident of



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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their position has no need to compete with others and others will not compete with them.

Another positive use of the word *am* is found in the phrase ‘*hen am kelavi yakum* — behold the nation rises like a lioness’ (23:24). In this phrase, the commentators explain, the Jewish people are described as mighty warriors rising up against the kings of Canaan — ‘*lo yishkav ad yochal teref*— they will not dwell in their land until they have vanquished their adversaries’. Rashi, however, offers a radically different explanation. The Jewish people, he writes, rise like a lion in the morning to put on their Tefillin and daven Shacharit, *lo yishkav* — and they do not lie down at night — before driving away negative forces and depositing their souls with Hashem by reciting the Shema at bedtime.

This dichotomy of interpretations can actually be understood to be complementary. While bravery and might are necessary when wars have to be fought, of equal importance is what one goes to war with. The Jewish people fight with strength and with dedication, but more fundamentally, we fight with faith in Hashem and with our prayers.

Eternal Exodus

The Moabite king, Balak, in his initial message to Bilaam, expressed his concern about the ‘nation that has left Egypt’ (22:5). Bilaam, in his blessings, repeats the fact that this nation had recently left Egypt but he refers to the Exodus with two subtle differences. In verse 22, Bilaam proclaims ‘

‘*Kel motziam miMitzraim* — God takes them out from Egypt’, not only using the present tense, as opposed to Balak’s past tense, but also attributing the Exodus to Hashem.

Rabbi Yissochor Dov Rokeach (b.1948), the current Belzer Rebbe, expounds on this idea, suggesting that Balak deliberately used the past tense to hint that although they may have left Mitzrayim on certain merits, they were no longer worthy of Divine protection. Bilaam, on the other hand, did not agree. The Exodus actually happened 190 years ahead of schedule, before the Jewish people would have become lost among the Egyptians. Bilaam’s use of the present tense indicated that Hashem would always redeem them, regardless of their merits.

Thus, looking at Jewish history from a global perspective, these verses teach us that the Exodus was not a one-time event but a paradigm of Hashem’s relationship with us. It happened in the past, at precisely the time that Hashem saw fit, and Hashem is still ‘taking us out’, saving us and protecting us until the time comes for the Final Redemption. As Jews, we live our lives with an awareness of the Exodus, mentioning it twice a day in our prayers and commemorating it in many of our mitzvot. With the message of the Exodus constantly with us, we realise that our past is not only our present, but our future as well.

Next Week: Pinchas - The Covenant & Promise of Peace

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

GROUPS AND CLUBS



SUNDAY 20 JULY 11.00AM

SHUL FOR THE MIND

[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/MIND](https://kinloss.org.uk/mind)



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/IVRITY](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 21ST JULY 11.00AM

CHAPS FOR CHAT
AND MONDAY MATTERS

[KINLOSSCARES@KINLOSS.ORG.UK](mailto:kinlosscares@kinloss.org.uk)

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHABBAT
12TH & 19TH
JULY

YEAR 6 STEP UP SHABBATOT

Special Shabbatot to prepare Year 6 for the transition into the Youth Service. More details to follow

**THIS
WEEK!**

SHABBAT
19TH JULY

KINLOSS CARES SHABBAT LUNCH

Enjoy lunch with the Birnbaums after the Shabbat service. To book, please call Rochelle before Tuesday, 15th July, on 020 8343 5263

SHABBAT
19TH JULY

YEAR 9 & 10 SHABBAT LUNCH

Years 9 & 10 are invited to join Elisheva & Amichai in the Youth flat for Shabbat Lunch.

To book go to kinloss.org.uk/youthlunch

SHABBAT
19TH JULY
4.30pm

SEUDAH IN THE SUN

Join us for dinner, friends and fun as we end the school year with a Shabbat afternoon seudah at Windsor Open Space. For ages 0 - Year 2 (older children welcome).

To book go to kinloss.org.uk/sun

SUNDAY
20TH JULY
5PM-
9.30PM

KINLOSS PRESENTS THE JEWISH ART FAIR

Exhibits for sale include Paintings, Sculptures, Jewellery, Embroidery, Silk, Ceramics, Fused Glass and Photography

FREE ENTRANCE

To book as an exhibitor go to www.kinloss.org.uk/fair

SUNDAY
20TH JULY
7PM- 9PM

INTRODUCING THE JEWISH BOOK CLUB

An evening of memory, resistance, and resilience featuring two remarkable books and a surprise guest

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

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE KINLOSS COUNCIL 25/26

We are looking forward to working with you over the coming year to take our community forward. If you have any feedback or would like to get more involved, please be in touch.

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Yahrzeits

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

Shabbat 12th July

Anthony Brittan	Mother
Shirley Ellis	Mother
Deborah Laurier	Father
Rosalyn Liss	Father
Sidney Ruback	Mother
Adam Sussman	Father
Adrienne Sussman	Husband
Debra Sussman	Father
Alexa Tapper	Sister
Sandra Tauber	Husband

Sunday 13th July

Rosalind Fine	Husband
George Gaty	Father
Stanley Jacobs	Grandfather
Deborah Tenenblat	Father
Sidney Wagner	Mother

Monday 14th July

Josephine Cohen	Brother
Janet Gold	Husband
Janice Joseph	Mother
Suzanne Mizrachi	Father
Rita Toubkin	Mother
David Weinberg	Father

Tuesday 15th July

Irene Dickson	Mother
Suzanne Landy	Father

Wednesday 16th July

Gary Bradley	Father
Shoina Kass	Father
Ruth Levy	Father
Gerald Lucas	Father
Joanne Rose	Father
Sheila Soleiman	Brother

Thursday 17th July

Denis Felsenstein	Mother
Edward Lazarus	Mother
Maurice Lazarus	Wife
Jonathan Portner	Mother
Pnina Ravid	Father

Friday 18th July

Richard Coleman	Mother
Stafford Fertleman	Mother
Stephen Goldwyn	Father
Anthony Harris	Mother
Shoina Kass	Mother
Leslie Kaye	Mother
Ruth Levy	Mother
Susan Lew	Mother
Paul Vegoda	Sister

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Rita Gordon z'l.

Muriel Krieger, Vincent Krieger and Lance Krieger on the passing of their son and brother Nicholas Krieger z'l.

CONSECRATIONS

Sunday 13th July 2025, 9.30am at Bushey Old in memory of Sylvia Woof z'l

Sunday 13th July 2025, 1.30pm at Bushey Old in memory of Gerald Abrahams z'l

Sunday 27th July 2025, 10.00am at Bushey Old in memory of Rose Young z'l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 13 th 17 Tammuz FAST OF TAMMUZ Begins 01.47 Ends 22.10	Mon 14 th 18 Tammuz	Tue 15 th 19 Tammuz	Wed 16 th 20 Tammuz	Thurs 17 th 21 Tammuz	Fri 18 th 22 Tammuz
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	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.00pm & 7.30pm

TO KEEP INFORMED OF UPCOMING EVENTS
AND ALL THINGS KINLOSS, JOIN THE
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