

KOL KINLOSS



VOLUNTEERS' SHABBAT

Join us this week for
a special shabbat
and kiddush to
celebrate our
volunteers



Kinloss Youth - Girls ID Programme



וישלח

SHABBAT START

3:36pm

SHABBAT END

4:46pm

VAYISHLACH

י"ג כסלו תשפ"ה

13-14th December 2024



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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

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

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

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

*After Maftir in the Minyan,
Women's Haftorah Group in
the Kinloss Suite Foyer
Dani Tapnack will be reading
Haftara and Rebbetzen
Elisheva will be speaking*

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

3:30pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **GUEST SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI ZVI DAVIDSON**, teacher at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh (KBY). Rav Davidson is originally from London and has been teaching at KBY for over 15 years.

Title '**THE GIFTS OF SEFER BEREISHIT: THE EFFECT OF GIFT GIVING ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS**'

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



4:46pm MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Chicken Soup Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite Foyer after Maariv.

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA MINYAN in the Silver Suite

MAIN AND MINYAN a special joint kiddush to thank Kinloss volunteers in the Kinloss Suite



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Milly Hoddes on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov also to her parents Laura & Avi, sister Tamara, grandparents Nicholas & Barbara Kay and Barbara Hoddes and Barry Hoddes and Great Grandma Phyllis.

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

**Yasmin Dunitz (2) Freya Beenstock (10)
Isaac Battaler (8)**



VOLUNTEERS' SHABBAT



Join us for a special shabbat and kiddush to celebrate our volunteers and find out more about the many ways you can contribute.

For more information visit:

kinloss.org.uk/volunteer

Or email: volunteer@kinloss.org.uk

LEARNING AT KINLOSS

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Day	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
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
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

MONTHLY SHIURIM

Next Dates	Time	Topic	Given By	Venue	Open To
18th Dec 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 
20th Dec 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 VAYISHLACH - Antisemitism, Jewish Destiny & The Long View of History

The Irrationality of Antisemitism

The Ramban (d.1270), in his introduction to *Parshat Vayishlach*, writes that the message of this parshah is twofold. On the one hand, we learn how Hashem stood by his servant, Yaakov, and saved him from the intimidation of his brother Eisav. On the other hand, we learn how Yaakov prepared himself for their encounter. He did not rely on his own righteousness but worked hard to achieve salvation through his own efforts. When the Jewish people face antagonism from the nations of the world, they should imitate Yaakov's reactions: prayer, appeasement and preparation for war.

According to the Ramban, the pivotal moment of Yaakov's encounter with Eisav should not be understood solely in its own context. It is played out through successive generations whenever we interact with those who seek to harm us.

In a similar vein, Rav Soloveitchik (d.1993) learns a powerful message from the cryptic account of Yaakov's nighttime battle immediately preceding his meeting with Eisav. The *parshah* describes how Yaakov was left alone in the middle of the night on the riverbank, where he meets a man who attacks him. They spend the entire night wrestling with all their might, and when day breaks, Yaakov asks his assailant for his name. The man responds by blessing Yaakov but insists that he cannot reveal his identity.

The refusal of the anonymous attacker to identify himself represents the most insidious characteristic of antisemitism: the Jew never knows who will attack him. Over the course of our history, we have

been attacked by the rich, the poor, the capitalists, the socialists and many other groups of people with seemingly very little in common.

A second characteristic of this confrontation was that upon defeat, the anonymous antagonist did not promise Yaakov peace. Instead, his silence gave the impression that they would meet again at a future date. These two characteristics, anonymity and permanence, constitute the fundamental nature of the scourge of antisemitism. According to Rav Soloveitchik, *Parshat Vayishlach* teaches that there is no way of rationalising hatred of the Jewish people. No matter who stands against us, the mission is always the same: to oppose who the Jewish people are and what we stand for.

The Prayer & The Seashore

Studying Yaakov's prayer (32:10-13), in which he beseeches Hashem to save him from Eisav, we sense both his distress at the prospect of catastrophe and also his confidence in Hashem's promise that his descendants would be as numerous as the sand on the seashore. The question that arises is why Yaakov did not compare the Jewish people to the stars in the sky, which would seem to be a superlative metaphor? The Kli Yakar (d.1619) explains that although throughout our long history we have endured times where we have been like the stars in the sky or, in dramatic contrast, like the earth underfoot, the most apt metaphor historically has been a comparison to the sand by the seashore. The grains of sand are too numerous to be counted, but the waves still ceaselessly attempt to swamp them. So too, the Jewish people are



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

under constant threat from our enemies who seek to oppose us. But just as the sand forms a barrier that repels the waves, so our adversaries are unable to destroy us. In the face of the impending battle, Yaakov entreats Hashem not to forget His promise that like the sand by the shore, we will never be swept away.

Hanna Szenes's beautiful poem, *Eli Eli* (1942), takes on a new meaning in light of this idea: "*My God, my God/may it never end — /the sand and the sea,/the rustle of the water,/the lightning of the sky,/the prayer of man.*" The Jewish people, despite all our adversaries, are eternal. This is our constant prayer.

Yaakov's Silence

A striking interpretation by Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky (d.1986) later in the parshah links closely to these ideas. We are told how Dinah is captured by the Hittite prince, Shechem, who violates her. When Yaakov hears about this, he remains silent and waits for his sons to return home. When they do return, they are incensed, and they devise a plan to persuade the entire city to weaken themselves through circumcision. While the Hittites are recovering, Shimon and Levi massacre them and rescue their sister. At this point, Yaakov speaks out and reprimands them severely for their actions, but when they reply, 'Should our sister be made a harlot?' Yaakov is again silent. What is going on here? Does Yaakov approve of what they did or is he opposed?

It is remarkable to note that, when Yaakov dispenses his blessings to his sons before his death, he punishes Shimon and Levi

by not giving them a unified portion in *Eretz Yisrael* (49:7). On the other hand, Rashi teaches that this dispersion gave them the responsibility of becoming teachers of Torah to the rest of the nation. Were Shimon and Levi spurned for what they did or were they rewarded for their actions? According to Rabbi Kamenetzky, Yaakov saw that these two brothers felt the pain of their sister at their very core, and he appreciated that the passion they had demonstrated made them fitting for the lofty role of Jewish education – something which requires immense commitment and passion to carry out properly. But he disapproved of their methods. While he was in favour of the operation to rescue her, he maintained that it should have been of a more limited scope.

Perhaps Yaakov at this moment recalled his earlier struggle with the angel. His response was pragmatic in nature, recognising that there are reasons beyond our understanding as to why the nations oppose us. He further knew that the episodes that had befallen him were harbingers of the spectre of antisemitism that would threaten Jews in future generations. Thus, his message to his sons was that although they were correct to be incensed, the massacre of an entire town was the wrong response. Instead, he told them to defend themselves wherever necessary, but instead of being consumed by pain and anger, to channel their energy into educating their children in staying true to their eternal values.

Next week: Parshat Vayeishev -
Fractured Perspectives, Fractured
Visions

KINLOSS YOUTH

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GUMMY BEARS & GEMARA

Join Amichai, as we explore what it really takes to be a learned Jew, what they're all doing in yeshivot and where our Mesorah truly comes from... as we tackle the most important text that man ever wrote. With Hariboi!

Every Monday 6:45 - 8:00!

For Sixth Form Boys!



CHANUKAH NIGHT

MOTZEI SHABBAT 21ST DECEMBER

YEARS 7-9	PIZZA, DOUGHNUTS, AND A NIGHT FULL OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES
7:30-9PM	TICKET £4

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THIS WEEK
Kiddush Club
is back

Kinloss Youth Presents... KINLOSS

THE BREAKFAST CLUB



Join Elisheva, Amichai & the other early risers for a pre-shachrit schmooze... and rogellach!

KINLOSS YOUTH PRESENTS...

YEAR 10 & 11 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER @ THE YOUTH FLAT



FOLLOWED BY...

SIGN UP HERE!!!:
kinloss.org.uk/youthdinner

...WITH YEARS 12 & 13!!!



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Winter is here, but life at Kinloss Youth is definitely heating up!

The Girls Years 8-9 ID programme got off to an epic start at DNA VR last week, a unique way of learning about whether Judaism is past or future focussed!

We've also had a great opening two weeks of Gummy Bears & Gemara, as our Year 11-13 boys navigate the depth and complexities of the Talmud. Friday Night Live last month was a great success with many thanks to our guest speaker, Rabbi & Rebbetzen Birnbaum, and we're looking forward to our next one on Friday 20th December, featuring another amazing guest speaker.

Our Friday Night Dinner for Years 10 & 11 is also on the 20th December and our epic Chanukah Party for Years 7-9 is on Motzei Shabbat 21st December, and you can book your place for both of these events now!

And don't forget to join us after the Youth Service this week for Kinloss Youth Kiddush Club with an exciting Kiddush!



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COMING UP AT KINLOSS



MONDAY 1.45PM

Film Afternoon

THE FABELMANS

A film inspired by
Steven Spielberg's
own childhood

WEEKLY CLUBS

MONDAY

7.30PM

Ivrit Discussion
Group (online)

THURSDAY

5.30PM

Junior Table
Tennis Club

TUESDAY 2PM

Bridge Club



MONDAY 8PM

Women's Pilates

THURSDAY

10.30AM

Chair Based
Exercise

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

**THE ANNUAL
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!

Pre book now at
[kinloss.org.uk/
famshab](https://kinloss.org.uk/famshab)



SHABBAT LUNCH
with the Birnbaums

THIS WEEK 14TH DECEMBER

FOR ALL THOSE AGED

70 YEARS YOUNG

AND OVER

FAMILY MEMBERS

ALSO WELCOME

**20 DECEMBER
11.00AM**

Highlights & Hot
Drinks for women with
Rebbetzen Elisheva

**28 DECEMBER
5.30PM**
Chanukah Celebration

**15 DECEMBER
11AM**
Shul for the Mind



**KYC Friday Night
Oneg**

10TH JANUARY 2025

For more information about events at Kinloss please contact lucy.marcus@kinloss.org.uk

YAHARZEITS

Shabbat 14th December

Ricky Levy Father

Sunday 15th December

Farzaneh Amini Brother
Helen Azizoff Brother
Lea Gilchrist Mother
Lynne Goldwyn Father
Martin Greenfield Father
RosalyN Liss Mother
Jean Rauch 1st Husband
Liz Stoll Sister

Monday 16th December

Sandra Bernstone Father
Caroline Davis Father
Estelle Noss Husband
Mariette Waldman Father

Tuesday 17th December

Joyce Grossmark Mother
Elli Morris Father

Wednesday 18th December

Alan Class Mother
Edward Cooper Brother
Gary Djanogly Father
Leonie Djanogly Husband
Vitek Frenkel Mother
Alex Hajioff Mother
Sandra Halperin Father
Bernard Kaye Mother
Gerald Lucas Sister
Anna Phillips Mother
Josephine Symons Mother
Marilyn Tapper Mother

Thursday 19th December

Peter Bloom Father
Lester Kendler Mother
David Lesser Mother
Eve Nachman Husband

Friday 20th December

Edna Barnett Mother
Zara Blaskey Mother
Barbara Bleiberg Brother
Wendy Class Mother
Tanya Dahan Mother
Rosalind Gerrard Husband
Lea Gilchrist Husband
Robert Lyons Father
Sara Renshaw Father
Ann Winkler Father

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

CONSECRATIONS

Wednesday 8th January 2025, 12pm at
Bushey Old Cemetery in memory of Hetty
Phillips 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 Ashley Prager, Francine Liebert and
Irving Estrin on the passing of their
mother and sister Helen Prager z'l

To Caroline Gray on the passing of her
mother Mona Ozin z'l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 15th 14 Kislev	Mon 16th 15 Kislev	Tues 17th 16 Kislev	Wed 18th 17 Kislev	Thurs 19th 18 Kislev	Fri 20th 19 Kislev
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	7:50am	6:30am	6:45am	6:45am	6:30am	6:45am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:35pm

Thank you, Martin! After years of tireless service, our wonderful

KINLOSS SECURITY OFFICER, MARTIN SHIERS

will be stepping down from this important role at the end of this year.

Our community owe Martin a huge debt of gratitude for doing so much to make sure we are kept safe and secure at all times, particularly during some challenging times.

There will be a special kiddush on 1st March to thank Martin for all of his efforts.



KEEP IN TOUCH

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