

KOL KINLOSS



Timeless Torah
Parsha Shiur
with
Rabbi Birnbaum



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SHABBAT START

4:58pm

SHABBAT END

6:03pm

YITRO

14-15 February 2025

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KINLOSS

THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY JOSEPH SZLEZINGER
FOR THE Yahrzeit OF HIS WIFE KATHRIN Z"l

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

FRIDAY NIGHT

4:55pm Combined Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv in the Large Deal Hall **celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of ELLIE SHABABO**

4:50pm Sephardi Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

MAZEL TOV
ELLIE SHABABO
on her
Bat Mitzvah

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 JONAH GOODMAN**

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

9:30am **MINYAN HATZA'IR** in the Rabstein Room

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

MAZEL TOV
JONAH
GOODMAN
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

4:55pm **MINCHA** followed by a light Seuda Shlishit and **SHIUR** in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash by **RABBI JOSH HARRIS**, entitled '**SELFIES, SUNSETS & TOY DOLLS: COULD IT REALLY BE IDOL WORSHIP?**'

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

6:03pm **MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT**



KIDDUSHIM AT KINLOSS

Friday Night Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite after Maariv sponsored by the Shababo family in celebration of **ELLIE'S BAT MITZVAH**

Shabbat morning at the conclusion of the:

HASHKAMA MINYAN in the Silver Suite

MAIN SERVICE in the Kinloss Suite sponsored by the Goodman family in celebration of **JONAH'S BAR MITZVAH**

MINYAN HATZA'IR in the Rabstein Room



10:15am
ANIM ZEMIROT CLUB
IN THE NEWMAN ROOM
LED BY DAVID LESSER

MAZEL TOV

JONAH GOODMAN

Jonah attends JFS and his hobbies are football, golf, sprinting and being creative. Jonah is taking part in the Camp Simcha Bar Mitzvah programme and collecting footballs with GIFT to be sent to Boys Town Jerusalem. Jonah is twinning his Bar Mitzvah with Refael Maskalchi murdered by a rocket which fell in the southern town of Netivot on October 7th who was not able to have a Bar Mitzvah.



Mazel Tov to parents Natasha & Elliot, siblings Aaron and Jake, grandparents Aviva & John Wilford, Anthony & Betty Gershuny and Rhoda & Bernard Goodman. Remembering the late Mavis & Joseph Roth z'l and Cynthia & Charles Gershuny z'l at this happy time.

ELLIE NOA SHABABO

Ellie attends JFS and enjoys parkour and baking. Ellie has twinned her Bat Mitzvah through Yad Vashem with a girl called Ellie Fingerhut who perished in Auschwitz. Ellie took part in the Kinloss Bat Mitzvah programme and loves volunteering. In the run up to her Bat Mitzvah she has been involved with Gift and the Project Impact Bnei Mitzvah initiative.



Mazel tov to parents Rachel & Daniel Shababo, sisters Mia and Liat, grandparents Ann Raven and Jackie Shababo and remembering grandfather's Eliazer Shababo z'l and Norman Raven z'l at this time.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Fine on the birth of a great-grandson.

Mazel Tov to Margi Abeles & family on the birth of a great grandson, Shlomo, son for Dov & Rochelle Abeles and brother for Tilly. Grandson for Simon & Shifra. Remembering great grandfather Leo Z'L at this happy time.

Mazel Tov to Lisa & Stephen Harrison on the engagement of their son Joshua to Rebecca, daughter of Jo Ebner and Aron Landy. Mazel Tov to grandparents Cecy Bearman, Marie Harrison and Ros & Barry Landy. Remembering grandparents Alan Bearman Z'L, Alan Harrison Z'L, Ann & Henry Ebnor Z'L at this happy time.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Adina Zinkin (7), Bobbi Clyne (10), Jonah Daniels (5)
Zev Cohen (7), Raphael Arad (11), Maya Sosnow (11)

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: Laws of Illicit Relations	Rabbi Dr Zarum	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	Nach - Kohelet	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
25th Feb	8.00 – 9.00 PM	Combined Shiur 'The Stories You Weren't Taught In School' & 'Women's Rosh Chodesh' - The Story of Megilat Esther through Adult Eyes	Rebbetzen Tali	Beit Midrash	Women
27th 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
7th Mar 4th Apr	10.00 – 11.00 AM	Highlights & Hot Drinks – Inspiration around the Jewish year	Rebbetzen Elisheva	Small Deal Hall	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

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 YITRO - Standing Together At Sinai - One People, One Heart

Teachings of the Desert

A careful analysis of how the Jewish people prepared themselves for the most immense moment in the history of our nation, the Acceptance of the Torah (*Kabbalat HaTorah*), provides essential insights for our own approach to Torah study.

The verses describing *Kabbalat HaTorah* begin with a seemingly entirely superfluous detail: 'And they travelled from Refidim and they encamped in the desert' (19:2). Even a casual reader of the verses before and after this verse would understand this information without it being spelt out. The commentators, therefore, derive that this verse is hinting to the connection between the way this journey was conducted and the event of *Kabbalat HaTorah* that happened after it.

Following this theme, the Midrash finds deep significance in the fact that the Torah was given in a desert, and draws three parallels between the idea of a desert and the manner in which the Torah can be received not only on a national level but also by individuals. Firstly, a desert belongs to no one. Just as anybody can access the desert, so too, the Torah does not belong to any particular group within our people. No matter our background or our previous experience in learning, the Torah is ours to connect to. Secondly, a desert is barren and empty of all comforts.

Torah learning, too, requires us to clear out our lives of the clutter it contains and prioritise time for connecting to our heritage. Thirdly, a desert seems to have no end. When we learn Torah, we must approach it with humility to appreciate its limitless potential.

Philosophies of Connection

This verse also seems to place a particular emphasis on the journey from Refidim to Mount Sinai. Rashi explains that just as they had left Refidim in a spirit of repentance for their improperly presented complaints over the insufficient water supply (see Shemot, chapter 17), so too they arrived at Mount Sinai in a spirit of repentance. According to the Netziv (Rabbi Naf-tali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin, d. 1893), this idea of moving and growing is a further lesson in the way we should approach the Torah. In matters of spirituality, the more we exert ourselves to prepare for them, the better we will absorb them. To illustrate his point, he cites the well-known story from the Talmud of Rabbi Chiya, who would not only expend singular efforts to teach children Torah, but would actually prepare nets to hunt deer to prepare their hides, with which he would make the scrolls he used in his classrooms. He knew that the energy and effort that went into this project would increase the sanctity of the parchments and would thereby make a greater spiritual impression on his students.

Another connection to Refidim can be found in the singular form of the verb '*vay-ichan* — and the nation camped opposite the mountain'. The allusion here is that the nation readied themselves to accept the Torah in peace and harmony, with a unified aim.

In contrast, however, the beginning of the same verse refers to the nation in the plural form when it describes their leaving Refidim, indicating an atmosphere of strife: '*Vayisu meRefidim* —



Contemporary Perspectives on the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum

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

And they travelled from Refidim'. What happened between Refidim and Mount Sinai to initiate this change in attitude?

Rav Shlomo Wolbe (d. 2005) delves into the nature of the sin at Refidim. After witnessing the incredible miracles of the Exodus, the Jewish people found themselves in the desert with an insufficient water supply. Justifiably, they were concerned, but instead of building on their new-found closeness to Hashem, they asked, 'Is Hashem within us or not?' (Shemot 17:7). Certainly, argues Rabbi Wolbe, these great people contemplated carefully the nature of their recent experiences, but their attitude was not correct. Sometimes, a person can involve themselves in a thought process that stimulates spiritual engagement; a true Torah thought, for example, can be the catalyst to spawn a relationship with Hashem. At Refidim, however, their questionings were superficial philosophical reflections that pulled them away from Hashem rather than brought them close.

The resultant encounter with Amalek led them to recognise their shortcomings. Thus, when they came from there to Mount Sinai, it was with a common aspiration of searching for a moral code and law that would guide every aspect of their lives.

Studying anything is exciting and dynamic, but when we study Torah, our ultimate aim is not theological investigation for its own sake, but to deepen our faith and connection to Hashem through our heritage.

To Hear is to Believe

All too often, when the Jewish people receive an outsider's perspective on our nation, it is negative. In *Parshat Yitro*, however, we find a rare example of an outsider who heard about the happenings of the Jews and was inspired to make a positive change: '*Vayishma Yitro ... Vay-ichad* — Yitro heard ... and he rejoiced'. According to some opinions, Yitro joined the Jewish people after he heard about *Kabbalat HaTorah*.

But the truth is that it was not only he who heard about this momentous event. Indeed, the Midrash relates that all the kings of the world felt something cataclysmic happening and were concerned that they would once again perish in a flood. Seeking guidance, they consulted the prophet Bilaam who reassured them that they had nothing to fear, and that Hashem was giving the Torah to His people. Reassured that they were safe, the Midrash continues, the kings returned home.

Yitro was the one world leader who truly listened to what was happening. He was inspired to understand and make changes, and for this reason, he is associated so strongly with the Parsha of *Kabbalat HaTorah*. As Rabbi Sacks would often remark, 'We are a religion of the ear, not of the eye'. The eye can deceive us; the seeming clarity of our vision can lead us to make hasty conclusions. The ear, on the other hand, is our tool to listen, internalise and think things through. When a person is able to absorb something properly, their ability to transform their own perspective is so much greater.

**Next Week: Parshat Mishpatim -
The Legacy of Personal Responsibility**

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)



TUESDAY 2.00PM
ART CLASS
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/ART](https://kinloss.org.uk/art)

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TUESDAY 7.30PM
IVRIT CLASSES
[KINLOSS.ORG.UK/IVRIT](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)

COMING UP AT KINLOSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY
3RD MAR
8.00PM

BOOKS & BEYOND - THE RABBI SACKS PODCAST

Join us for a live podcast discussing Rabbi Sacks' ideas in a post October 7th World.

Dr Tanya White in conversation with
Daniel Finkelstein OBE and Gila Sacks.

PURIM AT THE KINLOSS

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FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT!
THURSDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

FEATURING —
THE FIRST EVER KINLOSS COMMUNAL PURIM SEUDA

COMING SOON



Save the Date

KINLOSS COMMUNAL SEDER

2ND NIGHT PESACH - SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

Open to all

Full details to follow

SHABBAT
30TH/31ST
MAY

RABBI BIRNBAUM'S INDUCTION

Please save the date for the formal Induction Shabbat of Rabbi Birnbaum by the Chief Rabbi. More information to follow.



Scholar in Residence

Dr Tanya White



Friday Night 28 February,
Shabbat 1 March &
Monday 3 March

Friday Night Oneg 28 February

Hosted by Sharon & Jeremy Kenley, 11 Chessington Avenue

In Pursuit of Humanity: Radical Responsibility in Rabbi Sacks' Thought

Shabbat 1 March

Shabbat Forum (after service in Main Synagogue)

Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story? - Reconstructing a National Narrative Post October 7th

Shabbat Mincha Shiur (in the Main Synagogue before end of Shabbat)

The Journey to Jewish Identity: From Mordechai to Stephen Fry

Monday 3 March

Books & Beyond:
The Rabbi Sacks Podcast Launch Event

Book Via - www.kinloss.org.uk/podcast

In Conversation with Lord Daniel Finkelstein OBE and Gila Sacks



Jonathan Sacks
RABBI EMANUEL

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YAHREZITS

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

Shabbat 15th February

Abraham Batchat	Mother
Zara Blaskey	Father
David Collins	Father
Tanya Dahan	Father
Audrey Godfrey	Sister
Rachel Murray	Mother
Naomi Nevies	Father
Vikki Shields	Father

Sunday 16th February

Cynthia Bengen	Brother
Shirley Ellis	Father
Efrem Gilmont	Mother
Irene Mansfield	Mother
Sandra Rapp	Mother
Barry Silverstein	Father
Ivan Silverstein	Father
Natalie White	Daughter
Robert White	Daughter

Monday 17th February

Suzanne Black	Mother
Suzanne Landy	Mother
Ian Liss	Father
Celia Rabstein	Mother
Roselyn Rosenfeld	Son
Jeffrey Shine	Mother

Tuesday 18th February

Alan Rubenstein	Mother
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Wednesday 19th February

Farzaneh Amini	Sister
Michelle Azizollahoff	Mother
Helen Barget	Mother
Harry Daniel	Father
Michael Daniel	Father
David Ebrahimoff	Mother
David Gershinson	Father
Richard Kafton	Mother
Susan Rubin	Mother

Thursday 20th February

Stephen Arnold	Mother
Alex Bassalian	Brother
Andrew Bassalian	Brother
Nahid Bassalian	Son
Sheila Forman	Mother
Alan Lee	Father
Anthony Lewis	Wife
Ann Miller	Mother
Sandra Tauber	Husband

Friday 21st February

Shirley Arkush	Mother
Gary Bradley	Brother
Sara Greenwood	Father
Helen Kamiel	Father
Bernice Kliger	Daughter
Suzanne Oberlander	Father
Madeleine Rubins	Husband
Julia Schneider	Father
Lynn Stock	Mother
Joseph Szelezinger	Wife
Josepha White	Father

CONDOLENCES

To Joshua Leff and Rachel Leff on the passing of their father **NORMAN NATHAN LEFF Z"l**

To Alistair Halpern, Stephanie Nagus & Jane Sagal on the passing of their mother **VALERIE HALPERN Z"l**

CONSECRATIONS

Sunday 23rd February 2025, 11.30am
at Bushey Old in memory of Fay Aarons z"l

Sunday 9th March 2025, 10.30am at Bushey
Old in memory of Hanna Nisse z"l

Sunday 9th March 2025, 11.00am at Bushey
New in memory of Kenneth Silver z"l

Monday 17th March 2025, 12.00pm at
Bushey New in memory of Dolores Zeid z"l

Sunday 30th March 2025, 12.00pm at
Bushey Old in memory of George Taylor z"l

SERVICE TIMES

SERVICES	Sun 16th 18 Shevat	Mon 17th 19 Shevat	Tues 18th 20 Shevat	Wed 19th 21 Shevat	Thurs 20th 22 Shevat	Fri 21st 23 Shevat
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	5.05pm	5.05pm	5.05pm	5.05pm	5.05pm	5.05pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

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