



Shabbat commences at 3:36pm and terminates at 4:46pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat at 3:40pm

ז' טבת תשע"ט

**Mazel tov to Mia Wohlgemuth on her Bat Mitzvah and Stuart Lesser on his Aufruf
We extend a warm welcome to their families and guests.**

There will be a joint Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite this week, following the services sponsored by Anna and Zvi Wohlgemuth on Mia's Bat Mitzvah and Clare and David Lesser on Stuart's Aufruf

SHABBAT LEARNING AT KINLOSS *Friday night*

3:40pm: Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat

4:05pm: Friday Night Story Time during davening with Rabbi Andrews
Ages 4 - 8 years old
Both followed by Chicken Soup Kiddush

Shabbat Morning

8:30am: Sephardi Synagogue
Talmud Tractate Pesachim by Rabbi Heller

9:15am: Youth Breakfast Banter

Breakfast & Parasha Shiur Benchers Cafe with Barry Colman

8:45am Laws of Pesach by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum
in Nissan and Rifca Deal Hall

10:15am Leining Squad for Yr 6
in the Kinloss Suite Foyer

There will not be a Study Group with Rabbi Laitner this week

10:40am Food for Thought with Rachel Pine
for Kinloss Youth Girls in the Rabstein Room

12:20pm Early Mincha in the Main Synagogue

Shabbat Afternoon

3:50pm : Mincha followed by
Shiur by Rabbi Andrews titled
"Yizkor during the first year Part 2"

4:46pm : Ma'ariv

7:00pm Daf Hayomi Shiur offsite
For more details call Moishe on 07521 149 764.

SHABBAT AT KINLOSS

HASHKAMA 7:45am

in the Liora Graham Beit Hamidrash,
followed by Kiddush and a short
shiur.

MAIN SYNAGOGUE 9:15am

led by Ian Kamiel and Ben Savery.
Kriat Hatorah by Brian Gedalla.
Rabbi Lawrence will speak.

THE MINYAN 9:15am

in the Deal Halls. Kriat Hatorah by
Ben Morris. Rabbi Lawrence will
address the Bat Mitzvah Mia.

SEPHARDI SERVICE 9:00am

in the Sephardi Synagogue, led by
Rabbi Heller and Reuben Gorji.

YOUTH SERVICE 9:45am

in the Liora Graham Beit Hamidrash,
under the direction of our Youth
Director, Barry Colman.

KIDS' MINYAN 10:45am

with Rav Malachi in the Marilyn
Newman Room.

**FAST TIMES FOR TUESDAY
18TH DECEMBER
FAST OF TEVET :**

**FAST BEGINS 6:12am
FAST ENDS 4:41pm**

In this week's Parsha, we witness Yosef's (Joseph) dramatic reveal to his brothers that he is, in fact, their long-lost brother. The Torah reads "Yosef said to his brothers, "I am Yosef. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dumbfounded were they on account of him" (45:3).

Yosef's question is both iconic and confusing. Of course, Yaakov (Jacob) was alive. The primary topic of conversation between Yosef and Yehuda had centred on how the loss of Binyamin (Benjamin) would potentially push Yaakov into a downward spiral culminating in death due to a broken heart. What was Yosef asking?

For obvious reasons, many of the classical commentaries suggest different interpretations of this query. The Tur HaAruch (Rabbi Jacob ben Asher, fourteenth century Spain) suggests that until this point the brothers had communicated via a translator, but, as the facade fell, this was no longer necessary. Yosef wanted to hear directly from his sibling's mouth that their father was still alive. Alternatively, the question served an opener to coax his dumbfounded family into a meaningful conversation.

Chaza"l (The Rabbis) in the Midrash (Rabbah 93:10) and Gemara understand Yosef's question as a rebuke. It was as through Yosef prodded his siblings saying "it is all well and good to be concerned about our father's feelings now with regards to Binyamin. What about when I was sold, is my father not still alive despite that pain?"

Rabbi Baruch Epstein, a 19th-century Lithuanian Rabbi and son of the famed Aruch Hashulchan, writes in his Torah commentary, the Torah Temimah, what is possibly the most ingenious explanation I have come across. Earlier in Yehuda's diatribe, he states "We have an old father, and there is a child of his old age, the youngest; his full brother is dead". Yosef might have thought that this slip of the tongue that declared him as dead might have been intentional to arouse his mercy. If this was false, maybe the rest was also a fabrication to generate sympathy including the part about a live older father. Thus, when all the air was cleared of all pretence, Yosef sought confirmation that his father was indeed alive.

VAYIGASH STATISTICS

Mitzvot:	None of the 613 Mitzvot
Verses:	106 (28th longest of the 54 Sidrot, tied with Toldot and Bo)
Words:	1480 (30th longest)
Letters:	5680 (29th longest)
Today's Haftarah:	14 Verses (5th shortest of the 80 Haftarot)

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Sidra	277	169	250
Haftarah	293	178	1144

Kinloss in Krakow

The recent Kinloss Poland Trip led by Scott Saunders was a profoundly moving experience. I was with the Poland trip to Lublin a couple of years ago and seen the extermination camp at Majdenek and the monument at Belzec, but this tour of Krakow and Auschwitz was much more personal. It was here that my mother's grandparents had grown up, here that they and so many members of our family had perished; and my mother, who had grown up without grandparents was one of our group.

Our base was Krakow, and Scott was keen that we should not lose sight of the centuries of Jewish life in the region pre-Shoah. We visited the old Kazimierz town centre, a square that had been the heart of Jewish life, at one end, its oldest shul, dating back to the 16th Century. Across the square, the Rema Shul, seat of Rabbi Moshe Isserles, (1530-72) the distinguished halachist whose gloss to the Shulchan Aruch underpins Ashkenazi practice in every area of Jewish law. In his short life he authored significant works on Jewish law and philosophy, winning the grudging respect of the local Bishop who had thought him too young, at 20, to be Chief Rabbi of the town. In one account, the bishop challenged him to a public theological debate and thought that an opening address in Latin would be enough to see Isserles withdraw. Apparently, the Rema responded to the Latin (which he had studied) and went on to score winning points.

While this might be a wistful embellishment, there is no doubt that the Rema was familiar with the great philosophers and their writings. His distinguished student (and relative) the Maharshal (R' Solomon Luria 1510-73) challenged him for studying works he considered taboo. We have the Rema's responsum, in which he explains and justifies his study, adding that it should not be considered a waste of Torah time: he read his philosophy on Shabbat afternoons, when others went for walks or had their schluff!

In Krakow we eat in the building set up by Sarah Schenirer 1883-1935, where she established the Beis Yaakov school system. A visionary seamstress, she feared that uninspired and uneducated girls would turn from religion. By her death she had set up over 300 schools for girls and a teacher training programme.

We visited Tarnow and Dabrowna Tarnowska, the nearby centres of Jewish living. Tarnow had been 40% Jewish before the war. I was on the streets and in the re-decorated shul building where my great-grandparents had grown up and would have prayed.

In the Buczyna forest 10,000 were murdered and buried in mass-graves. 6,000 were shot on the one day of 11th June 1942.

As we travel in towards Auschwitz we cross over the rail-tracks... the same tracks that carried so many on cattle-

wagons from across Europe to their deaths. Obsessed with their record keeping, I have the documents showing the transport which brought my Opa's father from Drancy on 9th Sept arriving 11th Sept 1942 and the transport which brought my Oma's parents from Belgium (where they had been captured) on 12th Sept arriving 14th Sept 1942. Three of my mother's grandparents gassed on arrival within three days. (The fourth was killed in Riga).



In the camp, as we stand at the site of the one crematorium destroyed in an act of inmate resistance (the Sonderkommando revolt 7th Oct 1944), I read from the diary of my grandmother's cousin, who was one of the heroic girls who had smuggled in gunpowder from her forced labour at the munitions plant...

Stories of racism, brutality, and sadism. Stories of good hearts, valour and resistance. In Krakow is the Schindler Factory, where German industrialist Oskar Schindler kept 1,200 Jews alive. I knew (and later buried) one of his workers, who had been nursed by Schindler's wife, Emilie, when she fell ill.

Challenging, but in a good way, was the visit to the new Jewish Community Centre in Krakow offering programmes and learning for a growing local clientele. Some have landed there in recent years, but some have more local roots. They are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, some halachically Jewish and others not, discovering their roots. We met a young woman who had converted, for whom the JCC was a vehicle for self-discovery and self-expression. We met a young man who wasn't Jewish but for whom the story of Krakow's rich Jewish heritage needed to be told and furthered. We met an Israeli, for whom this was a meaningful project in building up the Jewish world...

Incongruous or symptomatic of Jewish dogged resilience? There, in Krakow, with the ghosts of my ancestors and in the company of my mother (bis 120!), I wondered whether distant cousins might yet be discovered or discover their roots.

How important, though, that we tell a story of Jewish death and turn it into one of Jewish hope, and of ongoing Jewish life.

My thanks to Scott for his leadership and to all who joined us in Poland.

Shabbat Shalom

R' Jeremy Lawrence

THIS WEEK'S HAFTORAH BY RABBI ANDREWS

The Haftorah for this week's parsha (Torah portion) comes to us from chapter 37 (verses 16-28) of the book of Yichezkel (Ezekiel). It keeps to the theme of reunion, a strain that permeates the parsha of Vayigash, and looks to a time in the future when the kingdoms of Judah and Israel will no longer be separated. "I will make them a single nation in the land, on the hills of Israel, and one king shall be king of them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms" (37:22).

Hashem instructs Yichezkel to take two sticks and mark one of them "Of Judah and the Israelites associated with him" and one "of Joseph—the stick of Ephraim—and all the House of Israel associated with him." (37:16). Then Ezekiel is told to bring the sticks together so that they become one. The Radak understands this instruction to be mainly metaphor, while Rashi explains that the sticks miraculously were rejoined together. This is meant to predict the future reunification of the Northern Kingdom with the Southern, which will precede God's taking the exiles back to their land, where they can be made into one nation, with one king.

At the time of this redemption, Yichezkel declares that a descendant of David Hamelech (King David) will rule all of the Jewish people. The Jews will observe God's commandments, and Hashem will bless them. "I will make a covenant of friendship with them—it shall be an everlasting covenant with them—I will establish them and multiply them, and I will place My Sanctuary among them forever." (37:26).

Centuries after Israel and Yehuda were divided, Yichezkel continues to foretell of a future when all the Bnei Yisrael will live together in serenity.

If you find yourself at Kinloss over the course of the day, please stop by the office to say hello! I can usually be found there during the regular office hours (except Thursday).

Kinloss Youth's successful doughnut bake held on Saturday night 8th December



MAZEL TOV • מזל טוב



MIA WOHLGEMUTH

Mazel Tov to Mia on her Bat Mitzvah

Mia has two siblings Ari and Eli, and she attends Hasmonean Girls' School

Her hobbies are netball, football, cycling, tennis, skiing and playing the ukulele

Mia has been entertaining children on her ukulele at nurseries, camps, toddler groups and hospital creches to raise money for Schneider's Children's Hospital in Petach Tikva, supporting a Music Therapy project called 'Sounds of Healing.'

* Clare & David Lesser and their son Stuart on his forthcoming marriage to Claire daughter of Marcia & Jay Lieberman.

* Mazel Tov to Anna, Zvi, Ari, Mia & Eli Wohlgemuth on the occasion of Mia's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to proud grandparents, Laraine & Lester Abrahams and Eliane & Mendi Wohlgemuth.

* Sally & Aubrey Moher on the occasion of their grandson Amitai's Bar Mitzvah in Israel son of Claire & Pinny Rotter, brothers Yishai, Nadav, Gilad and Idan.

* Bernard Trent on the birth of a great granddaughter. Daughter to Judit and Josh Samad and granddaughter to Linda and Ahron Ebert.

GAMES AFTERNOON

Wednesday 19th December

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Nemetnejad Room

A game group meeting every 2 weeks to play a big mix of board games to accommodate most tastes.

All abilities and ages are welcome - Bring your friends!



Cost: Free for Kinloss members,
£3 non-members.



Tea and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Martin Summers
020 8346 0619 email martinsumm48@yahoo.co.uk

If you are a Kinloss member and require transport assistance
please contact Lucy on 0208 349 5267

THE BIG US

Quiz of the Year



SEE 2018 OUT
IN STYLE!!

JOIN OVER 15 US TRIBE COMMUNITIES FOR A SUPPER QUIZ TO REMEMBER!
UNLIMITED BURGERS AND HOTDOGS

DATE: SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018 | TIME: 7 - 9.30PM | YEARS 9-13

COST OF TICKET: £10PP | LOCATION: FINCHLEY UNITED SYNAGOGUE (KINLOSS)

TO BOOK GO TO WWW.TRIBEUK.COM/USAQUIZ2018





Saturday night 16th February 2019 @ 7:45pm
"Eden" at the Hampstead Theatre,
Eaton Avenue, Swiss Cottage, NW3 3EU



Join Kinloss on Saturday night, 16th February 2019 at the Hampstead Theatre to see the play "Eden" starting at 7:45pm

Eden is set in an idyllic coastal village. A property tycoon sets his sights on the village as the perfect site to build a luxury golf course. The play focusses on commercial exploitation and greed, versus protecting and preserving the beauty of the natural environment and taking back our community from those that wish to destroy it in the name of wealth and power.

£11 per adult ticket, please book online www.kinloss.org.uk/eden
Tickets are non-refundable.

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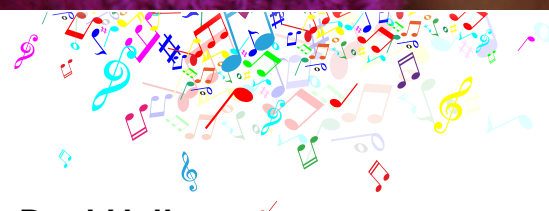
For all enquiries please contact
Deborah on 020 8349 5268
banqueting@kinloss.org.uk
www.kinlossevents.co.uk

JOIN OUR SECURITY ROTAS
Urgent Request for Male and Female Security Volunteers
Shul members, PLEASE join our security rotas.

Our Shul is one of the most visible, high profile buildings in London.
The Community remains on a serious state of alert and we **MUST** provide a visible deterrent.
You would only be required for one hour every eight weeks,
either a Friday night or Shabbat morning.



Please email securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk
or call Martin Shiers on 07831 836 031, to volunteer and register.



Mondays & Wednesdays

ILANA BANANA

10am - 12pm | Fridays: 10am – 11am | Large Deal Hall

Bring your babies and toddlers to join Ilana Banana for our exciting Hava Nagila playgroup. There are always lots of fun toys, refreshments and of course our famous music session with instruments, puppets and more. A lovely time to be had by all in this informal and stimulating environment!

Parents, grandparents and carers are all welcome. Suitable for ages 0 – 4 years (roughly).

Ilana Banana is well known in North London for her children's parties and has been leading this group for 11 years. She has worked extensively in the community with babies through to primary school children leading music and art sessions and is proud to now bring her own children to join the fun of Hava Nagila.

Cost per session:

£6 per child plus £3 per sibling over 6 months. For more information please contact Ilana on 07944 011 323.



Shabbat Vayigash

Breakfast Banter, 9.15am in Benchers Café

Youth Minyan, 9.45am in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

Food4Thought with Rachel Pine, 10.40am downstairs in the Manuel Rabstein Room

The Great 'US' Supper Quiz of the Year!

Years 9 -13

This Sunday, 16th December @ Kinloss, 7 – 9.30pm

www.kinloss.org.uk/usquiz

Learn2Volunteer

Continues Tuesday, 18th December

7.30 – 9pm

**We will be delivering Gift Boxes to the Nurses of the Royal Free Hospital,
as a thank you for the incredible care they give and the sacrifices they make over the
holiday season!**

Recognised by Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: Volunteering

For further information or to register please visit:

www.kinloss.org.uk/l2v

Learn2Lead continues Tuesday, 8th January

Daf Yummy

Thursday nights during term time

7.45 – 9:00pm, Liora Graham Beit HaMidrash

Girls & Boys Years 7- 10 and above

Join us each week as we explore Chumash, Festivals and Jewish Themes

Bat Mitzvah Programme with Mandy Lawrence

Girls in school years 6 & 7

For further information or to register please visit:

www.kinloss.org.uk/bt

Text Based programme continues next Wednesday 9th January

Informal programme continues Wednesday, 23rd January

Bar Mitzvah Programme with Barry Colman

Boys in school years 7 & 8

Continues on Wednesday, 30th January

For further information or to register please visit:

www.kinloss.org.uk/bm

Save the Date!

Disneyland Paris, Sunday 17th – Monday 18th February

Look out for future events at:

www.kinloss.org.uk/youth

www.kinloss.org.uk/kids

Kinloss Club, Club 78, Lead On, Shabbat Lunches, Disneyland Paris, Project Impact

KINLOSS NOTICE BOARD



9:45am Games Room in the Newman Room with Rav Malachi
0 - 4 year olds with Sara Keen in the Kinloss Suite Foyer
Reception up to School Year 2 with Natalie Sommer in the Avram Nemetnejad Room (2nd Floor)
School Years 3 - 4- with Dina Ellis in the First Floor Classrooms
School Years 5 - 6- Kids Minyan with Rav Malachi in the Newman Room
All Children's Services will start at 10:45am followed by Kiddush

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



Gilad Greenaway (8)
 Freya Beenstock (4)
 Shira Garren (7)
 Jake Goodman (2)

Rafael Kogan (7)
 Max Goodall (11)
 Ayden Simmons (9)

THANK YOU TO:

* Security Team 4. If you have any queries, please speak to Martin Shiers on 07831 836 031, or email securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk
 * David Elek, Sarah Nachshen, Dorothy Sadlik and Gila Nachshen of The Welcoming Committee

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A chance to discuss and reflect:
 Open to those who have been bereaved in the past year or who have a yahrzeit this month,

Rabbi Lawrence would like to invite you to join him for coffee on **Sunday 16th December** from 9am to 10am at Kinloss Shul
 Please call Rochelle on 020 8349 5263 if you would like to attend

SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

Join us for the **Walking Group meeting on Sunday 16th December** led by Rabbi Andrews, leaving Kinloss at 10.30am.

All ages welcome.

Please contact Lucy on 020 8349 5267 or ket@kinloss.org.uk for more details



MINCHA DURING WINTER MONTHS

If you are in the Kinloss area at 1:00pm Mondays to Thursdays and can help make up a Minyan for Mincha in the Beit Hamidrash this would be very much appreciated

SERVICES (שבת see front page)	Sun	Mon	Tues Fast of Tevet Fast begins 06:12 Fast ends 4:41pm	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Shacharit 1	7:30am	7:00am	6:45am	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am
Shacharit 2	8:15am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Sephardi Shacharit	8:00am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am
Mincha		1:00pm		1:00pm	1:00pm	
Ma'ariv	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	7:30pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 3:40pm

NEXT WEEK AT KINLOSS:

DAY:	COMMUNITY LEARNING:	COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES:
SUNDAY	08:00am Daf Yomi (NR)	09:00am Discuss and Reflect with R'Lawrence 10:30am Walking Club with R'Andrews
MONDAY	07:40am Daf Yomi (NR)	09:30am Ace Fitness (MN) 10:00am Ilana Banana (DH) 19:30pm Ivrit Discussion Group (NR) 20:15pm Pilates (MN)
TUESDAY	07:40am Daf Yomi (NR) 19:30pm Learn 2 Volunteer (NR)	10:15am Friendship Club (DH) 10:30am Bridge Club (PS)
WEDNESDAY	07:40am Daf Yomi (NR) 08:30am Rambam with R'Lawrence (BM)	10:00am Ilana Banana (DH) 10:00am Art Class (MN) 14:30pm Games Afternoon (NR)
THURSDAY	07:40am Daf Yomi (NR) 20:00pm Daf Yummy (BM)	
FRIDAY	07:40am Daf Yomi (NR)	10:00am Ilana Banana (DH)

BC = Benchers Cafe
 BM = Liora Graham Beit Midrash
 DH = Nissim and Rifka Deal Hall

NR = Nemetnejad Room
 MN = Marilyn Newman Room
 PS = Persian Synagogue



We are looking to start a new

WOMEN'S ZUMBA CLASS

**on Wednesday mornings
at 9:30am
FROM JANUARY 2019**

To register your interest or discuss please contact
Lucy on 020 8349 5267 or kct@kinloss.org.uk

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

Shabbat 15 DECEMBER

Judith Berman	Father
Ivan Burland	Mother
Philip Elias	Sister
Geoffrey Herman	Father
Susanna Joseph	Mother
Irene Milch	Mother
Naomi Pope	Mother
Alan Tinger	Father

Sunday 16 DECEMBER

Joachim Frank	Mother
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Monday 17 DECEMBER

Louis Abraham	Mother
Sheila Aidallbery	Husband
Joseph Lavian	Brother
David Nathan	Father
Sybil Newman	Mother
Pnina Ravid	Husband
Laurence Silver	Brother
Michael Sperling	Son

Tuesday 18 DECEMBER

Mordechai Aharoni	Brother
Michelle Ambalo	Husband
James Levene	Father
Danny Nassimi	Mother

Wednesday 19 DECEMBER

Leo Abeles	Mother
Abraham Borman	Wife
Rachel Caplan	Father
Clive Chippeck	Brother
Margaret Craven	Sister
Lea Gilchrist	Father
Josephine Kay	Father
Sheila Leveson	Father
Leo Rosenberg	Father
Rowena Rosenberg	Mother

Thursday 20 DECEMBER

Loretta Adelson	Father
John Simons	Mother
Jacob Steinberg	Brother
Willy Steinberg	Brother
George Taylor	Father

Friday 21 DECEMBER

Donald Breslaw	Brother
Zena Gerstler	Husband
Lorna Gimmack	Mother
Gwendoline Greenwood	Brother
Louise Kalms	Sister
Sally Levy	Husband
Stephen Levy	Father
Philip Pittack	Mother
Ruth Pittack	Mother
Nasser Rahimi	Father
Frank Rosenfeld	Father

ANIM ZEMIROT CLUB

with David Lesser

WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK

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**If you require help or support, please call Rochelle on 0208 349 5263,
or email welfare@kinloss.org.uk.**

All messages treated in the strictest confidence.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS:

SUN 6 JAN	10:30am in Bushey in memory of Bertine Soffair
SUN 20 JAN	10:00am in Bushey in memory of Evelyn Greene
SUN 3 FEB	11:30am in Bushey in memory of Diane Heller
MON 11 FEB	11:00am in Bushey in memory of Leonard Bash



FINCHLEY SYNAGOGUE USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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