



04 / 05 September 2020

ט"ו אלול תש"פ

Shabbat commences at 19:26pm and terminates at 20:27pm

## **KINLOSS SHUL IS OPEN FOR SERVICES**

**PLEASE NOTE SERVICES FOR SHABBAT AND SUNDAY MUST BE PRE-BOOKED  
BEFORE 9am ON FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

**Friday night 7.30pm:**

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

**Sephardi Friday Night Service at 7:00pm**  
in the Sephardi Synagogue

### **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES:**

**HASHKAMA 7:45am** in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

**MAIN SYNAGOGUE 9:15am** led by Chazan Eli Sufrin  
Kriat Hatorah by Chazan Eli Sufrin  
Rabbi Laitner will speak

**THE MINYAN 9:30am** in the Kinloss Suite.  
Kriat Hatorah by Ben Morris and Carl White  
Rabbi Lawrence will speak

**SEPHARDI SERVICE 9:30am** in the Sephardi Synagogue  
led by Rabbi Heller and Reuben Gorji.

**YOUTH SERVICE 10:00am** in the the Liora Graham Beit Hamidrash,  
under the direction of our Youth Directors, Leora and Harry Salter

### **SHABBAT AFTERNOON:**

**7:20pm Mincha**

Shiur by Rabbi Laitner titled  
'Messages for the month of Elul from Parashat Ki Tavo'

**8:27pm Ma'ariv and the Termination of Shabbat**  
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

## Stoned & Plastered

According to the Midrash we are bound to keep the Torah because we were at Sinai. The souls of all generations were gathered together and heard the word of Hashem. One Midrash relates that the mountain was lifted over our heads like an inverted cauldron and that we were threatened, "Either you accept the Torah, or this will be your grave!". At this point Bnei Yisrael uniquely arrived at a speedy consensus - נעשה ונשמע - "We will accept it and then we shall try to understand it". [שבת פ"ח:]

This story is troublesome. While it illustrates our recognition that Hashem has the ultimate power of life and death over us, and that were it not for his miraculous guidance we would have perished as a people and been forgotten long ago; it suggests that the Torah was forced upon us without any opportunity to dissent or even discover what we were letting ourselves in for. The Torah was the archetypal "offer you cannot refuse"; suspect, as we signed on the dotted line without ever having had the chance to scrutinise the small print.

**Could it be that Bnei Yisrael are the press-ganged serfs of a capricious divinity, who never told them what lay in store?**

A closer examination of this week's Parsha and the next (Nitzavim / נצבים) gives a very different perspective.

There are two covenants [Devarim 29,69]. The first occurred at Chorev (Sinai) and the second in the land of Moav, just prior to Bnei Yisrael crossing the River Jordan into Israel. It is here that the subsequent generations are enjoined. "Not only do I establish my covenant with those of you who are here today, **but also with those who are not.**" [Devarim 29,13]

"And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. And it shall be on the day when you pass over the Jordan to the land which the Lord your Hashem gives you, **you shall set up great stones and cover them with plaster and write upon them all the words of this Torah**, when you are passed over, that you may go into the land which the Lord your Hashem gives you; a land flowing with milk and honey; as the Lord Hashem of your fathers has promised you. And it shall be when you have gone over the Jordan that you shall set up these stones...

you shall set up an altar... and you shall sacrifice... **and you shall write upon the stones all the words of this Torah very plainly.**" [Devarim 27, 1-9]

Until an enterprising rogue stole and published the Roman Book of Laws, its contents were kept secret from the people. Till that point, nobody knew where they stood, or for what cause they might be hauled before a magistrate. The regimes of tyrants are characterised by their citizens' terror that no-one knows the parameters of police and state power. No-one has protected rights to match defined obligations.

The Torah, on the other hand was to be published with clarity; "very plainly" - באר היטב. On the selfsame day that Bnei Yisrael crossed into their land they had to know and to promote knowledge of the Law, their rights and their obligations.

Explaining why the command "you shall write" is repeated, the Gemara states that the writing "on stones covered with plaster" was for Bnei Yisrael in Hebrew, while the "write very plainly" was a second copy in the all the languages of the seventy nations of the world. [סוטה לב.]

The challenge of Torah study is rated by the sages as לפום צערא אגרא - rewarded according to the amount of effort put into it. The more you exert yourself *trying* to understand Torah, *trying* to understand Hashem, the more He rewards you. On the other hand, the plain words on plaster and in stone are essential to Jewish living. The Torah must be accessible to everyone, in language we can all understand. The challenging covenant of נעשה ונשמע - "we will do and we will come to understand" must go hand in hand with the accessible covenant of באר היטב - plain language.

Bnei Yisrael were told to erect the stones as soon as they crossed the Jordan. There was to be no celebratory feast, fanfare and fireworks till the Torah had been written up, their dedication to their mission reconfirmed. Crossing into 5781 may our own commitment, too, lie clearly before us.

**Shabbat Shalom - שבת שלום**

R' Jeremy Lawrence

### Ki Tavo Statistics

Mitzvot : 6 of the 613 mitzvot, 3 positive and 3 prohibitions.

Verses: 122 (17th longest of the 54 Sidrot)

Words: 1747 (16th longest)

Letters: 6811 (15th longest)

Haftarah: 22 verses (joint 33rd shortest of the 80 Haftarat)

| Page No. | SONCINO | HERTZ | ARTSCROLL |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Sidra    | 1117    | 859   | 1068      |
| Haftarah | 1134    | 874   | 1201      |

## Illuminating Thoughts

I wrote in June about the Book of Hours which had belonged to Jeanne de Navarre (1368-1427), wife of King Henry IV. The illustrations at the foot of each Calendar Page (a “Luach” of Saints Days) portrayed the progressive destruction of the Temple. Each month a biblical prophet handed over a brick to one of the Christian apostles. Each prophet has a speech bubble with a quotation from the Neviim (not necessarily his own!) and each apostle presents a rebuttal of the Jewish source with line from the Apostles’ Creed, which was a statement of Christian principles, originating in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

Just as the entries for June and July were pertinent to Tammuz and Av, those for September and October fit well with the approach to the Yamim Norayim.



*September in Navarre Book of Hours (Navarre)*

September’s illustration shows the prophet Micha with a quotation from Zephania (3:9) “so that they may all call upon the name of the Lord and may serve him as one” כִּי־אֶזְאָא אֶהְפֹּךְ אֶל־עַמִּים שִׁפְהָ בְּרוּגָה לִקְרֹא כָּלֶם בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה לַעֲבֹדוֹ: שְׁכֶם אֶחָד: Responding to it, St Matthew’s speech bubble proclaims “The Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints”.

Zephaniah (possibly a great-great grandson of King Hezekiah) preached in the reign of King Josiah, one of the Kingdom of Judah’s more righteous monarchs, who died around 610BCE. Much of Zephaniah’s writings address the theme of Divine judgement and anticipate Redemption, a fitting theme as the

Assyrian empire crumbled around them. The Zephaniah quotation teaches that all of Israel will have the ability to invoke Hashem directly. Matthew, by contrast, interpolates the need for intercession by the Church and its saints.



*October in Duc de Berry Book of Hours*

The illustration for October has a picture of Malachi with a quotation from Micha (who preached around 730-700 BCE at the time of King Hezekiah). Micha warns of destruction but is also the prophet who addresses the human qualities (what is good; and what doth the LORD require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? 6:8). In the Book of Hours, the passage used is Micha 7:19. He will take us back in love; He will cover up our iniquities, You will hurl all our sins Into the depths of the sea. יָשׁוּב יִרְחֲמֵנוּ יִכְבֹּשׁ עֲוֹנוֹתֵינוּ וְתִשְׁלֶיךָ בַּמַּצְלוֹת יָם כָּל־חַטָּאוֹתֵם. The possuk is the source of “Tashlich”. Micha promises personal and national redemption, the certainty that Israel will be saved. Facing him is St Simon, who continues the previous theme that “the remission of sins” is dependent on the Church and its leaders.

At the very end of Mishna Yoma, “Rabbi Akiva said: Happy are you, Israel! Who is it before whom you become pure? And who is it that purifies you? Your Father who is in heaven, as it is said: “And I will sprinkle clean water upon

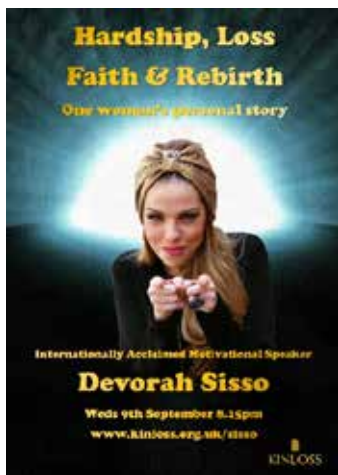
you and you shall be clean” (Ezekiel 36:25). And it further says: “O hope (mikveh) of Israel, O Lord” (Jeremiah 17:1) just as a mikveh purifies the unclean, so too does he Holy One, blessed be He, purify Israel.”

It is our faith that we engage Hashem directly, that Hashem may respond to us individually. As we head into the Yamim Norayim, our personal approaches, our reflections upon our character and our celebration of Hashem alone as sovereign of the Universe will shape our destiny and bring our salvation.

This year, in particular, when we are less able to access the services through shul, these distinctive prophetic messages should inspire us to call on Hashem in our own rights and with our own energies. Ours is emphatically a religion of personal and direct access. Notably, it is the only faith that teaches Divine revelation to the entirety of the population, from Moshe and the leadership through to the most humble of the liberated slaves.

Thanks again to everyone who is working so hard to make services accessible over Yom Tov.

**This coming Wednesday**, I am delighted that we will be hosting the engaging and inspirational **Devorah Sisso** at 8.15pm. She was recommended to me after a recent presentation for the OU Ellul programme. She will be sharing her personal story of growth and Tshuva. [www.kinloss.org.uk/sisso](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/sisso)



We are delighted that there will be a Family Service for years 4-7 next Shabbat 12<sup>th</sup>

September at 11am. A parent will need to accompany children. Booking essential on [www.kinloss.org.uk/book](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/book).

There will be a **Zoom Yizkor Service** on Thursday evening 24<sup>th</sup> September and a **Zoom early Kol Nidrei** on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. (You do not need to bring in the fast then!)



The **British Library** has just opened a new exhibition of **Hebrew Manuscripts**, including some most beautiful illuminations. We are delighted that Ilana Tahan, who is the curator of Hebraica, will give us a personal presentation online on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. [www.kinloss.org.uk/manuscripts](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/manuscripts)



*Astrological Luach 15<sup>th</sup> Century (France or Spain) in the British Library Collection*

Shabbat Shalom

R' Jeremy Lawrence

# NESHAMA ONLINE

The Yamim Noraim and Coronavirus  
How does Judaism inform our experience?

Sunday 6th September  
8pm



**Sivan Rahav Meir**

Israeli Journalist and lecturer and World Mizrahi Scholar-in-Residence.  
*Spiritual lessons from Covid-19: A journalist's perspective*

**Rebbetzen Dr Hadassah Fromson**  
(Golders Green Synagogue) and **Hadassah Kessler**  
*Davening Desert Island Discs – A Musical Session*



**Chava Erlanger, Artist and**  
**Rebbetzen & Ma'ayan Nechama Atlas**  
(Ohel Ari, Ra'anana)

*Unetaneh Tokef – Can we change what's already been decreed? - An art session*

**Zahava Farbman, MSW**  
Associate Director of Chai Lifeline USA's Crisis Intervention, Trauma and  
Bereavement Department  
*Crowning Hashem King Amidst Corona - Trauma, Tears, Torah, Tefilla*



Book your place and choose your session here: [Bit.ly/RegisterNeshama](https://bit.ly/RegisterNeshama)

A fantastic opportunity to prepare and be inspired for  
the High Holydays, through text, music and art

[info@chiefrabbi.org](mailto:info@chiefrabbi.org)

Office of The  
**CHIEF RABBI**

# **Hardship, Loss Faith & Rebirth**

**One woman's personal story**



**Internationally Acclaimed Motivational Speaker**

## **Devorah Sisso**

**Weds 9th September 8.15pm**

**[www.kinloss.org.uk/sisso](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/sisso)**

  
**KINLOSS**

# Kinloss Youth is BACK!



KINLOSS  
tribe

Book now for the Youth Service via  
this link:

**[www.kinloss.org.uk/youth-  
minyan-booking](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/youth-minyan-booking)**

**STARTING AT 10AM  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 12+  
FOLLOWING COVID GUIDELINES**

Book now for:

**Ki Tavo** - 5th September

**Nitzavim-Vayeilech** - 12th September

**Ha'azinu** - 26th September

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
LEORA AND HARRY ON: 07827 031 851**



**FAMILY  
FRIENDLY  
SERVICE  
YEARS 4 - 7**

***Shabbat 12th September at 11am***

***In the Deal Hall***

***www.kinloss.org.uk/book  
(booking closes on wed 9th)***



**KINLOSS**

# **TRIBE COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP FOR SINGLES AGED BETWEEN 21 - 29**

**Is your child single and between the age of 21 - 29?**

**If so, they are not covered under your household membership and funeral scheme.**

**It is essential they are members in their own right  
cost is £5 a month.**

**This will also enable them to attend weekday,  
Shabbatot and Chaggim Services.**

**Please sign up here : <https://portal.tribeuk.com/account/tcm/register/>**

## **SHUL MEMBERSHIP BILLS**

**We really appreciate you honouring your membership bills at this time**

**PLEASE NOTE ATTENDANCES AT ROSH HASHANA AND  
YOM KIPPUR WILL BE LIMITED ONLY TO MEMBERS  
PAID UP TO DATE**

**Please pay your invoices via online BACS payment  
OR the member portal <https://myus.theus.org.uk/login>**

**OR CALL THE OFFICE 020 8346 8551 (OPTION 3)  
AND SPEAK TO DENISE  
TO PAY BY CREDIT / DEBIT CARD OVER THE PHONE**

## ***Volunteers Needed***

**We are looking for more volunteers in the Shul  
to help welcome people, ensure social distancing  
and track & trace systems are adhered to.**

**If you would like to help, please email  
[office@kinloss.org.uk](mailto:office@kinloss.org.uk)**



## **DANIELLA MORRIS**

**Mazel Tov to Daniella on her Bat Mitzvah.**

**Daniella has three siblings  
Aviya, Calev and Eliav and she attends  
JFS.**

**Her hobbies are baking, cycling  
and seeing her many friends.**

\* Talya, Ben, Aviya, Calev and Eliav on Daniella's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to grandparents Selma Shrank and Pauline & Ian Morris and great-grandma Sylvia Lewis.

\* Shirley & Richard Ellis on their Golden Wedding Anniversary this week.



**WE URGENTLY NEED  
VOLUNTEERS  
TO JOIN OUR SECURITY ROTAS**

**Shul members - PLEASE join our security rotas.  
Please email [securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk)  
or call Martin Shiers on 07831 836 031  
to volunteer and register.**



## **Mazel Tov to the Children in our Community celebrating their birthdays this week**

Theo Wikler (10)  
Moriah Hakimian (10)  
Mirielle Shiers (6)  
Mordechai Halpern (5)

Ilan Sacker (9)  
Yael Schryber (8)  
Esther Halpern (5)



### **Booking system and how to access:**

In the interest of health and safety we will be capping the number of people attending services. To book please go to <http://www.kinloss.org.uk/book>

It is essential that we operate a track and trace system on all those attending the building and therefore, individuals **MUST** book in advance online to attend. Bookings must be made in advance of 24 hours of the commencement of the service. If an option is not available, it is either full or no longer available.

Only members can book in using this system.  
Individuals over the age of 21 must have membership separate to that of their parent(s).

To book to attend the Persian services, please email [michael@michaelhakimian.com](mailto:michael@michaelhakimian.com)

Seating: Unfortunately, allocated seating in the Main Shul is currently suspended and we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

If you are experiencing problems with booking, please contact the office by email on [office@kinloss.org.uk](mailto:office@kinloss.org.uk).

Please do not attend if you have not received confirmation of booking.

| <b>SERVICES</b><br>(שבת see front page) | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Mon</b> | <b>Tues</b> | <b>Weds</b> | <b>Thurs</b> | <b>Fri</b>                              |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Shacharit                               | 8:00am     | 7:15am     | 7:15am      | 7:15am      | 7:15am       | 7:15am                                  |
| Sephardi                                | 8:00am     | 6.30am     | 6.30am      | 6.30am      | 6.30am       | 6.30am                                  |
| Mincha / Ma'ariv                        | 7:30pm     | 7:30pm     | 7:30pm      | 7:30pm      | 7:30pm       | Mincha<br>Kabbalat<br>Shabbat<br>7:30pm |

## **SHARED READING ZOOM**

**Tuesday 22nd September at 2:00pm**

Log in via: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87831002426>

**Meeting ID: 878 3100 2426**

For more information, please speak to:

Kate Fulton on 07801 911 481 or [kathrynfulton@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynfulton@hotmail.com)



## CEMETERY OPENING, FOR VISITS DURING ELLUL

**SUNDAYS 6 & 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**

|                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BUSHEY CEMETERY</b><br>Please note that no transport to and from<br>Bushey Cemetery will be provided               | OPEN 6/9/20 09.00 – 17.00<br>13/9/20 09.00 – 17.00                                             |
| <b>WALTHAM ABBEY CEMETERY</b><br>Please note that no transport to and from<br>Waltham Abbey Cemetery will be provided | OPEN 6/9/20 09.00 – 17.00<br>13/9/20 09.00 – 17.00                                             |
| <b>WILLESDEN CEMETERY</b>                                                                                             | OPEN 6/9/20 09.00 – 17.00<br>13/9/20 09.00 – 17.00                                             |
| <b>EAST HAM CEMETERY</b>                                                                                              | OPEN 6/9/20 09.00 – 17.00<br>13/9/20 09.00 – 17.00                                             |
| <b>WEST HAM CEMETERY</b><br>(At all other times by appointment only)                                                  | SUNDAYS 6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AND<br>13 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER only<br>OPEN 10.00 – 15.00 |
| <b>PLASHET CEMETERY</b><br>(At all other times by appointment only)                                                   | SUNDAYS 6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AND<br>13 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER only<br>OPEN 10.00 – 15.00 |

## MONDAY - FRIDAY OPENING TIMES

Bushey, East Ham, Waltham Abbey and Willesden Cemeteries are open as follows:

Monday – Thursday 09.00 – 17.00

Friday 09.00 – 16.00.

East Ham Cemetery will be closed on Monday 31 August.

All other cemeteries are by appointment only; please call 020 8950 7767 Option 1 to arrange a visit.

**President:** Michael Goldstein

**Treasurer:** Maxwell Nisner

**Trustees:** Andrew Eder, Claire Lemer, Fleurise Lewis, Nicola Rosenfelder, Barry Shaw, Saul Taylor, Jacqui Zinkin

**Chief Executive:** Steven Wilson

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

## Shabbat 5 SEPTEMBER

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Jonathan Fisch       | Father  |
| Rosemary Fisch       | Husband |
| Jacqueline Gittelmon | Father  |
| Sarita Langdon       | Mother  |
| Gillian Linke        | Mother  |
| Zena Shattin         | Sister  |
| Michael Staszewski   | Mother  |
| Alon Stock           | Father  |
| Kenneth Waters       | Father  |

## Sunday 6 SEPTEMBER

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Sheila Aidallbery | Father |
| Rochelle Bard     | Mother |
| Bernard Goodwin   | Father |
| Rita Gordon       | Father |
| Jilli Vegoda      | Father |

## Monday 7 SEPTEMBER

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Josephine Cohen       | Father  |
| Natalie Cohen         | Mother  |
| Hooshang Hakimi-Sefat | Father  |
| Marian Phillips       | Husband |
| Suzanne Ralton        | Father  |

## Tuesday 8 SEPTEMBER

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Rebecca Aminoff  | Mother |
| Michael Grunberg | Father |
| Frank Rosenfeld  | Mother |
| Janice Silver    | Mother |

## Wednesday 9 SEPTEMBER

NONE

## Thursday 10 SEPTEMBER

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Sidney Bowles     | Father |
| Joseph Szlezinger | Father |

## Friday 11 SEPTEMBER

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Mordechai Aharoni | Brother  |
| Alan Bearman      | Father   |
| Jeffrey Fisher    | Father   |
| Michael Fisher    | Father   |
| Susan Goldberg    | Father   |
| Helen Hantman     | Daughter |
| Ian Hantman       | Sister   |
| Sally Levy        | Mother   |
| Marisa Loberman   | Father   |
| Miri Sherwood     | Sister   |

## Phyllis Nathan Trust

The Trust helps needy people in the Kinloss community and is providing additional support in the current crisis.

If you are in need, or know about anyone who could benefit, please contact Shimon initially on 0208 349 5264.

All enquires will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

## Ivrit Discussion Group

Weekly on Mondays by Zoom  
from 7:30pm-9pm

For more information please contact Tony Korn direct : [tk66654@gmail.com](mailto:tk66654@gmail.com)  
or go to [www.kinloss.org.uk/ivrit-discussion-group](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/ivrit-discussion-group)

**CONSECRATIONS** Please note these are being held privately with limited numbers. If you wish to attend please call the family beforehand:

|            |                                             |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 07/09/2020 | 2:00pm Bushey in memory of Theresa Shefras  |
| 10/09/2020 | 11:30am Bushey in memory of Rose Pine       |
| 14/09/2020 | 10:00am Bushey in memory of Audrey Alterman |

## FINCHLEY SYNAGOGUE USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence: 07501 895 124

Shimon Gillis, Chief Operations Officer: 020 8349 5264

Shul Office: 020 8346 8551

Kinloss Cares: 020 8349 5263

Jackie Caplin, Safeguarding Officer: 07974 665 418

