

Shabbat commences at 3:38pm and terminates at 4:48pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat at 3:40pm

י"ד טבת תשע"ט

**Mazel tov to Rafi Langdon on his Bar Mitzvah
We extend a warm welcome to his family and guests.**

There will be a Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite
this week, following the services
sponsored by Miriam and Alexander Langdon
on the occasion of Rafi's Bar Mitzvah

SHABBAT LEARNING AT KINLOSS

Friday night

3:40pm: Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
D'var Torah by Rabbi Lawrence

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

10:30 - 10:50am: Study Group with Rabbi Laitner
in the Rabbi's Office titled
"Covenant and Conversation on Parashat Vayechi"

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

4:00pm : Mincha followed by
Shiur by Rabbi Andrews titled
"Nitel Nacht: Xmas in Halacha"

4:48pm : 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 Chazan Eli Sufrin. Kriat
Hatorah by Davide Barzilai. Rabbi
Andrews will speak.

THE MINYAN 9:15am

in the Deal Halls. Kriat Hatorah
by the Bar Mitzvah, Rafi Langdon.
Rabbi Lawrence will address the
Bar Mitzvah Rafi.

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.

Why was Rachel buried in Beit-Lechem?

'And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died on me in the land of Canaan on the road...and I her there on the road to Efrat, which is Beit-Lechem (Bethlehem).' (Bereishit 48,7)

This verse is part of Jacob's final testament to Joseph as the end of *Sefer Bereishit* (the book of Genesis) draws to a close. It appears out of sync with the context of Jacob's testament, in which he gives various blessings to Joseph.

Other than Rachel, all of the patriarchs and matriarchs, including Jacob, were buried in *Mearat Hamachpela*, the Cave of Machpela in Hebron, which Abraham purchased as a burial ground for Sarah (*Bereishit* 23). Why was Rachel not buried there?

Rashi (1040-1105) explains that Jacob received a prophecy instructing him to bury Rachel in Bethlehem. This was so that her tomb would provide comfort and the eternal link of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel when, after the destruction of the first Temple, Jewish captives were being led north to Babylon. The captives were comforted by the prophecy that they would return, with a symbol of the matriarch Rachel waiting for them (See *Yirmiyahu* (Jeremiah) 31:14, which is the *Haftara* for the second day of *Rosh Hashana*).

This implies that Rachel's Tomb is to the north east of Jerusalem in a place called 'Bethlehem' on the road to Babylon, rather than where it is claimed to be today in contemporary Bethlehem, south-west of Jerusalem.

Ramban, (1194-1270), expands on *Rashi's* explanation. He suggests that Jacob wanted, as he lay on his deathbed, to explain to Joseph why Rachel, Joseph's mother, was buried separately. This may explain why this verse is placed in the context of Jacob's testament to Joseph. Rachel actually died in Rama, probably the same place north-east of Jerusalem where the prophet *Shmuel* (Samuel) later lived. When Jacob said that Rachel died '*baderech*', on the way, he was referring to the path that her descendents would later take. She needed to be buried separately from the other patriarchs and matriarchs so that she could provide comfort for her descendents.

On a different note, *Ramban* also proposes that it was not possible for Jacob to take Rachel from Rama to Hebron for burial. Given the size of Jacob's family and company, it would have taken them several days to get to Hebron, which was too long to wait for burial.

Shabbat Shalom

Vayeichi Statistics

Mitzvot: None of the 613 mitzvot
Verses: 85 (11th shortest of the 54 Sidrot)
Words: 1158 (11th shortest)
Letters: 4448 (12th shortest)
Today's Haftarah: 12 verses (4th shortest of the 80 Haftarot)
Vayeichi is the only Sidra that commences in the middle of a paragraph.

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The Pull of Honest Leadership

Parashat Vayechi challenge us to think about our responsibilities. What is our destiny and purpose? How much do we respond to circumstance? How much is our destiny shaped by the events we control? In his parting blessings, Yaakov alludes to the qualities of his sons and his aspirations for them. Significantly, he identifies Yehuda as the leader for the future. It was a bold statement given his frailty and Yosef's established near majestic power. Yehuda and all the brothers are rather vulnerable.

Esau had originally declared that he longed for the moment when Isaac would die so that he could take his revenge on Yaakov. Now it is the turn of Yaakov's sons to be apprehensive that his passing will occasion Yosef's revenge upon them. However, Yosef proclaims his understanding that there will be no recriminations because there was no guilt, and everything had been fated.

Nonetheless, the Talmud and midrashim will later present a view that the destruction of the Second Temple and Roman exile was a belated punishment or tikkun for the sale of Yosef. Within that, a message that everything is ultimately accounted for and that the consequences of our actions should not just be assessed merely on the days and weeks which follow. Consequences can be far-reaching and long in becoming apparent.

On Tuesday evening I was honoured to have been asked to deliver the opening prayer at the Barnet Borough Council meeting. With all the parliamentary acrimony of recent weeks, and even ahead of the remarks read into the lips of the Leader of the Opposition in Wednesday's House of Commons exchange, I wanted a message inviting harmonious debate.

There is a wonderful story of a journey by the great 18th-century sages Rabbi Akiva Eger and Rabbi Yaakov Lorberbaum into Warsaw. They happened to be in the same coach, entering into the city at nightfall. The Jewish residents were so excited at the arrival of two such outstanding scholars that they thronged to greet them, and unhitched the horses, pulling the carriage to its destination by hand as a mark of profound honour and respect.

From his seat in the dark carriage, Rabbi Yaakov assumed that the excitement outside could only be to honour the great Rabbi Akiva Eger. He, too, wanted to

join in that welcome. Quietly he slipped out through the door and assisted



the crowds in their pulling. At the same moment, Rabbi Akiva Eger reflected that the noise and the welcome must be for Rabbi Yaakov. He should really show respect to the scholar by dismounting and joining the effort of the crowd. He would help to haul Rabbi Yaakov into Warsaw.

And so, the multitudes continued their tumultuous reception for the rabbis, unaware that they were pulling a coach empty of its passengers but filled to the brim with humility.

When we meet to discuss the futures of our country, our Borough or our community, are the egos in the room dreaming of being born on the backs of others? Or is the chamber filled to the brim with humility, while our energy drives the communal cause forwards?

In that vein my prayer was, "Endow us with wisdom and understanding, that we may carry out our mandate with responsibility and discernment. May we seek the common good. May our actions embrace the rights of the individual, the will of democracy, the preservation of diversity, the protection of the minority and expression for all in liberty. Grant that, in all we do and say, we acknowledge righteous ways, and find inspiration in Your instruction. Guide us in constancy and conscience, that we may join as partners, collaborating in the moral quality of our society; in the building and perfecting of Your world. Grant that our deliberations commence in harmony and conclude in peace."

Moshe's great leadership quality was that humility which subordinated himself to the message from on High and to the greater good.

I pray that Hashem will guide us and our leaders into the next parasha of our national destiny and into the new year.

Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence

THIS WEEK'S HAFTORAH BY RABBI ANDREWS

In the second verse of the Haftorah for Vayechi (I Kings 2:1-12), Dovid Hamelech (King David) tells his son, Shlomo (Solomon), that he is going "in the way of all of the earth," a euphemism for death. This particular turn of phrase expresses an approach to death that is central to understanding the Haftorah. Dovid is preparing for his passing by directing Solomon on how to act after his death. This is the connection to our parsha (Torah portion) as Yaakov (Jacob) does likewise. He informs his children how each of them will best contribute to the Jewish people.

Unlike Yaakov, Dovid's last words are directed at only one of his sons, Shlomo. As more than one of Dovid's sons sought to rule after his death, his selection of Shlomo as the recipient of his farewell speech is significant.

Dovid Hamelech encourages Shlomo not to despair: "Be strong and show yourself a man" (2:2). The Radak understood this passuk to mean that Shlomo must learn to control his temptations.

Dovid tells his son that the surest way to succeed is to follow the ways of Hashem: "Keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and following His laws, His commandments, His rules, and His admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn" (2:3). He promises that if Shlomo is true to the Torah, "your line on the throne of Israel shall never end" (2:4).

The final verses of the Haftorah summarise Dovid's rule and lead into Shlomo's well-established throne. Dovid had ruled well himself, but, even more importantly, he laid the groundwork for that success to continue well into the future. We should note that for all of Shlomo's great wisdom, he did not match his father in this regard. His son presided over the split of the Jewish people into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

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).

LEARNING GROUPS AND CLASSES NEXT WEEK AT KINLOSS:

Sunday through to Friday 07:40am Daf Yomi in the Nemetnejad Room
ALL OTHER LEARNING GROUPS AND CLASSES WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2019

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.



Games Afternoon at Kinloss on Wednesday 19 December

Next meeting on Wednesday 9th January 2019 - 2:30pm - 4:30pm



MAZEL TOV • מזל טוב

RAFI LANGDON

Mazel Tov to Rafi on his Bar Mitzvah

Rafi has three siblings, Avi, Ella and Jake, and he attends Immanuel College

His hobbies are reading, badminton, basketball and electronic games



* Mazel Tov to Alexander, Miriam, Avi, Ella, Rafi and Jake Langdon on the occasion of Rafi's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to proud grandmother Sarita Langdon. Remembering Bernard Langdon and Stanley and Janette Blitz at this happy time.



NEW CLASS

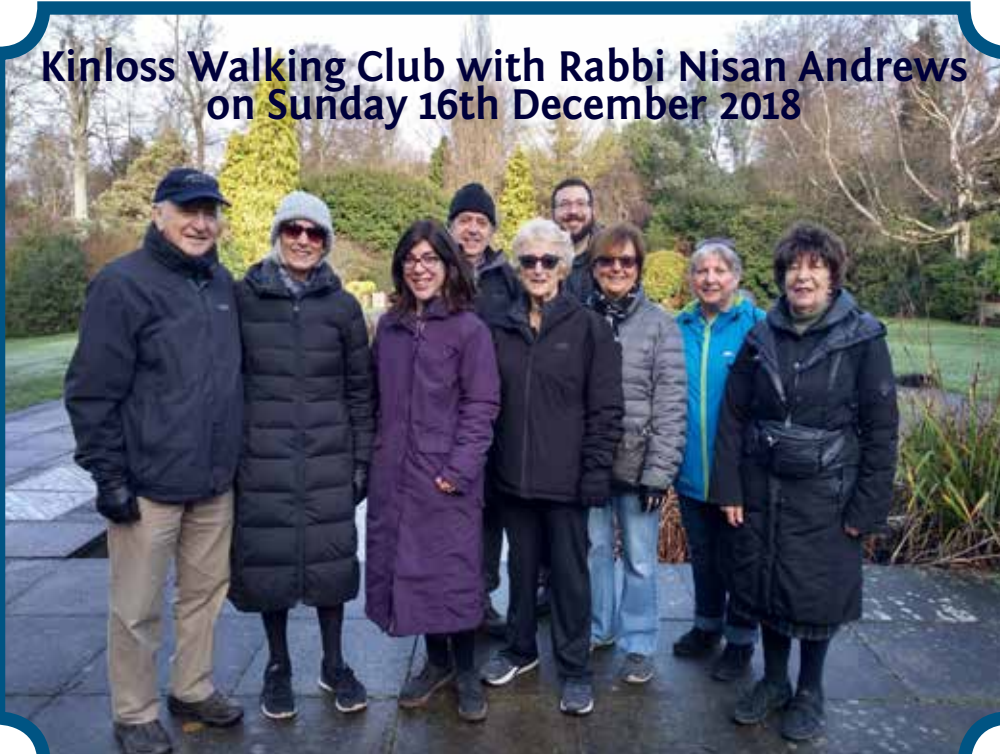
WOMEN'S ZUMBA

on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am

CLASSES FROM 16TH JANUARY 2019

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

**Kinloss Walking Club with Rabbi Nisan Andrews
on Sunday 16th December 2018**



KINLOSS SHABBAT LUNCHEON CLUB

will be taking place on

**Shabbat
5th January 2019**

Please contact Rochelle
on 020 8349 5263

**Please reply by
Friday 28th December**

Shabbat Vayechi

Breakfast Banter, 9.15am in Benchers Café

Youth Minyan, 9.45am in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

Thank you to Family Sosnow for sponsoring this week's Youth Doughnut Kiddush in celebration of Samuel's 15th birthday

Look out for future events at:

www.kinloss.org.uk/youth

Kinloss Club, Club 78, Learn2Lead, Learn2Volunteer, Lead On, Shabbat Lunches, Disneyland Paris, Purim, Tribe-a-side



DISNEYLAND PARIS

**From 11pm on Sunday
17th February - 11pm on
Monday 18th February**

£115 per person
School years 8 and above

Book at [www.kinloss.org.uk/
disneyland](http://www.kinloss.org.uk/disneyland)



Shabbat Shalom
Barry, Chaya, Choli, Amalia, Rachel & Sammy
youth@kinloss.org.uk 07792460091

Kinloss Cares Chanukah Tea

with thanks to Lucy Furman, Sara Hershman and all the Kinloss Cares Volunteers for organising



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:



Tamara Hoddes (3)
 Annabelle Sloam (5)
 Ella Bensoor (3)
 Noam Shaer (5)

Benjamin Lappin (8)
 Tia Gray (9)
 Ruby Goldstein (11)
 Amalie White (4)

THANK YOU TO:

- * Security Team 5. If you have any queries, please speak to Martin Shiers on 07831 836 031, or email securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk
- * Susan Sperber Kosky, Nicole Greenwold and Dalia Hajioff of The Welcoming Committee
- * Barbara Zucker's Kiddush Rota Team



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.

Contact Lucy on ket@kinloss.org.uk or on 020 349 5267 for more details.



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.

SERVICES (שבת see front page)	Sun	Mon	BANK HOLIDAY Tues	BANK HOLIDAY Weds	Thurs	Fri
Shacharit 1	7:30am	7:00am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am
Shacharit 2	8:15am	8:00am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Sephardi Shacharit	8:00am	6:30am	8:00am	8:00am	6:30am	6:30am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv 3:40pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 3:45pm

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

Shabbat 22 DECEMBER

Mordechai Aharoni	Father
Cimmie Frankfurt	Sister
Vivien Friedman	Brother
Pauline Harris	Brother
Douglas Joseph	Father
Bernice Kliger	Father
Birthe Tager	Son
Michael Tager	Son
Aaron Weichselbaum	Mother
Shirley Weiner	Father
Sarah Weisz	Husband

Sunday 23 DECEMBER

Loretta Adelson	Mother
Donald Breslaw	Mother
Naghme Ebrahimoff	Mother
Evelyn Goldman	Father
John Goldman	Sister
David Karp	Sister
Eve Kugler	Mother
Beryl Rubenstein	Mother
Janet Shelley	Father

Monday 24 DECEMBER

Stephen Bayard	Father
Adrienne Bearman	Mother
Carole Jayson	Husband

Tuesday 25 DECEMBER

Laurence Citron	Wife
Rhoda Goldberg	Husband
Isaac Hirsch	Father
Andrew Silver	Mother
Laurence Silver	Wife

Wednesday 26 DECEMBER

Fiona Bor	Mother
Laurence Cohen	Mother
Michael Cohen	Wife
Jonathan Field	Father
Philip Mayer	Father
Howard Samuels	Father
Linda Sharpe	Mother
Eric Tager	Brother
Michael Tager	Brother
Suzanne Weiniger	Mother
Lilian Williams	Father
Michael Zabaroff	Father

Thursday 27 DECEMBER

Ian Addleson	Father
Anne Freedman	Mother
David Grant	Father
Helena Hart	Father
Martin Landsman	Father
Jarvis Lebetkin	1st Wife
Naomi Pope	Father
Josepha White	Mother

Friday 28 DECEMBER

Shirley Bowles	Mother
Stella Davis	Father
Sarah Dominitz	Husband
Lucy Furman	Father
Leslie Kaye	Father
Rita Rosenbaum	Husband
Joseph Sassoon	Mother
Martin Silver	Mother

ANIM ZEMIROT CLUB

Come and learn to sing Anim Zemirot
Our club meets every Shabbat at 10:15am
in the Robing Room. Boys of 6 and over
welcome.
Led by David Lesser

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
SUN 17 FEB	11:00am in Bushey in memory of Rosa Benbaruk



FINCHLEY SYNAGOGUE USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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