

11 / 12 December 2020

LIGHT CHANUKAH CANDLES FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT CANDLES BEFORE 3:36pm.

SHABBAT WILL TERMINATE AT 4:45pm

Mevarachim Hachodesh Tevet falls on Wednesday

Mazel tov to Noa Renton and family on her Bat Mitzvah.

KINLOSS SHUL IS OPEN FOR SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE SERVICES FOR SHABBAT AND SUNDAY MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BEFORE 9am ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

FRIDAY NIGHT

3:20pm MINCHA, CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING, KABBALAT SHABBAT & MA'ARIV in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

3:40pm NOA RENTON'S BAT MITZVAH

WOMEN FOR WOMEN KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE in the Kinloss Suite

3:25pm SEPHARDI MINCHA, CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING, KABBALAT SHABBAT & MA'ARIV in the Sephardi Synagogue

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

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

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

9:30am THE MINYAN in the Kinloss Suite

Kriat Hatorah by Rabbi Simon Silas
Rabbi Lawrence will address the Bat Mitzvah Noa Renton

9:00am SEPHARDI SERVICE in the Sephardi Synagogue
led by Rabbi Heller and Reuben Gorji

10:00am YOUTH SERVICE in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

11:00am FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE Year 3 - 6
with Rabbi Lawrence and Jason Marantz in the Liora Graham Beit Midrash

11:00am CHILDREN'S SERVICE Reception - Year 2
with Rabbi Laitner and Brandon Horwitz in the back of the Ladies Gallery

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3:30pm - 4:45pm Bnei Akiva (must be pre registered through BA)

3:35pm MINCHA AND SHIUR by Rabbi Laitner titled
'Chanukah 2020 Q&A as addressed in the writings of the contemporary posek,
Rabbi Osher Weiss'

4:45pm MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls



The Finer Details – Leora and Harry Salter

Growing up, we are taught that the story of Chanukah had two main parts. The first being the miraculous defeat of the Greeks by the small, yet, powerful and courageous Maccabees. The second being the miracle of the oil, returning to the Beit Hamikdash and finding one sealed oil that lasted for the duration of eight days.

Our family have the custom that all members of the family light their own Chanukah candles. As nice as a spectacle as it might be, why do we all light our own candles?

The Gemara in Shabbos (21b) asks the question: What is Chanukah? It answers by telling the story we all know that one of the small army of Jews defeats the mighty Greek army and finds the oil. However, within this story, there is no mention of why women should be obligated to light the Chanukah. Where do we learn about this obligation?

The answer can be found with the Gemara in Shabbos (23a) where we are taught that women are obligated in the lighting of the Chanukah as they were included in the miracle of being saved from the decree of persecution.

The same wording is used in regard to the festival of Purim. It says in the Gemara in Megillah (4a) that women are obligated in the reading of the Megillah as they were also part of the miracle of being saved from the decree of persecution.

According to these two Talmudic sources, we learn women's obligation to light the Chanukah candles and to read the Megillah on Purim comes from the concept of being part of the miracle of being saved from evil decree. This, seemingly, is the only reason women are obligated to light the Chanukah candles.

However, based on the Gemara in Megillah (4a), the Tosfot picks up on the part of 'women too were part of the miracle' 'שאף הן היו באותו הנס'. The Tosfot quotes the Rashbam who explains what it really means that women were part of the miracle. It states that the primary part of the miracle was performed by a woman. In Purim, Esther was the one who convinced Achashverosh to not enact the decree against the Jews, and in Chanukah, Yehudit killed the Greek general that started the uprising of the Jewish people against the Greeks.

So, why is this not taught as the main story of Chanukah? And, more importantly, why isn't there a mention of these two important components in the Gemara?

An answer suggested is that even though the stories of Esther and Yehudit are important to the story, it is not the main overview of what happened. When the Gemara asks the question about what Chanukah is, it presents an outline of the story. Similarly to Purim, when one is asked what Purim is about, a normal response would be that Haman wanted to kill the Jewish people but thanks to Mordechai and Esther the Jews were saved, not the fact the Esther managed to persuade Achashverosh to retract the decree against the Jews.

The story of Yehudit, although not the focal point, is an integral part to the narrative of Chanukah. It was a key turning point in the Jewish revolt against the Greeks.

The Chanukah story teaches us not to only focus on the larger overview but also the small and meaningful events that shaped the history of the Jewish people. Now we can see the true reason why women are obligated to light Chanukah candles. Not just because they were part of the decree against the Jews, but because Yehudit initiated the start of events that saw the upturn in spirit and fortunes.

VAYEISHEV STATISTICS
MITZVOT: NONE OF THE 613 MITZVOT
VERSES: 112 (24TH LONGEST IN THE TORAH)
WORDS: 1558 (24TH LONGEST)
LETTERS: 5974 (24TH LONGEST)
HAFTARAH: 20 VERSES (JOINT 27TH SHORTEST OF THE 80 HAFTAROT)

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SIDRA	229	141	198
MAFTIR	829	597	766
HAFTARAH	857	987	1210

Housewives and Students; the Sparks that light the Flames of Freedom

On Monday evening, I shall be interviewing Natan Sharansky about his powerful recent book “Never Alone: Prison, Politics and My People.”

His insights reflect a brilliant mind, his remarkable experiences and profound spiritual connection.

I remember being taken by my father to join the march on the Soviet Embassy in 1976, which was led by his wife Avital, and later described in derisory terms by his KGB interrogators as “nothing but students and housewives.” He embraced the phrase and would go on to encourage activism; “an army of students and housewives” had sustained the campaign that freed him.

He was a respected secular scientist before becoming a despised Zionist dissident. He was thrown into a



prison system, where many of his contemporaries were broken or lost for ever. He kept a book of Tehillim with him, stubbornly refusing to surrender it on countless occasions. Like the biblical Joseph, whose story we read this week, he kept his faith in

prison and the darkest exile. He would become a prominent leader within the Jewish World. Unlike the biblical Joseph, who changed his name to an Egyptian one and became a minister in Pharaoh's court, Anatoly and Natasha became Natan and Avital. And he became a Minister of State in the Land of Israel.

Joseph brought his family into Egypt. Sharansky served as minister for Aliya.

From their own perspectives, both addressed absorption and the cultural challenges faced by immigrant communities.

The parallels of these stories and indeed the triumph of the few against the many, are neither exceptional nor coincidental. We see reflected paradigms of Jewish history and liberation from the arid sands of Egypt to the frozen camps of Siberia; from the Maccabees of yesteryear to those who campaign in our days for Jewish freedoms and the freedom of Jews.

The Yosef story & Chanukah always coincide and two of its principal protagonists, Yosef & Yehuda are each associated with light & flame.



Both represent different models of Jewish affiliation. Yosef is a visionary, a dreamer, who carries an ingrained Jewish identity into all walks of life – even the distant and alien courts of Potiphar & Pharaoh in Egypt.

Yehuda starts his life and this Parasha as a stumbling member of the family. He fails to rescue Yosef from the pit. He fails to bring up his family and attend to his daughter in law. But in a couple of weeks' time, Yehuda will emerge as the man who has atoned for his irresponsibility and become the model for halachic living. Yehuda will represent a fortress of Jewish strength – so that Yehuda will be the ancestor of King David and will become the lion symbol of the citadel, Jerusalem.

Rashi compares Yosef to the spark that ignites the whole tinderbox – who knew that his visions would lead to the jealousy that would lead to the sale, that would lead to Potiphar, prison, Pharaoh's dreams... lead to him becoming the rising star in Egypt? Yosef is the spark.

The Talmud declares that Yehuda is the flame that we can light to show us the way. Yehuda spoke up for Benjamin. He made matters right in the end. It does the right thing. Yehuda is a beacon for living.

Judaism does not set up just one way to be. Yosef and Yehuda, indeed each of the twelve tribes, represents different qualities. While Avraham was succeeded by Yitzchak, not Yishmael and then Yitzchak was succeeded by Yaakov to the exclusion of Eisav, Yaakov was not succeeded by just one son. We are the children of Israel – because all children of Israel – each of the twelve sons had a role to play. Each of us is an equal and full part of the covenant.

Yosef & Yehuda represent paradigms of Jewish leadership.

Yehuda's model is a uniquely Jewish one. Stay with the tribe. Don't mix beyond. Avoid temptation. I've tried it, he says – it messed me up. Stay true, stay focused.

Yosef's is more familiar, but more challenging. Yosef succeeded wherever he went. Yosef succeeded in Potiphar's household and became chief of staff; he succeeded in prison and became chief of prisoners; he succeeded in Pharaoh's court and became chief under Pharaoh. We are told that he mastered many languages – that he was thoroughly cosmopolitan, that he was versed in science and culture.

Yosef is in many cases a predictive metaphor for Jewish history – cast from home, he becomes the ultimate Diaspora success story. Whatever is thrown at him, he rises to the top.

There is a certain consistency in Yosef.

When Yosef goes down to Egypt, we are told that the Lord was with Yosef and the Lord made him prosper. We are told that Potiphar saw the Lord had blessed him. When Yosef is tempted, he rejects it as a sin against Hashem. When Yosef is in prison he explains the dreams – making clear that it is Hashem who is responsible for interpretations – so too with Pharaoh's visions... Indeed, in every conversation that Yosef has we see that Hashem is mentioned. While Yosef mixed with outside society and every walk of life, Yosef was first and foremost a proud, identifying, Hashem fearing Jew.

Potiphar praises Yosef and the Jewish Hashem. Pharaoh goes on to praise Yosef and the Jewish God. When Yaakov comes down to Egypt, Pharaoh even blessed him in the name of the Jewish God. What a phenomenal ambassador for Judaism, Yosef represents.

Ultimately, though, Yosef's role is limited by time and circumstance. Yehuda receives Yaakov's blessing of eventual sovereignty. King David and the messianic household will derive from Yehuda. A change of regime and a new Pharaoh will see Yosef's contribution forgotten; harshly foreshadowing events in other countries where Golden Ages sour and are supplanted by tyranny and persecution. Tragically, Yosef's descendants, the tribes of Menashe and Ephrayim were amongst the first tribes to be lost. The "Jew" today is named for Yehuda's brand.

A victory for Yehuda? Sadly, Yehuda's primacy was short-lived. Two Jewish commonwealths were lost,

the people scattered; a small and almost insignificant remnant in the land.

As we light our Chanukiot and we consider the spark



and the flame, we should not overlook the role of the Maccabees who were from the tribe of Levi, and descendants of Aharon the High Priest whose role it was to light the original Menorah. The characteristics of Levi are zealous passion as well as the pursuit of peace.

While Yehuda is a paradigm of Jewish sovereignty, Yosef prevails in Diaspora.

Our generations are the first in history to have both coexist. Independently and together both Israel and Diaspora define contemporary Jewish identity. The Jewish future seems not to be *either/or* but *both/each/and*.

I hope that you will join me on Monday evening when Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy will examine these selfsame themes in the light of Natan's remarkable life and these most interesting times.

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom and a Chanukah Sameach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jeremy Lawrence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

R' Jeremy Lawrence

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- The Chanukia should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (approx. 4.50pm), and remain lit for half an hour thereafter. One can delay for the family to get home from school / work but should not postpone lighting longer than necessary.
 - The Chanukiah must be lit **before** Shabbat candles and have enough oil (or long enough candles) to burn for at least half an hour after nightfall. This will be around 75-90 mins after candle-lighting.
 - On Motzaei Shabbat, in Shul, the Chanukia is lit before the Havdalla candles. However, at home, we make Havdalla first and then light our Chanukia.

NATAN SHARANSKY *and* GIL TROY

NEVER ALONE

PRISON, POLITICS,
and MY PEOPLE



Autographed copies
of this inspiring book available!

Join **Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence**
in conversation with
Natan Sharansky
& **Gil Troy**

Monday 14th December at 8pm
www.kinloss.org.uk/NeverAlone



Natan Sharansky is a former Prisoner of Conscience, Refusenik, Israeli Cabinet Minister & Chair of The World Jewish Congress.

Gil Troy is a **Professor** of History, American Presidential Historian and widely published Political Commentator.

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TUESDAY 15TH

DECEMBER

7:00PM-8:00PM

FOR YEARS 9-13

**MEETING ID: 851 0511
1477**

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

Ariella Josephs (10)

Stella Silverman (5)

Rafael Kogan (9)

Ilan Jesner (9)

Gilad Greenaway (10)

Freya Beenstock (6)



**CHILDREN SERVICE
(RECEPTION TO YR2)
LADIES GALLERY**

&

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SERVICE
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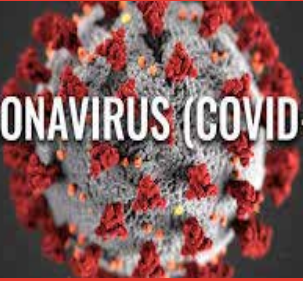
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(Booking closes on Friday at 9am)

please note: limited places



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MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 5:30PM



Sign up by Thursday to
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ON ZOOM

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MONDAY MATTERS FOR WOMEN
The next group meeting will be on
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY
at 3:00pm

Log in via: www.kinloss.org.uk/matters
Everyone is welcome

MONDAY MATTERS FOR WOMEN

Held on Zoom on
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER



RECORDING OF **KINLOSS** **MACCABEE TOUR**

WITH **RABBI YAAKOV ARRAM**



<https://youtu.be/F0y9rKnFkbo>

BOOKING SYSTEM FOR SERVICES AND HOW TO BOOK:

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 parents.

To book to attend the Persian services, please email 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

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

SERVICES (שבת SEE FRONT PAGE)	CHANUKAH SUN 13TH 27 KISLEV	CHANUKAH MON 14TH 28 KISLEV	CHANUKAH TUES 15TH 29 KISLEV	ROSH CHODESH TEVET CHANUKAH WEDS 16TH	CHANUKAH THURS 17TH 2 TEVET	CHANUKAH FRI 18TH 3 TEVET
SHACHARIT	8:00am	7:05am	7:05am	7:00am	7:05am	7:05am
SEPHARDI	8:00am	6.30am	6.30am	6.30am	6.30am	6.30am
MINCHA / MA'ARIV	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	3:40pm	MINCHA KABBALAT SHABBAT 3:40pm

Children's Services
with grateful thanks to Natalie Sommer
we have uploaded her
Children's Service Videos for Vayeishev
<https://youtu.be/VFswAnfApFA>

other links for Natalie are available on
www.kinloss.org.uk/natalie



THIS WEEK

Tuesday

Tuesday
15 UP NEXT

zoom

Israel Behind the Headlines

For Years 9-13, 7pm-8pm, with Israel Educator
Neil Lazarus



Thursday

Thursday
17 UP NEXT

zoom

Parasha Quiz - Years 7-13

7:15pm on Zoom - Message us for Zoom link and
Password

Wednesday

Wednesday
16 UP NEXT

zoom

13@Kinloss - Batmitzvah Programme

With Guest Speaker Rafi Cohen - 7pm-8pm

Thursday
17 UP NEXT

zoom

Student Beit Midrash - Years 7-13

7:45pm on Zoom - Message us for Zoom link and
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Shabbat

Saturday
19 UP NEXT



Youth Service - Years 7-13

10am in the Deal Hall - Pre-Book for the youth
service: www.kinloss.org.uk/youth-minyan-booking



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MAZEL TOV • מזל טוב



NOA RENTON

Mazel Tov to Noa on her Bat Mitzvah

Noa has three siblings Asher, Amalia & Yishai
and she attends JFS

Her hobbies are athletics, gymnastics,
trampolining and dance

Charity work as part of Simcha, Noa is cutting
her hair for Zichron Menachem

* Mazel tov to Noa on her Batmitzvah. Mazel tov to Ruth, Elliot, Asher, Amalia & Yishai. Mazel Tov also to Grandparents Rabbi Simon Silas & Sandra Renton. Missing very much Grandma Nadia z”l and Grandpa George z”l

* Shirley Arkush on her 90th birthday



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Dr Warren Goldstein Chief Rabbi of South Africa

Eli Beer United Hatzalah

Lord Mann Refusenik **Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich**

James Libson Mishcon de Reya

Danny Limor Mossad Inspiration nurse **Libbie Goldstein** **Rabbi Dov Ber Cohen**

Ilana Epstein **Joanne Dove** **Freda Kaplan**



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

Shabbat 12 DECEMBER

Michelle Azizollahoff	Father
Felice Crown	Mother
David Ebrahimoff	Father
Janet Gold	Daughter
Lilian Green	Mother
Michael Kamlish	Father
Gillian Linke	Father
Julie Russell	Father

Sunday 13 DECEMBER

Danielle Fluer	Mother
Janet Gold	Mother
Geoffrey Graham	Mother
David Kass	Mother
Colin Melnick	Father
Rosalind Shear	Mother
Paul Tuhrim	Mother
Roslyn Ungelson	Father

Monday 14 DECEMBER

Adelle Kaplan	Father
Bernice Kliger	Husband
Philip Platt	Wife

Tuesday 15 DECEMBER

Sarah Aaronson	Husband
Michelle Aminoff	Father
Samuel Cohen	Mother
Shirley Davidson	Husband
Danielle Fluer	Father
Jacob Lax	Mother
Sharon Lee	Father
Gad Levy	Mother
Linda Lew	Father
Geoffrey Ralton	Father
Shimon Spiegel	Father

Wednesday 16 DECEMBER

Alan Bearman	Mother
David Clarke	Father
Mark Freeman	Father
Brian Gedalla	Mother
Trevor Gee	Brother
Gillian Joseph	Husband
Simon Joseph	Father
Beatrice Karp	Mother
Josephine Kay	Mother
Shirley Kenley	Father
Brian Silver	Father
Anthony Stanton	Mother
Josephine Symons	Father

Thursday 17 DECEMBER

Leonard Coleman	Sister
Sheila Forman	Father
Cynthia Rothman	Brother

Friday 18 DECEMBER

Sarah Aminoff	Husband
Evelyn Goldman	Mother
Alfred Murray	Wife
Shula Reyhanian	Father
Geoffrey Soll	Mother
Zena Wagner	Brother

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

28 FEB 21 10:30am at Bushey Old in memory of Gwendoline Greenwood Z"L

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