



25 / 26 December 2020

י"א טבת תשפ"א

SHABBAT WILL START AT 3:41pm AND TERMINATE AT 4:51pm

FAST OF TEVET ON BANK HOLIDAY 25 DECEMBER STARTS 6:15AM AND ENDS 4:44PM

KINLOSS SHUL IS OPEN FOR SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE SERVICES FOR SHABBAT AND SUNDAY MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BEFORE 9am ON FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

FRIDAY NIGHT

3:25pm MINCHA, KABBALAT SHABBAT & MA'ARIV
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

3:20pm SEPHARDI MINCHA, 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 Ben Morris
Rabbi Lawrence will speak

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

YOUTH SERVICE,
FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE and
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
are currently not taking place.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

3:50pm MINCHA AND SHIUR by Rabbi Laitner titled
'Understanding the emergence of 'Bnei Yisrael' from family to nation, through
dramatic leadership roles of Yehuda and Yosef'

4:51pm MA'ARIV & TERMINATION OF SHABBAT
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

Be'er Sheva and its significance in our history

“And Israel (Jacob) and all that he had journeyed and he came to Be'er Sheva. And he offered Zevachim to the God of his father Isaac” (Bereishit/Genesis 46:1)

Why is Yitzchak included whilst Avraham is not mentioned? Rashi, (1040-1105) explains that this verse shows that a person has to honour their parents more than their grandparents. Therefore, this verse only mentions Yitzchak.

Radak (Rabbi David Kimche, 1160-1235) takes a different view. He writes that Yitzchak is mentioned since Yitzchak, following his father's example, had also wanted to leave the land of Israel during a famine but was instructed by God not to do so. On hearing this news, Radak deduces that Yitzchak offered zevachim, sacrifices, to God from an altar in Be'er Sheva.

Therefore, Yaakov, who from the context of these verses still appears ambivalent about whether he should leave Israel to live in Egypt decided to offer zevachim as his father did, as part of his attempt to work out what to do. In the very next verse, God appears to Yaakov in a dream and in the subsequent verses tells him not to fear going to Egypt as he will become a great nation there.

This not only allows Yaakov to go to live in Egypt, since making a great nation is unlikely to happen during a brief stay, but also assures him that his leaving Israel is part of the historical process of the Jewish people, fulfilling the promise made to Avraham in chapter 15 of Bereishit, even if it means that Yaakov and sons temporarily vacate their land.

Interestingly, this is the first time in the Torah that a 'Zevach' sacrifice is explicitly offered, as opposed to an 'Olah' sacrifice, although Rashbam, Rashi's grandson, writes in tandem with Radak (above) that Isaac also offered a Zevach...also in Be'er Sheva fascinatingly enough (see Rashbam to our verse and also Bereishit 26:25).

Rabbi Menachem Liebttag, a leading contemporary Tanach/Bible teacher, suggests that the offering of a Zevach marks a epoch-making historical event. This appears even more appropriate in light of Radak's remarks.

These are a few suggestions to answer our opening question.

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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HAFTARAH	293	178	1144

Friday Fasts and Festivities

This Friday, 25th December 2020 will be Asara BeTevet, the Fast of 10th Tevet. The fast runs from 6:15am – 4:44pm in London.

The 10th of Tevet is an unusual fast – like all the so-called minor fasts it is from dawn to dusk – but exceptionally it is observed on a Friday. The next Friday occurrences will be in Dec 2023 Jan 2025 and then Jan 2034. On these days, even though we bring in Shabbat towards sunset (3.41pm), we cannot break the fast or make Kiddush till it's dark. It is also the only fast/festival that can fall twice in one secular calendar year (as it did this year and will in 2023) or not at all (2022 and 2024).

Asara BeTevet commemorates the beginning of two years of terrible siege under the Babylonian ruler Nebuchadnezzar in 588 BCE.



This culminated in Yerushalayim falling on 17th Tammuz and the destruction of King Solomon's Temple on 9th Av a couple of years later. Additionally, the Israeli Chief Rabbinate proclaimed 10th Tevet *Yom Kaddish Haklali* (the general day of Kaddish) for those who did not know the correct day to mark the Yahrzeit of victims of the Shoah.

While it is clear we should commemorate the destruction of the Temple, why mark the beginning of the siege? The rabbis say that this forces us to look back at the roots of destruction. The prophets of the era had scolded the people for imagining that calamity would not befall them. They were oblivious to reality. It is not enough to pray for salvation: we must engage in introspection, act with contrition, not just say godly things but live godly lives.

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הַשָּׁקֶר לֵאמֹר הֵיכַל ה'
הֵיכַל ה' הֵיכַל ה' הִמָּה:



The prophet Jeremiah (7:4) warned, don't put your trust in illusions and say, "The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord are these buildings. Will you steal and murder ... and then come and stand before Me in this House which bears My name and say, "We are safe?" – The threefold repetition of 'הֵיכַל ה'' emphasises the Temple. We are admonished not to imagine that Hashem's love of a building will override His anger for his People, nor His justice.

The Israelites in the Time of Jeremiah trusted in the building. They were so sure of the Temple of the Lord, but they didn't have the authentic Torah in their hearts.

Torah is about the values within. Asara BeTevet reminds us when we let the edges of our Jewish citadel become compromised, it is only a matter of time till the edifice itself is destroyed.

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago in shul that there are indeed different Minhagim regarding the 24th and 25th December.

You may have encountered the expressions *NittelNacht* or *Nittel*. They are possibly corruptions of the Latin *Natali Dominus* (Birth of our Lord). Alternatively the acronym of נולד יו"ט לטבת, or the word נתול, meaning the one who was taken away (or hanged).

Although it is widely considered a "national" and somewhat secular celebration, it is difficult to extract it from its symbolism and roots. In a Teshuva of R' Moshe Feinstein (YD3:85), he ruled that even though it might be the only time that working parents might be given vacation, Jewish schools which would otherwise be teaching should not specifically arrange their timetables around the public

holidays. Alongside the Christian significance, 25th December had traditionally been a time of attacks on Jewish communities.

It is these attacks that sparked the differing “minhagim” of not learning on the evening of 24th December.

The Sefer Likutei HaPardes (1715) remarks that previously Jews caught in the streets that night would be beaten, and Jewish home with a candle lit inside would trigger a pogrom. Because Jews could not leave their homes, nor could they light a candle in their homes, they had no way to learn Torah.

The Korban Netanel identifies the birth of Christianity as a reason for mourning as it has been the source of troubles for the Jewish people comparable to the day that the Beit Hamikdash was destroyed. Accordingly, it may be that only the learning permissible on Tisha B’Av is acceptable.

The Chatam Sofer (Kovetz Teshuvot 31) writes that the custom is to refrain from Torah study only during the first half of the night (until midnight) as that is when the Christians would head out to attend Mass.

The Sefer Kedushat Tziyon (on Sanhedrin 107b) states that the founder of Christianity

was a student of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Perachya who became a blasphemer. We learn from such examples that study without action is flawed (Avot 3:1). On this anniversary, we illustrate that Torah learning alone will not serve to make us good Jews. We should apply the evening to good deeds and not focus on study.

I look forward to seeing those of you who can join us in shul over Shabbat.

We are thinking of all of you who can’t make it or whom we have so reluctantly advised to stay away. This has been a tough season for many, whose family plans have been disrupted or who have been exhausted by lockdowns. Families are finding it hard in many ways.

Please don’t be shy to be in touch with me or with the Kinloss Office for confidential support or even a “pastoral check-in”.

Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers for their calls, collections and contributions.

Wishing everyone Shabbat Shalom, good health and better news.



Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence



Seasonal Symbolology

Detail from The Book of Hours (personal prayerbook) of the Duc de Berry 1340-1416.

The symbolism in the December illustration shows the Temple fully destroyed with the Prophet Daniel in conversation with Matthew about resurrection. Daniel is handing over a brick and Matthew is taking his mantle.

LIVE KIDNEY DONATION: THE GIFT OF LIFE

SUNDAY 10TH JAN: 7.30PM



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REBBETZIN LORI PALATNIK
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



RABBI JEREMY LAWRENCE
SENIOR RABBI - KINLOSS



PROF LIZ LIGHTSTONE
PROF OF RENAL MEDICINE



PROF ANTHONY WARRENS
DEAN FOR EDUCATION & DIRECTOR OF THE
INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION



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CONSULTANT TRANSPLANT
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HEALTHCARE TALKS

A 2021 webinar series organised by Kinloss Synagogue in partnership with The Wellington Hospital and United Synagogue

HEALTHCARE PROBLEMS FOR CHILDREN DURING THE PANDEMIC

19th Jan 8.00pm

Mr Andrew Goldberg	Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Dr Lisa Anderson	General Practitioner
Dr Mark Furman	Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist
Dr Lee Noimark	Consultant Paediatric Allergist
Prof Martyn Caplin (CHAIR)	Consultant Gastroenterologist

THE LATEST THINKING ON DISEASE MEDICAL ADVANCES

2nd March 8.00pm

Dr Clive Onnie	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr Huw Beynon	Consultant Rheumatologist
Prof Daniel Hochhauser	Consultant Medical Oncologist
Dr Jenny Cross	Consultant Nephrologist
Prof Martyn Caplin (CHAIR)	Consultant Gastroenterologist

FOR THE OVER 70s: OPTIMISING YOUR HEALTH

13th April 8.00pm

Dr Michael Fertleman	Consultant Physician
Dr Bal Athwal	Consultant Neurologist
Mrs Joanne Hockey	Consultant Gynaecologist
Dr Huw Beynon	Consultant Rheumatologist
Prof Martyn Caplin (CHAIR)	Consultant Gastroenterologist



Professor Martyn Caplin

Consultant Gastroenterologist

As a member of Kinloss, I am delighted to chair the 2021 Healthcare Talks Series in partnership with The Wellington Hospital. We have a tremendous programme of talks planned in 2021 with leading authorities, who will share their valuable insights on common healthcare problems for children, the latest medical advances and how best to optimise our health. I am confident these talks will provide you and your family with a great deal of support and reassurance during an uncertain time for many. I hope you can register and join our talks.



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WHEN AND HOW TO REGISTER:

You can register online at www.kinloss.org.uk/health no later than a week before each webinar taking place. The webinars will start promptly on the date and the time specified as above.

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

Joseph Newton (11)
Dylan Cowan (1)
Reuben Ezra (2)
Sara Panas (11)
Thea Last (5)
Gabriel Bendel (4)

Noam Shaer (7)
Dylan Cowan (1)
Amalie White (6)
Aiden Adler (5)
Maya Aminoff (2)
Sammy Friend (5)



**Join Ilana Banana for
a Special Winter
pre Shabbat sing-a-long**

Suitable for ages 0 - 5

Friday 25th Dec & 1st Jan

Time: 2pm


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**REGISTER: WWW.KINLOSS.ORG.UK/ILANA
PASSCODE: SHABBAT**



**If you know someone
who would like to receive the free papers
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if you're a member of
Kinloss Youth who would be happy to deliver,
please email
laitners@kinloss.org.uk**

MAZEL TOV • מזל טוב

* Andrea and Ron Rappoport on the engagement of their granddaughter Reut, daughter of Rabbi Jason and Meira Rappoport to Shmuel, son of Kathy and Alex Hart

DURING THE WINTER BREAK AND
UNUSUAL PERIOD, WE WANTED TO
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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

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)	SUN 27TH 12 TEVET	MON 28TH 13 TEVET	TUES 29TH 14 TEVET	WEDS 30TH 15 TEVET	THUR 31ST 16 TEVET	BANK HOLIDAY FRI 1ST JAN 17 TEVET
SHACHARIT	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
SEPHARDI	8:00am	6.30am	6.30am	6.30am	6.30am	8:00am
MINCHA / MA'ARIV	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	3:45pm	MINCHA KABBALAT SHABBAT 3:50pm

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

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

ARE YOU THINKING OF TAKING A GAP YEAR?

WE'RE HERE TO TALK

FOR YEARS 12-13, WE'RE HERE TO
DISCUSS GAP YEAR OPTIONS,
INCLUDING: YESHIVA, SEMINARY
AND GAP YEAR PROGRAMMES

RABBI LAITNER, LEORA AND
HARRY ARE AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
AND ADVISE ON THE BEST
OPTIONS



**TO BOOK A SESSION, CONTACT:
YOUTH@KINLOSS.ORG.UK OR 07827031851**



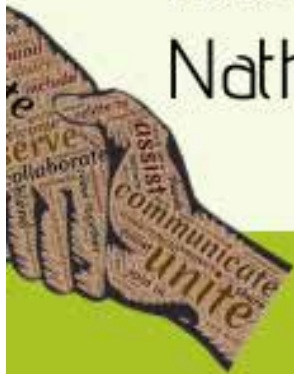
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- Welfare Phone Support
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- Advice on communal services
- Financial assistance through The Phyllis Nathan Trust - www.kinloss.org.uk/pnt



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

Shabbat 26 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

Sunday 27 DECEMBER

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

Monday 28 DECEMBER

Donald Breslaw	Brother
Zena Gerstler	Husband
Lorna Gimmack	Mother
Sally Levy	Husband
Stephen Levy	Father
Ruth Pittack	Mother
Nasser Rahimi	Father
Frank Rosenfeld	Father
Stephen Singer	Mother

Tuesday 29 DECEMBER

Mordechai Aharoni	Father
Vivien Friedman	Brother
Pauline Harris	Brother
Bernice Kliger	Father
Birthe Tager	Son
Michael Tager	Son
Aaron Weichselbaum	Mother
Sarah Weisz	Husband

Wednesday 30 DECEMBER

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

Thursday 31 DECEMBER

Stephen Bayard	Father
Adrienne Bearman	Mother
Carole Jayson	Husband

Friday 1 JANUARY

Jonathan Barr	Father
Rhoda Goldberg	Husband
Isaac Hirsch	Father
Andrew Silver	Mother

THE SHUL OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 25TH RE-OPENING ON TUESDAY 29TH. TO KEEP THE KINLOSS OFFICE COVID-19 SAFE, IT IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE A MEMBER OF STAFF PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IN ADVANCE 020 8346 8551

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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