

20 / 21 DECEMBER 2019

כ"ג כסלו תש"פ

Shabbat commences at 15:38pm and terminates at 16:48pm

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat at 15:40pm * Mevrachim Hachodesh. Rosh Chodesh Tevet falls next Shabbat & Sunday

Mazeltov to all children receiving Birthday Blessings this Shabbat

Following the Shabbat morning Services
there will be a Joint Kiddush in the Kinloss Suite

Friday Night

3:40pm: Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat in the Deal Halls



D'var Torah by Jordan Gorfinkel,
Scholar in Residence, Cartoonist,
Animator and Batman's Manager

SHABBAT LEARNING AT KINLOSS Shabbat Morning

8:30am: Sephardi Synagogue

Talmud Tractate Pesachim by Rabbi Heller

9:00am Maimonides : Laws of Purim and Chanukah in
the Deal Hall by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum

9:15am: Youth Breakfast Shmooze
with homemade cake for Yrs 7-13 in Benchers Cafe

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

10:40am Food for Thought with Leora Salter
for girls in Yrs 7-13 meet @ Youth Flat

Shabbat Forum after the Service
with Scholar in Residence Jordan Gorfinkel

12:25pm Early Mincha in the Main Synagogue

Shabbat Afternoon

Daf Yomi Shiur will be offsite please contact
07521 149764 for address and time

3:40pm : Mincha followed by Shiur
by Jordan Gorfinkel titled
"Moses & Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us
About Judaism and What Judaism Teaches Us About
Superheroes"

4:48pm : Ma'ariv and termination of Shabbat

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 Chazan Eli Sufrin.

THE MINYAN 9:30am

in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls.
Kriat Hatorah by Jonny Tapnack.

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
Directors, Leora and Harry Salter

KIDS' MINYAN 10:45am

in the Marilyn Newman Room with Saul
Elek

**CHANUKAH 1ST CANDLE LIGHTING
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER**



Why was Yosef more loved than his brothers?

‘And Yisrael (i.e. Yaakov) loved Yosef more than any of Yosef’s brothers, because he was a “ben zekunim” for Yaakov...’ (Bereishit 37,3)

Here, the Torah gives a reason to explain why Yaakov (here called by his other name, Yisrael) loved Yosef more than any of his other sons. The reason is that Yosef is a *ben zekunim*. What does this mean? We will consider the opinions of some of the major commentators.

Initially, it would appear that it means a son of Jacob’s old age, from the word *zakain* meaning an elder. However, one of the most ancient and authoritative translations of the Torah, **Targum Onkelos**, rejects this suggestion. He translates *ben zekunim* as ‘son of wisdom’. This idea is also reflected in the **Talmud (Kiddushin 32b)** which states in the name of Rabbi Yossi Hageliei that the word *zakain* is actually a partial acronym for ‘*zeh kana chochma*’ – this one has acquired wisdom. Perhaps since an elder is often more likely to be wise, the word *zakein* can have two meanings. Maybe it was Yosef’s wisdom which endeared him to Yaakov and may also be reflected in the dreams which Yosef alone dreamt.

How do the medieval rabbinic scholars (“the Rishonim”), whose commentaries are crucial in understanding and analysing the Biblical text, approach this question?

Rabbi Avraham ibn Ezra (aka Ibn Ezra) demurs. He states that the phrase *ben zekunim* should be taken in its context which is that Yosef was born when Yaakov was 91 years old (this was considered old even in the long life spans of the Biblical characters towards the end of *Sefer Bereishit*) so Yosef is a son of Yaakov’s old age. This may be the reason that Yosef was particularly dear to Yaakov. However, what about Binyamin who was born after Yosef?

Rashbam, developing the **Ibn Ezra**’s theme, explains that Binyamin was born a considerable time after Yosef. Therefore Yaakov already had plenty of time to love Yosef as a son of old age.

Ramban takes a different approach. If *ben zekunim* means a child of old age, Ramban questions why Yosef would be any more special than *Yissachar* or *Zevulun*, two of Jacob’s other sons, who were only a year or two older than Yosef.

Ramban instead posits that it was customary for a father to appoint one of his younger sons to be his attendant. Yosef was chosen and was thus a son of Jacob’s old age in that he was the son who served Jacob. This is why Yosef was the only son not to go out with the flocks, for example.

Parenthetically, the **Talmud (Shabbat 10b)** writes that we should learn from the story of Yosef not to favour one child above others.

VAYESHEV 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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Shining a Light on the Background

The festival of Chanukah is unusual. On the one hand, there is a Midrashic recognition that all peoples celebrated a festival of lights at this season. Adam HaRishon had noticed the days shortening and worried that mankind was headed into eternal darkness. Then the winter solstice saw the days grow longer again and this inspired a universal commemoration. [Adam clearly lived in the Northern Hemisphere]. On the other hand, the Talmud (Shabbat 21b) asks *מאי חנוכה* “What is the festival of Chanukah?” and goes on to discuss the miracle of the oil. At first blush, it is an unusual question to ask; it is not asked about other festivals. Of course, with the biblical festivals, the reasons and source are spelled out in the Torah. Purim is instituted in the Megilla, which is a part of the Tanach. The Book of the Maccabees is not. It is one of the apocryphal works, written at the time of Chazal but not incorporated into the canon. Reasons for this include the circumstances of Chanukah; a civil war between Jewish zealots and assimilated Hellenists around 165BCE; and also the antipathy of the Sages to the Hasmonean dynasty set up by the Maccabees. As Cohanim, they did not have the right to rule (which was the prerogative of the tribe of Yehuda). Moreover, the dynasty rapidly fell into disrepute, was corrupt and idolatrous.

Mattityahu’s great-grandson, King Yannai (who also served as Kohen Gadol) was so reviled that he knew the Sages would celebrate his death and gave orders that they should all be executed on his demise to prevent this occurrence. Though he apparently did Teshuva before his death, the plan was prevented by his widow, Shlomit Zion, who was the sister of Shimon Ben Shetach. Ben Shetach is famous for establishing schools, restricting hasty divorce, hunting witches and the famous incident of returning the jewel found hidden in the harness of a donkey bought from gentiles (Yerushalmi Bava Metzia 2:5). The three of them have streets behind the Jaffa Road Post Office in Yerushalayim. Shlomit Zion and Yannai’s sons, Hyrcanus and Aristobulus fought over the throne and invited the Roman general Pompey to mediate in about 63BCE. This was the beginning of Roman intervention. (This is the around the time that Julius Caesar was beginning his political career in Rome.)

The dynasty came to a thoroughly ignominious end with the accession and demise of King Herod (an outsider) who married Miriam, who was of royal lineage – and proceeded to kill off the rest of the royal line to prevent usurpers. Chazal note that “Anyone who claims to be from the Hasmonean dynasty is either a slave or a liar”. (Bava Batra 3b). Herod’s death on 7th Kislev 3756 (4 BCE) was proclaimed a national commemoration, (Megillat Taanit)

one of many anniversaries which came to an end with the destruction of the Second Temple in 70CE.



It is with this background that Chazal debate *מאי חנוכה*, the essence of the festival, with the Talmud focusing on the miracle of the oil rather than the celebration of the Maccabees. Chanukah is a celebration established and defined within the Oral Law, contemporaneously with its own development. Hence the debates on how many lights should be illuminated. The essential requirement is *נר איש וביתו* (*ner ish ubeito*) one candle per household. The Talmud then establishes the *mehadrin* (preferred / stringent) position of one candle per person in the household and even more elevated, *mehadrin min hamehadrin*, itself, a discussion whether we go from one to eight each night (Hillel) or down from eight to one (Shammai). *Mehadrin min hamehadrin* is unique in the Talmud to Chanukah.

Each element of *נר איש וביתו*, individual *איש* and household *ביתו* is examined. Should the candles be authentic and oil, or the brightest available (eg wax) to best publicise the miracle? Is the mitzvah contingent on the individual or family? If the real mitzvah is per household, if one parent is out at a meeting, can the other light with the children and “cover” the other for when he / she returns home? On returning and seeing the lit chanukiah, can one say a beracha? Or must one light for oneself? Is the mitzvah on the person or the home? (one doesn’t light in the office as it is not *beito*). Rashi posits that a person on a boat does not need to light but should look at the lamps on the shore.

One practical question is what to do if one is travelling. An airport lounge is not *beito*, (a home or private domain) though an airplane seat (which you have a personal right to occupy might be.) Don’t!!!!

If someone can light for you at your home, that is the best (assuming that they are lighting at the time that you are obligated). If not, there is an opinion that a battery lit torch with an incandescent bulb is kosher even for a beracha. Oil or candles deplete and have incandescence; batteries also deplete (unlike the electric grid in most cases.) LED bulbs are directional and not incandescent; and are not considered suitable. Accordingly, electric lamps or LED torches cannot be used for the mitzvah.

Wishing everyone a Shabbat Shalom and a Chanukah Sameach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Lawrence".



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**OVER THE HOLIDAYS, THE KINLOSS OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH AND THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER
SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER
AND WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2020**

Three women, forty years, one ever-evolving bond.

Join Kinloss on Saturday night, 18th January 2020
at Hampstead Theatre for **The Tyler Sisters**.

Alexandra Wood's innovative new play explores the deep
and unruly waters of sisterhood. Fake sick days, Stonehenge,
roller skates, champagne and glow-in-the-dark stars.
The Tyler Sisters is a funny, heartening exploration of time,
and the unassuming moments that make up our lives.

The Play starts at 7.45pm.
Contains mild coarse language.

£14 per adult ticket, please book online at www/kinloss.org.uk/tyler
Tickets are non-refundable.

Contact Lucy on ket@kinloss.org.uk or **020 8349 5267** for more details

Reflect and Remember Sunday 22nd December 2019 10am to 11am Liora Graham Beit Midrash

A Discussion on
Jewish Perspectives on Loss and Coping
with Rabbi Lawrence
for those who have been bereaved in the past year
(or who have a yahrzeit this month)

Rabbi Lawrence invites you to join him for coffee
and danish

A chance to talk and share experiences

Please RSVP to:

Rochelle 020 8349 5263
kinlosscares@kinloss.org.uk

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
LEARN YIDDISH?
WE ARE LOOKING INTO
RUNNING A COURSE AT
KINLOSS**

**PLEASE CONTACT LUCY FOR
MORE DETAILS
0208 349 5267
ket@kinloss.org.uk**

KINLOSS SHABBAT LUNCHEON CLUB

**will be taking place this
Shabbat 21st December 2019**

Rabbi Lawrence in Conversation with Rav Asher Weiss Shlita
Wednesday 11th December



KINLOSS CARES AFTERNOON TEA - 12TH DECEMBER 2019
Special thanks to Lucy Furman and Sara Hershman for their organisation



KINLOSS FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCH AT NOVELLINO
ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2019





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WELCOME TO KINLOSS YOUTH PAGE

PARASHAT VAYESHEV - 21ST DECEMBER

**9:15am - Breakfast Shmooze - In Benchers
Cafe with Cake and Drinks!**

**9:45am - Youth Service - Liora Graham Beit
Midrash**

**10:40am - Food4Thought
Dvar Torah followed by Kiddush with a
Chanukah twist!**

SIGN UP NOW!

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH SERVICE
28TH DECEMBER**

**Learn2Lead will restart 7th January! To sign up
go to: www.kinloss.org.uk/l2l**

**Discovers next session will be 14th January -
StandWithUs**

**Sign up for the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Programme:
<http://www.kinloss.org.uk/bm>
<http://www.kinloss.org.uk/bt>**

Follow us on Instagram: Kinlossyouth

Contact us: youth@kinloss.org.uk / 07827031851

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom - Leora and Harry

Kinloss Super Quiz is returning!

Sunday 29th March

Doors open at 7pm with dinner served

Join us for an social evening
of fun, food, raffle prizes and
an opportunity to display your
extensive range
of general knowledge.

- Pre-booking essential

- £25 per person

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TABLE HOSTS
PLEASE CONTACT LUCY ON 020 8349 5267
ket@kinloss.org.uk**

MAZEL TOV - מזל טוב

- * Sally & Aubrey Moher on the birth of a granddaughter Halleli Libi, a daughter for Claire & Pinny Rotter of Efrat, sister to Yishai, Amitai, Nadav, Gilad and Idan.
- * Gloria Kaufman on the forthcoming marriage of her Granddaughter Ilana Manuel to Daniel Bratt. Mazel tov to parents Liz & Jeremy Manuel and Sally & Harvey Bratt.

CHATS 4 CHAPS LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019

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SHARON KINDERGARTEN'S CHANUKAH PARTY ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019



KINLOSS NOTICE BOARD



9:45am Games Room in the Newman Room with Saul Elek
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 with Saul Elek in the Marilyn Newman Room
All Children's Services will start at 10:45am and will be followed by Kiddush
School Years 5 - 6 GIRLS ONLY 10.45am with Benjy Falk in the Welfare Room next to Sharon

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

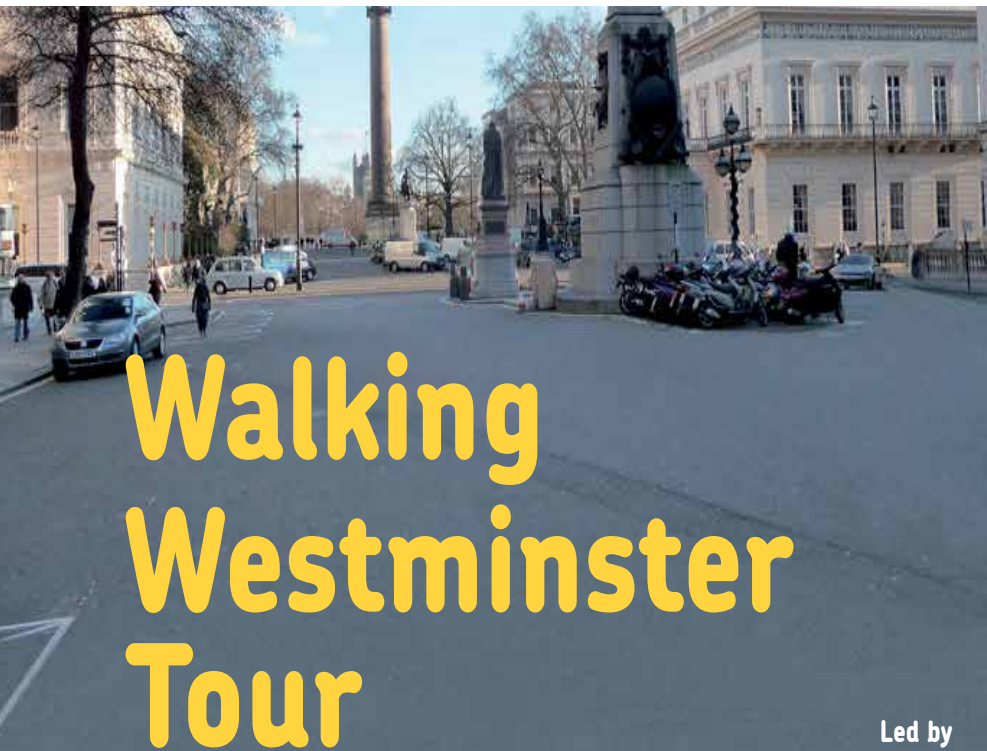
Ayden Simmons (10)
 Tamara Hoddes (4)
 Annabelle Sloam (6)
 Ella Bensoor (4)
 Reuben Ezra (1)

Jake Goodman (3)
 Benjamin Lappin (9)
 Tia Gray (10)
 Noam Shaer (6)



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
- * Donald Sharpe, Karen Cooper and Angela Kamiel of The Welcoming Committee
- * Kiddush Rota Team



Walking Westminster Tour

Led by
Steven Jaffe

Sunday 22nd March

Britain and the Jews - a thousand years' history in a one hour walking tour around Westminster. Britain has had a profound relationship with the Jews and the land of Israel since Medieval times. Steven Jaffe's tour brings you face to face with some of the main players in that story. An insight into British Jewish history from the 12th century to today that will inform, inspire and shock. The tour begins and finishes near Westminster tube station.



Cost of the tour - £7 Kinloss members, £10 non-members
 To book, please visit www.kinloss.org.uk/walkingtour or call Lucy on **020 8349 5267**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WELCOMING

If you are able to help, please sign up via

www.kinloss.org.uk/welcomingrota

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

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR SECURITY ROTAS

Shul members - PLEASE join our security rotas for shifts from 11am onwards.

You would only be required for one hour every eight weeks, on Shabbat morning.

Please email securekinloss@yahoo.co.uk

or call Martin Shiers on 07831 836 031 to volunteer and register.

LEARNING GROUPS AND CLASSES NEXT WEEK AT KINLOSS:

Sunday through to Friday Daf Yomi will be in the Nemetnejad Room after first Shacharit
Sunday 22nd - 10am Reflect and Remembers with Rabbi Lawrence (Beit Midrash)



KINLOSS BANQUETING & EVENTS

For all enquiries please contact
Cheryl or Shimon on 020 8349 5268

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| London N3 3DU
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www.kinlossevents.co.uk



**SUNDAY WALKING GROUP AT THE
WELSH HARP - 15 DECEMBER**



**We are looking at starting a
weekly Chess Club
in January 2020
led by an experienced
Chess Teacher.**

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

SERVICES (שבת see front page)	Sun CHANUKAH 1	Mon CHANUKAH 2	Tues CHANUKAH 3	Weds BANK HOLIDAY / CHANUKAH 4	Thurs BANK HOLIDAY / CHANUKAH 5	Fri CHANUKAH 6
Shacharit 1	7:30am	6:50am	6:50am	7:20am	7:20am	7:20am
Shacharit 2	8:15am	8:00am	8:00am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Sephardi Shacharit	8:00am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am
Mincha		1:00pm				
Ma'ariv	Mincha/ Maariv 3:40pm	7:30pm	Mincha/ Maariv 3:40pm	Mincha/Maariv 3:40pm	Mincha/Maariv 3:40pm	Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3:20pm

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

Shabbat 21 DECEMBER

Wendy Ellis	Mother
Harold Stewart	Brother

Sunday 22 DECEMBER

Geoffrey Azizollahoff	Mother
Martin Azizollahoff	Mother
Julia Benson	Father
Sadie Bloom	Sister
Doreen Brown	Mother
Marilyn Dvorkin	Father
Joachim Frank	Father
Cimmie Frankfurt	Husband
Ruth Glass	Mother
Judith Greenberg	Mother
Laurence Greenspan	Sister
Elaine Renshaw	Father
Rhoda Robinson	Mother
Max Scott	Mother
Max Scott	Sister
Leslie Simmons	Mother

Monday 23 DECEMBER

Irene Alizade	Husband
Max Bernstone	Mother
Martin Coleman	Mother
Cimmie Frankfurt	Mother
Benson Greenberg	Mother
Hertz Hagai	Father
Michael Jacobs	Father
Martin Landsman	Mother
David Orlans	Father

Tuesday 24 DECEMBER

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

Wednesday 25 DECEMBER

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

Thursday 26 DECEMBER

Adelle Kaplan	Father
Bernice Kliger	Husband
Philip Platt	Wife

Friday 27 DECEMBER

Sarah Aaronson	Husband
Samuel Cohen	Mother
Shirley Davidson	Husband
Danielle Fluer	Father
Jacob Lax	Mother
Sharon Lee	Father
Gad Levy	Mother
Linda Lew	Father
Shimon Speigel	Father

CONDOLENCES:

- * Pearl Trosser on the passing of her brother Julius Alterman Z'L
- * Tanya Dahan, Sidney, Joanna and Zara Landesberg, on the passing of their mother and wife Angela Landesberg Z'L

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS:

- * SUN 22 DEC 10:00am at Bushey New in memory of Michele Barzilai Z'L
- * THUR 16 JAN 12:00pm at Bushey Old in memory of Lilly Schreier Z'L
- * SUN 19 JAN 10:15am at Edgwarebury Lane in memory of Daniel Daniel Z'L
- * SUN 26 JAN 12:00pm at Bushey Old in memory of Jean Gray Z'L
- * SUN 9 FEB 09:30am at Bushey Old in memory of Malcolm Lyons Z'L
- * SUN 23 FEB 11:00am at Bushey Old in memory of Harold Newman Z'L

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