

Around Alyth

April 2017



Alyth Academy of Performing Arts presents: Bye Bye Birdie

Sunday 30 April, 15:00 and 19:00
Monday 1 May, 15:00 and 19:00

Come and enjoy AAPA's performance of the 1963 American musical comedy.

Contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk for tickets:
£10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £3 for children



The Aesop's Touring Theatre Company presents: The Hare and the Tortoise

Sunday 2 April, 15:00-17:00

This delightful adaptation with its loveable characters will take young children on an adventure full of laughter and surprises.

Contact kgadmin@alyth.org.uk for tickets:
£8 child, £4 adult, £20 family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children)

Pesach at Alyth

Pray with us

Monday 10 April
Erev Pesach service (16:00)

Tuesday 11 April
First Day Pesach Morning services
- Choral Service (10:15)
- Kollot (10:15)
- Atideinu Family Service (11:00)
- Pesach B'yachad: Communal Second Night Seder (18:00)

Sunday 16 April
Erev Seventh Day Ma'ariv and Study Service (20:00)

Monday 17 April
Seventh Day Pesach Morning Service
- Community Service (10:15)
- Loiter With Purpose: Pesach Special (10:15)

Learn with us

Judaism - The Essentials: Model Seder
Wednesday 5 April, 20:00-22:00

Talmud Class: Pesach Special
Thursdays 6 & 13 April, 13:00-14:15

Be with us

Pesach Days
Monday 10, Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 April, 9:00-15:30

Alyth Matzah Ramble
Friday 14 April, 10:00-16:00

See inside for further details
on all our Pesach Activities

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Staff contact details can be found on the back page



Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28, 18:30-19:30

We begin Shabbat with our uplifting and inspirational intergenerational Erev Shabbat service. A unique combination of song, reflection, prayer and learning, often with guitar.

The Shabbat Den

Friday 7 April, 16:15-16:45

Our Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe, our Early Years Educator, Tor or Cindy from the Kindergarten, and our Rabbis. Join us for songs, stories and to meet new friends in Alyth's Shabbat Den.

Shabbat Morning Services

Our regular Shabbat morning service is a contemporary Reform service led by one of our Rabbis, normally accompanied by the volunteer choir and piano, with a combination of reading, chanting, song and reflection. On most weeks there is also a parallel service, meeting the different needs of the community. Occasionally these parallel services take place in our main Beit Tefillah.

Saturday 1 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Ben Longhurst**.

Tefillah Lab: Shacharit for the Pesach Soul, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark, using a selection of regular prayers, and poetry which you can use to enhance your Seder. It will also include silence, a contemplative reading of the Torah and a special sense of rest (*menuchah*) for Shabbat.

Saturday 8 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A service with guitar, led by Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner with Justin Wise. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Harry Leibling-Blitz**.

Mikraot G'dolot,

11:30(approx.)-12:15 during the Torah service

The option to study classical commentary on this week's portion. With Rabbi Colin.

Saturday 15 April (Chol HaMoed Pesach)

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Colin and the Alyth choir.

Saturday 22 April

Kollot Service, 10:30-12:15

An informal, participatory service, mostly in Hebrew, this week in the Beit Tefillah, and with a supervised area for children.

Led by Rabbi Josh with Justin Wise. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Maya Darmon**.

Explanatory Service, 10:30-12:15

Join Rabbi Colin for Shacharit in the synagogue library, followed by a very special Torah service which will include explanations and study of the liturgy and choreography of this section of our *tefillah*.

Saturday 29 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Juliette Saker**.

Healing Service, 10:30-12:15

Have you or someone you know experienced Mental Health challenges? During our Shabbat Morning Healing Service we will reflect on some of these challenges and how we can gain comfort from prayers, readings and our community. Led by Lynette Sunderland.

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays, 9:00-10:00

Our lay-led minyan followed by a bagel breakfast.

Evening Services

Evening services take place before meetings at 19:45. Please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

Pesach Services

Erev Pesach service

Monday 10 April, 16:00-17:00

A unique combination of song, reflection, prayer and learning.

First Day Pesach Morning services

Choral Service with Rabbi Colin

Kollot with Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise

Tuesday 11 April, 10:15

We are delighted to offer a choice of Shacharit and Torah services, beginning at 10:15.

Please note the earlier start times as these are weekday services.

The services will come together for the sermon and conclusion of the service.

Atideinu Pesach Family Service

Tuesday 11 April, 11:00

A combination of song, prayer, stories and dance for young families.

Erev Seventh Day Ma'ariv and Study Service

Sunday 16 April, 20:00-21:30

With Rabbi Colin

Seventh Day Pesach Morning Service

Monday 17 April, 10:15

10:15 Community Service

With Rabbi Josh and Viv Bellos

10:15 Loiter With Purpose - Pesach Special

Led by a member the Youth & Education Hub, there will be fun and chilled activities.

All ages are welcome.

1st & 2nd Night Seder

First night Seder

Monday 10 April

The Alyth team is delighted to enable anyone who wants to attend a family Seder on the first night to do so.

Please contact our Director of Welfare and Life Cycle, Lynette Sunderland, at lynette@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8793, as soon as possible if you would like to find a host family to join for first night Seder.

If you are prepared to do the mitzvah of hosting a guest, please let us know. Your Seder does not need to be perfect – people looking for a host family are simply hoping to be together with others.

Pesach B'yachad: Communal Second Night Seder

Tuesday 11 April, 18:00-21:00

We invite the whole "Family of Alyth" to join us for our Communal Seder, with song, spirit and all the warmth of Alyth.

This Seder, led by Rabbi Mark, is suitable for all ages, and will include a session for children with Chloe Kimmel.

The cost for the communal Seder is £27.50 for adults and £15.00 for children (up to 16) and includes a fish or vegetarian meal. The booking deadline is Monday 3 April.

For further information please contact Lesley Lass at lesley@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8786.

Yom Hashoah Ceremony

Sunday 23 April, 20:00-21:30

Join Rabbi Mark for our annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Beginning with the lighting of a memorial candle by all present, followed by a short ma'ariv service, the evening will continue with testimonies and readings.

Mazel tov to:

Lesley and Leslie Michaels on the birth of a granddaughter, Hannah Philipa, a daughter for Sammy and Jess.

Clifford Pell on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella, a daughter for Elizabeth.

Rachel Elf and Adam Martin, and their families, on the occasion of their wedding.



Learn with us

Regular Learning

Judaism - The Essentials:

Short Course on Mitzvot and Jewish Life

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45

'Essentials' is our programme of short courses for all those who want to ensure that their Judaism has firm foundations. Taught by Rabbi Josh and Jon Epstein. For more information contact josh@alyth.org.uk.

5 Model Seder

19 Shoah (and the Omer)

26 Israel

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 5, 19 & 26, 19:00-20:00

Taught by Alyth member Jan Roseman, who has been one of the UK's leading Synagogue-based Jewish educators for the last few decades. Take an hour a week in term time to learn to read Hebrew from scratch.

Talmud Class

Thursdays, 13:00-14:15

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Join Rabbi Mark to grapple with the ideas of our classical rabbis. Contact mark@alyth.org.uk.

Other Learning

Alyth Film Club: My Father, my lord

Wednesday 12 April, 19:30-22:00

Please note the change of regular date

The leader of a small ultra-orthodox community in Tel Aviv, Rabbi Avraham Edelman, is absolutely inflexible about doctrine. It has won him respect from his peers, but is beginning to cause conflict with his young son, Menachem, who has a growing fascination with the natural world, and simply can't understand why his father must shoo a mother bird from her nest, or insist that dogs have no souls. On a summer holiday at the Dead Sea, Avraham's faith is put to the test.

MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning

Sunday 23 April, 10:30-11:30

Midrash is the rabbinic exercise of biblical interpretation, creating new ideas and stories out of the biblical text. Join Rabbi Josh as we look at these highlights of rabbinic creativity over Danish, fruit and coffee.

This month's MMM is on the morning preceding Yom HaShoah, so we will look at midrashic responses to the problem of theodicy, the problem of evil.

Shabbat Shiurim

The Glass Mechitzah

Saturday 8 April, 9:15-10:15

Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Senior Rabbi to Reform Judaism, invites you to join her for her shiur on the false obstacles, claimed in the name of Halachah and placed in the way of full participation of women in Jewish life.

The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

Saturday 22 April, 9:15-10:15

A sugya is a discrete section of the Babylonian Talmud. In these sessions with Rabbi Josh, we look at sugyot which are especially important, insightful or entertaining, and which every educated Jew should know about.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

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24 Roy Blass entertains

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesdays 4 & 25 April, 20:00-22:00

Exploring new repertoire while continuing to develop strengths in cantata and oratorio.

www.alythchoralsociety.org.

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze

Wednesdays 5 & 19 April, 13:30-15:00

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories.

Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 2 April, 19:30-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 9 April, 08:30-13:00

We meet at Alyth at 08:15 and leave at 08:30.

For registration and more information please email laurancemendoza@aol.com.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 23 April, 15:00-17:00

Viv will guide you through the vocal and musical requirements to enable you to have a great time singing. Contact viv@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:00

Peace, quiet, contemplation and meditation in our Alyth Meditation Room. Rabbi Mark will be leading the session on 5 April with Elaine Wight.

Mellow Yoga for All Ages

Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Contact Maxine Levy maxinelevy@mac.com.

Thursday Bridge@Alyth

Thursdays, 14:00-16:30

Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 for more information.

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 1 April, 9:15-10:15

We are always happy to welcome new singers who are interested in learning about the liturgy and music of our service. Please contact katie@alyth.org.uk if you are interested in joining the choir.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 3 April, 12:45-13:45

Join our Alyth Kindergarten and Jenny Kossew, who has over 20 years of experience working with and bringing joy to intergenerational groups of people.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: From Russia To Love

Thursday 27 April, 20:00-21:30

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month's session will be "From Russia To Love - Growing up in the Soviet Union", one woman's personal story presented by Svetlana-Ruti Olmechenko. Contact Jackie at honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Volunteers Needed: The Alyth Minibus

Alyth is delighted to have received funding towards an Alyth minibus, which we will launch later this year. The minibus will enable members of our community to access programmes and services at the Synagogue more easily than at present, hosted by other members of our community.

We are looking for volunteers with a D1 license to drive the minibus and others to act as hosts, on a rota basis. Full training will be given. We anticipate that the commitment involved will be approximately one and a half hours on each occasion.

To volunteer or to find out more details please contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.



Be with us

Special this month

Bereaved Partners Support Group

Sunday 2 April, 15:00-17:00

Have you suffered the loss of a partner or spouse. Join Lynette Sunderland and others in the same situation who can offer you support. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Matzah Ramble

Friday 14 April, 10:00-16:00

An 8 mile ramble through Bramfield Woods with delightful views over the surrounding terrain. Parking at The Grandison Pub 18 Bury Lane, Bramfield, SG14 2QL. Bring a *Pesadik* picnic for lunch. Contact viv@alyth.org.uk to register.

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 3 & 24 April, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. We are always looking for new volunteers for the Monday Club. Please contact Dennis Sher via the Synagogue Office to volunteer.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 30 April, 14:00-16:00

We welcome refugees recently arrived in the UK and offer them support and friendship in a warm and safe environment (with the support of the Pears Foundation). To volunteer contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk.

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 8 April, 12:30-14:00

Join us for a Shabbat lunch with fantastic food, company and discussion. No charge (although donations are welcome). For catering purposes please register, or to arrange transport email lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Community News

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Denise Cushnir, mother of Stephen Cushnir, Julia Ben Nathan and Lisa Smith, sister of Robert Wolfson

Greta Ellis, sister of Fru Segal

Jon Theodore (Ted) Lambeth, father of Kerry Lambeth and Will Lambeth, husband of Cathy Lambeth.

Harvey Lubin, husband of Lila Lubin, father of Jonathan Lubin and Caroline Hallett.

Doris Miller, grandmother of Scott Waterman and Stacey Coleman

Frieda Stewart, mother of Jonathon Stewart and Shelley Epstone

A warm welcome to:

Natasha Adley

Nina, Sophie and Alea Farkas

Portia Mishcon Kalmanowicz, Gaia, Thea & Zander Kalmanowicz

Christina Petrosyan



Youth & Education Hub

Learn with us

Please contact Sam Brunner for information about the provision for our younger members.

Regular Programming

Alyth Toddler Group

Monday 24 April, 9:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

L.E.A.R.N.

Tuesday 18 April, 18:30-19:30

For all those post B'nei Mitzvah to Year 10, written especially for Alyth by our Rabbis and the Youth and Education Hub. This is a two year rolling programme to deepen your understanding of every aspect of Jewish life, starting with how we engage with the breadth of Jewish text. The programme will also include tackling Torah, prayer and liturgy, Jewish history, Jewish practice and Jewish lifecycle. Enrol with sam@alyth.org.uk.

Kef Zone

Wednesdays 19 & 26 April, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

Advanced Hadracha

Thursday 20 April 18:30-20:00

Continuing the success of last year, Advanced Hadracha continues with a whole new set of topics, decided by the participants. All graduates of our Yr10 Hadracha course are invited back (for free) to continue learning and developing as youth leaders and educators. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 21 & 28 April, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 23 & 30 April, 10:00-12:45

Our Sunday morning learning programme is a nourishing space for young people to build, develop and explore their Jewish identity.

Youth & Education Hub - Be with us

Choirs & Drama

PACT (Primary Alyth Children's Theatre)

Wednesdays 19 & 26 April, 17:00-17:30

(ages 4-7) If you like to sing, dance and act, then this musical theatre group is for you! PACT is led by Jane Gordon from Upbeat Drama.

ACT (Alyth Children's Theatre)

Wednesdays 19 & 26 April, 17:00-18:30

ACT is our children's theatre group for those in Years 3-7.

AYS (Alyth Youth Singers)

Wednesdays 19 & 26 April, 18:45-20:00

AYS, our youth choir for all post B'nei Mitzvah. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays 2 & 23 April, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.



Youth & Education Hub

Special this month

The Aesop's Touring Theatre Company presents: The Hare and the Tortoise

Sunday 2 April, 15:00-17:00

A delightful adaptation based on the traditional story of The Hare and the Tortoise from Aesop's Fables. This exciting production with its loveable characters will take young children on an adventure full of laughter and surprises. Contact kgadmin@alyth.org.uk for tickets: £8 child, £4 adult, £20 family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children)

Mentor Training

Tuesday 18 April, 17:30-19:30

A glimpse into the future leadership opportunities that you can become part of at Alyth. All those who have had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah since December are invited to train with us and give back to their community by guiding those young people who are on their B'nei Mitzvah journeys. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Pesach Days

Monday 10, Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 April, 9:00-15:30

Reception to Year 6 children.

Pesach Days is full of really exciting activities! The theme is "A walk through time" so come and join us for Dinosaur Day, Ancient Activities and Future Fun! There will also be a surprise workshop afternoon on Wednesday!

Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Zone

Wednesday 26 April, 16:00-17:00

For Primary School children.

Join Chloe and the rest of the Kef Zone team for Yom Ha'atzmaut Zone! There will be Israel themed bunting making, face-painting, decorating cakes for Clara Nehab House and a yummy Israeli feast! Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts presents: Bye Bye Birdie

Sunday 30 April, 15:00 and 19:00

Monday 1 May, 15:00 and 19:00

The 1963 American musical comedy inspired by the phenomenon of Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1957. Purchase your tickets from bonnie@alyth.org.uk. £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £3 for children.

Shabbat Evening for (almost!) Empty Nesters

Friday 5 May, 19:00-21:30

The Alyth community includes many families whose children have not long left home to study or work or for independent life. Danielle and Stephen Wise invite you to join them, Laura Marks, Lynette Sunderland and Rabbi Mark at their home in Well End, Borehamwood for a special Shabbat meal together where the conversation will flow with the food and drink!

Please bring a non-meat dish to share and let Bonnie in the Alyth office know that you are coming and how many people you are bringing at bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.



**ALYTH ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS :**



A musical comedy
Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams

Sunday 30 April and Monday 1 May 2017

Shows at 15:00 and 19:00 on both days

£10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £3 for children

**Please purchase your tickets from Bonnie at
bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784**

By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

Save the Dates

May and June



Zionist Tour of London on Yom HaAtzmaut

Tuesday 2 May, 17:30-20:30

Experience the development of the Jewish State without leaving London! Rabbis Colin and Mark invite you to join them on a coach tour of the places where London contributed to the birth of the State of Israel.

Stops on the tour, amongst others, include the homes of Moses Montefiore, who founded modern Jerusalem, Arthur Balfour, whose letter to Lord Rothschild in 1917 paved the way for the end of the British Mandate, and the home of the Ambassador of Israel. We will be received into the home of Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel, as guests of its current residents. We end at Alyth by drinking a toast to Israel's birthday with a live video link to Israel!

This guided tour, all transport and refreshments costs £12 per person.

Please book with Bonnie in the Alyth office at bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

“Empty Nester” Shabbat

Friday 5 May, 19:00-21:30

A special Shabbat meal together for families whose children have left home.

Shavuot

Learn with us on Tuesday 30 May at our evening of studying and then Pray with us in the morning of Wednesday 31 May.

Volunteer Shabbat

Saturday 3 June

We will recognise all our volunteers during the service and at a celebratory lunch after.

Communi-TEA

Sunday 11 June, 15:00-17:00

A summer tea for all members featuring music, dancing and activities for all the family.

ACT presents: Wizard of Oz

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June

Our children's theatre group perform the smash hit musical Wizard of Oz.



Look out for the May and June editions of Around Alyth and our weekly email for more information.



The Hare and the Tortoise

The Aesop's Touring Theatre Company

Sunday 2 April at 15:00



Tickets:

£8 child

£4 adult

£20 family of 4

(2 adults & 2 children)

kgadmin@alyth.org.uk

Venue:

Alyth Synagogue, NW11 7EN

Raffle with fab prizes:

£5 for 5 tickets, £10 for 15 tickets



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