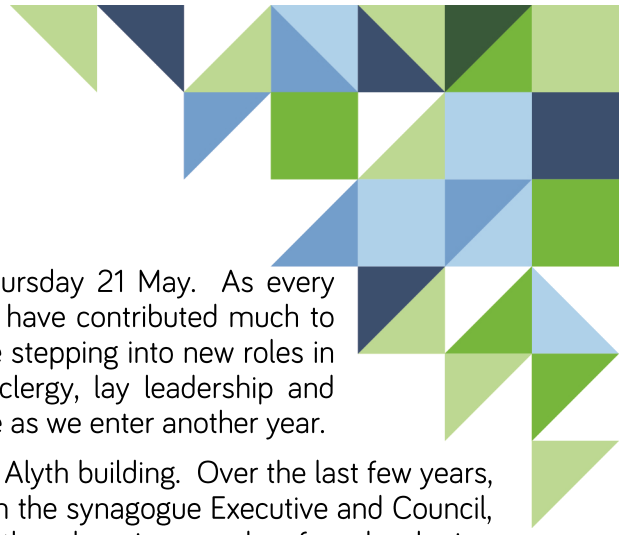


Around Alyth

June 2015



Our Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 21 May. As every year, it was an occasion to celebrate those who have contributed much to the life of the community, and to welcome those stepping into new roles in the lay leadership. It was also a chance for clergy, lay leadership and members to discuss the vision for the synagogue as we enter another year.

This year, the main focus of the evening was the Alyth building. Over the last few years, there has been much conversation, particularly in the synagogue Executive and Council, about how the building can evolve to meet the changing needs of a developing community, as well as recognition that aspects of the building are in need of significant renewal. The AGM was an opportunity for the synagogue leadership to share some of the thinking and research that has been done into how the space could be developed to better accommodate our activities, including how we can create more welcoming gathering areas, and better spaces for our parallel services. There will be further opportunities over the coming months for members to join this important and exciting conversation.



This year's AGM was the last presided over by Brenda Freedman, completing her term as synagogue President. We are hugely grateful to Brenda for all that she has done as President, and in the many other roles she has taken in the community. We are delighted that Peter Backman has agreed to be elected as her successor as President. The community's great thanks were also expressed to Edward Cohen, stepping down as a Vice-President, to be replaced by Rolfe Roseman, and to those stepping down from roles after years of service to Executive and Council: Russell Baum, Caronne Graham, Michael Overlander, and Jackie Miller. They have all made a huge contribution to the unique partnership of lay members and clergy that lead our community.

Volunteer Shabbat

Saturday 6 June

To mark National Volunteer Week, Alyth will be honouring volunteers who work on behalf of Alyth and the wider community at a special Shabbat of celebration.

(09:15) Pecha Kucha Shiur & Breakfast

(10:30) A special service including a sermon by Simon Morris, CEO of Jewish Care.

Alyth Children's Theatre Show: Alice in Wonderland

*Saturday 13 June, 19:00
Sunday 14 June, 15:00 & 19:00*

Let the Alyth Children's Theatre transport you into the magical world of Alice in Wonderland with a musical based on the 1951 Disney film and Lewis Carroll books.

Tickets cost £10 (adults) £3 (concessions)

Contact Viv Bellos.

Kosher Iftar

*Thursday 25 June
20:30-22:00*

An Iftar is a fast breaking meal for Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting and repentance each year.

Please join the Alyth Interfaith Group as we open our doors to our neighbours to share food, conversation and goodwill.

Contact Rabbi Mark.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah - June

06 Elaine Miller
13 Jasmine Newington
20 Adam Wu
27 Oscar Selby

Bereavements

Michael Feldman, father of Paul Feldman and Barry Feldman.
Elvira Ferdinand, mother of Judy Russell.
Ronald (Roy) Friedman, father of Brian Friedman and Colin Friedman.
Sylvia Joseph, wife of Ernest Joseph, mother of Peter Joseph and Lorna Burns.
Tom Weiner, husband of Sandra, father of Julia Weiner and Matthew Weiner.

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Please find all staff contact details on the back page



Pray with us

Friday Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service *Fridays 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 18:30-19:30*

Kuddle Up Shabbat *Friday 5 June & 3 July, 16:15-16:45*

Our monthly service with the clergy team for under 5s. A fun way to share the Jewish tradition with our youngest children. In July: Join us after the service for a special tea.

Shabbat K'tanah *Friday 12 June, 17:00-17:45*

A family friendly, early Kabbalat Shabbat service with songs, prayers, and a story with Cantor Cheryl. For families with children in Reception - Year 6.

Shabbat Services

Classical Shabbat Service *Saturdays 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 10:30-12:15*

Tefillah Laboratory: Super Tots - Are we there yet? *Saturday 6 June, 11:00-12:15*

A special service for 0-5s and their parents or carers with Rabbi Mark and Cindy. We are going to go on a huge journey across the desert. How many times will Moses put up with you saying "Are we there yet?"

Kollot *Saturdays 13 & 27 June, 10:30-12:00*

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children.

Big Bang *Saturday 20 June, 11:00-12:00*

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians. This month: Join us after the service for a communal lunch. [Contact Bonnie](#).

Tefillah Laboratory: Tefillah Jam

Saturday 4 July, 11:00-12:00

Bring your instruments and your voices to the first ever Alyth Tefillah Jam. Join Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians as we learn six prayers from different parts of the morning liturgy before we 'jam' them together. Contact [Rabbi Josh](#) to get a copy of the music in advance.

Other Services

Sunday Shacharit *Sundays 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 09:00-10:00*

Our lay led minyan followed by a bagel breakfast

Evening Services *19:45*

Evening services take place before meetings. If you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish, please [contact Bonnie](#).

Special Services, Forums & Guest Sermons

Volunteer Shabbat *Saturday 6 June, 10:30*

Volunteers will be called up to the Torah as our way of saying thank you and the sermon will be given by Simon Morris, CEO of Jewish Care.

Avodah Meeting: The High Holy Days

Monday 8 June, 20:00-22:00

A special meeting to discuss how our HDDs services might evolve for 5776 and into the future. Please send apologies to Rabbi Josh. The next regular Avodah meeting will be on Tuesday 14 July

Guest D'var Torah: Anat Hoffman

Friday 12 June, 18:30

The Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center has been at the forefront of the campaigns to preserve and restore Israel's values of acceptance and opportunity for all

Guest Sermon: Noam Sheizaf

Saturday 13 June, 10:30

Noam Sheizaf founded 972 Magazine, a hugely popular blog on the current political scene in Israel following a successful career in Israeli journalism.

Learn with us

Regular Learning

Gateway to Judaism *Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45*

Alyth's introduction to Judaism class, taught by Rabbi Josh with Jon Epstein.

3 The role of Women in Jewish tradition

10 Birth and Childhood

17 Marriage

24 Death and the World to Come

[Contact Rabbi Josh](#)

Talmud Class *Thursdays, 13:00-14:15*

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge taught by Rabbi Mark. [Contact Rabbi Mark](#)

Shiur: Volunteer Shabbat Pecha Kucha & Breakfast *Saturday 6 June, 09:15-10:15*

We will hear from several volunteers about the volunteer work that they do and about the satisfaction they get from this work.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: Modest Fashion *Wednesday 17 June, 20:00-21:30*

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month: how modesty in women's dress changes over the course of women's lives with Professor Reina Lewis of the London College of Fashion. Contact Jackie Goymour 020 8455 6433 or honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Shiur: Rebel, Rebel - when is it OK to be one? *Saturday 20 June, 09:15-10:15*

In the Torah portion of Korach, Moses faces his most serious rebellion yet with catastrophic consequences for his cousin Korach and his followers. Join Rabbi Mark as he encourages you to find less dangerous ways to challenge authority.

Special this month

The Jew Bill of 1753

Wednesday 3 June, 20:00-21:30

In this talk on the eighteenth century Anglo-Jewish community, our member, Jeremy Smilg will challenge your concept of Britain as a tolerant nation.

Anat Hoffman: Israel Up to the Minute

Friday 12 June, 17:15-18:15

For many years Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, has been at the forefront of the campaigns to preserve and restore Israel's values of acceptance and opportunity for all. Come and hear her inspiring story.

Kavanah Yoga @ JW3

Sundays 14 & 21 June, 11:00-12:00

Experience a fusion of yoga techniques and Jewish meditation practices with Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy. Book at www.jw3.org.uk.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

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| 01 Jodie Beth Meyer entertains | 08 Judy Karbritz "Have I got a poem for you" |
| 15 Geof Bowden "Funny Guys" | 22 Lynn Barry entertains |
| 29 Pam Fox "Memories of Golders Green" | |

Alyth Choral Society Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00

Exploring a range of new repertoire while continuing to develop its strengths in cantata and oratorio. www.alythchoralsociety.org

Mellow Yoga for All Ages Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Contact Maxine Levy maxinelevy@mac.com or 07957 270899.

Thursday Bridge@Alyth Thursdays, 14:00-16:30

For more information please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 or Andrea on 020 7722 3993.

Monthly Activities

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal Saturdays 6 & 20 June, 09:15-10:00

Sunday Bridge@Alyth Sunday 7 June, 19:30-22:00

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community Sunday 14 June, 08:30-13:00

Our monthly ride meets at Alyth at 08:15 and leaves at 08:30. For registration and more information please email laurancemendoza@aol.com.

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze Wednesdays 10 & 24 June, 13:30-15:30

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories. [Contact Lynette](#)

Singing for Pleasure Sunday 7 June, 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](#)

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together) Friday 26 June, 19:30-21:30

Join us for an Oneg Shabbat - an opportunity to share a Shabbat meal and sing songs. Food is provided. To book and arrange transport [contact Lynette](#)

Special this month

The Shirley Glatter Young at Heart Day

Tuesday 16 June, 10:00-16:00

A day of companionship, fun activities and delicious food. Bridge, Rummikub, Mellow Yoga, Gentle Study, Singing and lots more including a three course lunch. Members £10.00; Non-Members £12.50. [Contact Lynette](#) to book..

Alyth's Jewish Meditation Room Launch

Wednesday 17 June, 20:00-21:30

Mika Borthwick, Maxine Levy and Rabbi Mark will host a first evening of Jewish meditation to restore the soul.

Bereaved Partners Support Group

Sunday 21 June, 15:30-17:30

Are you suffering the loss of a partner or spouse? If so, please join Rabbi Maurice Michaels and Lynette Sunderland and others in the same situation to discuss your sense of loss and how such a group can offer you support. [Contact Lynette](#).

Alyth Youth Singers: End of Year Reunion Concert

Wednesday 8 July, 19:00 - 21:00

If you've ever sung in AYS (since 1983) please join us for Viv's last reunion concert.

Act with us

Weekly Activities

Monday Club Mondays, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties.

The Monday Club requires volunteers to help facilitate the activities. If you are interested, please call Dennis Sher on 020 8458 3506 or email dennissher@hotmail.com.

Monthly Activities

Bayit Cham Lunch Saturday 13 June, 12:30-14:00

Join us for a Shabbat lunch with fantastic food, good company and discussion. No charge (although donations are welcome). To book and arrange transport [contact Lynette](#)..

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees Sunday 28 June, 14:00-16:00

We welcome refugees recently arrived in the UK and offer them support and friendship in a warm and safe environment. [Contact Bonnie](#)

Special this month

Kerch Book Swap & Nearly New Sale

Sunday 21 June, 10:00-14:00

Bring books that you have enjoyed & go home with something different. Includes a sale of children's toys, equipment & clothes.

Kosher Iftar

Thursday 25 June, 20:30-22:00

We open our doors to our neighbours and invite you to come and host a "Kosher" Iftar - a fast breaking meal for Ramadan. [Contact Rabbi Mark](#)

Mazel tov to:

Sam Brunner on being shortlisted for the WIZO Commitment Awards.

Jenny & Amir Lass on the birth of their grandson, son to Yasmin & Ilya.

Jan & Rolfe Roseman on the birth of their grandson Leo David Dylan.

Dorothy Sefton-Green on celebrating her 80th birthday.

Gaby Vides, Josh Freeman, Eve Hallgarten, Harry Taylor Valentine, Lior Solomons Wise and Ella Garai Eber on being awarded the Jack Petchey Award.

We welcome new members:

Nir, Sarith, Johnathan & Noa Dupler

Susan Packman

Learn with us - Youth & Education

Regular Activities

Alyth Toddler Group Mondays, 09:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling.

Kef Zone Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 16:00-17:30

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School. We start all together with games and then split up into groups for various options of:

Children's Choir (ages 7+)

Activity Zone (all ages)

Followed by:

PACT - Upbeat Drama (ages 4-7).

[Contact Sam](#) and see below for more information about the choir and drama groups.

Ruach Erev Shabbat Fridays 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme. [Contact David-Yehuda](#)

Sunday Morning Galim Sundays 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 10:00-12:45

Our Sunday morning learning programme is a nourishing space for young people to build, develop and explore their Jewish identity. [Contact David-Yehuda](#)

Save the Date

School Year 8: What's Next?

Thursday 25 June, 18:30-19:30

Ruach is over! What now? This is an informal event for anyone in Year 8 to learn about and discuss all the exciting opportunities there are Post Bar or Bat Mitzvah here at Alyth. [Contact Sam](#)

Summer Madness

Wednesday 26 - Sunday 30 August

Our legendary, famous, epic summer camp for School years 3 - 8. A chance to experience four nights away in a safe and friendly environment. [Contact Sam](#)

Be with us - Youth

Regular Activities

Children's Choir Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 June, 16:30-17:00

Led by Cantor Cheryl, this choir (for ages 7-13) sing together on Wednesday evenings, and help to lead monthly Friday night Shabbat services. [Contact Cantor Cheryl](#)

PACT - Upbeat Drama Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 17:00-17:30

If you like to sing, dance and act, then this musical theatre group is for you! Led by Jane Gordon from Upbeat Drama. [Contact Sam](#)

Alyth Children's Theatre Wednesdays 3 & 10, June, 17:00-18:30

ACT, our children's theatre group for Years 3-7. [Contact Viv](#)

Alyth Youth Singers Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 18:45-20:00

AYS, our youth choir for all post B'nei Mitzvah. [Contact Viv](#)

Special this month

Alyth Kindergarten Open Day

Friday 12 June, 11:30-12:15

For all parents, carers and grandparents of children aged 2-4 years old to see what the Alyth Kindergarten has to offer. [Contact Mita](#) to register.

Alyth Belsize Football Team Awards

Sunday 28 June, 16:00-18:00

The end of season awards in another successful year for our football teams.

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