

Around Alyth

May 2015



Welcome to the first edition of the new look Around Alyth. As you will see, we are still advertising all our services, events and activities, just in a slightly different format. If you are reading this on our electronic version, you can click on the event title to take you to our website calendar which will provide a fuller description about the event. There is also the ability to click on the contact name to send them an email. If you are reading the paper version, there is a contact list on the back page so that you can either call or email us.

You will also notice our refreshed brand. I hope that you like it. Our logo has been updated with the Magen David moving to the middle of the "A", with the colours being taken from the stained glass windows of our Beit Tefillah. You will see that these colours and triangles that make up the Magen David are used in other areas across our new website, weekly email and publicity.

Please go to www.alyth.org.uk and have a look at our redesigned website. There is everything that was on our old website plus more, including an up-to-date calendar, service webcam and information about all of our provision.

Please feel free to be in contact with me if you have any questions or comments about any of our new material.

Adam Martin—Community Director

Erev Shavuot

Saturday 23 May, from 16:00 and through the night at the Sternberg Centre

From 16:00 Family activities led by Alyth and FRS Madrichim, picnic and a Shavuot Family Service

From 18:30 Shavuot Service and Supper. Followed by our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.

An evening of study and song with our Rabbis, Cantors and special guest Francesca Stavrakopoulou (BBC TV presenter and Professor of Hebrew Bible & Ancient Religion).

Contact Rabbi Josh and check your emails for more information.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts: 13

*Sunday 3 & Monday 4 May
15:00 & 19:00*

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts proudly presents the musical 13. Tickets cost £10 (adults) £8 (concessions) and £3 (12-18s).

[Contact Viv](#)

Following a move from New York City to small-town Indiana, young Evan Goldman grapples with his parents' divorce, prepares for his impending Bar Mitzvah, and navigates the complicated social circles of a new school.

Alyth's AGM

*Thursday 21 May
19:00-22:00*

If you would like to stand for Council or to become a Deputy on the Board of Deputies, please be in touch with our Chair, Mark Harris at chair@alyth.org.uk. Notices and nomination forms have been posted and are on our [website](#).

The AGM will include a presentation about the building and the potential for further development which would transform our space.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah - May

02 Emily Lazarus
09 Ozzy Berzin Cohen
16 Beth Toeman and James Saker
23 Harry Taylor Valentine
23 Connie Freedman

Bereavements

Ray (Renee) Adler
Susie Halter, mother of Aloma, Ardyn and Aviva.
Laurence Pyzer, husband of Odette, father of Athalia and Gideon.
Joyce Rogol, aunt of Jo Chadwick, sister of Susi Goodkind.
Jeanette Sherman, mother of Brian, Paul and Robert.
Rose Wolfe, mother of Kathryn and Deborah Wolfe

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together



Pray with us

Friday Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service *Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May, 18:30-19:30*

Kuddle Up Shabbat *Friday 1 May, 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.

Shabbat K'tanah *Friday 8 May, 17:00-17:45*

A family friendly, early Kabbalat Shabbat service with songs, prayers, and a story with Cantor Cheryl.

Shabbat Services

Classical Shabbat Service *Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May, 10:30-12:15*

Tefillah Laboratory *Saturday 2 May, 10:30-12:00*

In this month's special service we will take the very best ingredients from our Friday night service and bring them to Shabbat morning.

Kollot *Saturdays 9 & 23 May, 10:30-12:00*

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

Big Bang *Saturday 16 May, 11:00-12:00*

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians.

Other Services

Sunday Shacharit *Sundays 3, 10, 17, 31 May, 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](#).

Festival Services

Erev Shavuot Service *Saturday 23 May, 18:30*

We join Finchley Reform Synagogue for a joint Shavuot service at the Sternberg Centre., leading into dinner and our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.

Shavuot Morning Service *Sunday 24 May, 10:30*

Join us back at Alyth for our Shavuot morning services. Please note the 10:30 start as it is a Sunday.

Shavuot Family Service *Sunday 24 May, 11:00*

A combination of song, prayer and Torah. Joining the main community for the 10 Commandments, followed by a special family kiddush.

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.

6 Kashrut, **13** Jewish Ethics, **20** Shavuot [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](#)

Ruach Parents Sessions *Fridays 8, 15, 22 May, 17:15-18:15*

Taught by our clergy in parallel with the Ruach programme. This series is on the topic of the Principles of Jewish Ethics.

Shiur: The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know *Saturday 9 May, 09:15-10:15*

A sugya is a discrete section of the Babylonian Talmud. With Rabbi Josh.

Marriage Course *Sunday 10 May, 11:00-12:30*

This week a special session for interfaith couples with Cantor Cheryl. [Contact Lynette](#)

Alyth's Breakfast Kollel *Tuesdays 19 & 26 May, 08:30-09:15*

Enabling you to start your day with Jewish learning. This series is taught by Rabbi Mark on the subject of What is Torah? [Contact Mark](#)

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: Kippot and Tallit Making for Women *Tuesday 19 May, 20:00-21:30*

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. Contact Jackie Goymour 020 8455 6433 or honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Shiur: Torah for Today *Saturday 23 May, 09:15-10:15*

An in-depth look at the week's Torah portion with Cantor Cheryl.

Special this month

5 Years in Israel: an evening with Ambassador Matthew Gould

Postponed

Unfortunately Ambassador Matthew Gould is no longer able to join us on this date. He sends his apologies and looks forward to joining us on another day.

Kavannah Yoga

Saturday 16 May, 09:15-10:15

A fusion of body, mind and spirituality with Yoga practices and Jewish wisdom. With Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday 23 May, from 18:30

An evening of study and song at the Sternberg Centre with our Rabbis, Cantors and special guests.

Shavuot Shiur

Sunday 24 May, 09:15-10:15

What the tablets looked like (and other midrashim about Sinai which seem obscure, but really matter) With Rabbi Josh.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club *Mondays, 14:00-16:00*

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

11 Brian Nathan "From Ambrose to Ziggy Elman, the A-Z of Jewish Band Leaders"

18 Douglas Poster entertains

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

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

Singing for the Brain *Wednesdays, 11:00-13:00*

With Jewish Care and The Alzheimers Society for those people with dementia and their carers. [Contact Lynette](#)

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

Contact Maxine Levy maxinelevy@mac.com or 07957 270 899.

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

Sunday Bridge@Alyth *Sunday 3 May, 19:30-22:00*

For more information please contact on Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community *Sunday 10 May, 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 13 & 27 May, 13:30-15:30*

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

Coffee House Poetry Evening *Wednesday 20 May, 20:00-21:30*

Bring your favourite poem to share and discuss over delicious coffee and cake in a convivial atmosphere. [Contact Viv](#)

Singing for Pleasure *Sunday 24 May, 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 29 May, 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](#)

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Israel Ramble

Wednesday 6 - Wednesday 13 May

The Alyth Ramblers continue their hike across Israel.

[Contact Viv](#) to find out about future Rambles.

Alyth Choral Society: Spring Concert

Sunday 17 May, 19:30

Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Chilcott's Aesop's Fables. Tickets cost £12.50 (under 16s free). www.alythchoralsociety.org

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Shavuot Ramble

Monday 25 May, 10:00-16:00

Join Viv and the Alyth Rambles for a Shavuot Ramble.

[Contact Viv](#)

Act with us

Weekly Activities

Monday Club *Mondays, 19:30-21:30*

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties.

Monthly Activities

Shalom Supper *Friday 8 May, 19:30-21:30*

Join members of the JAMI and Jewish Care's Shalom Centre for a Shabbat evening dinner and entertainment. [Contact Lynette](#)

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees *Sunday 31 May, 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](#)

High Holy Days Appeal

Applications are now open for charities to be considered for inclusion in our High Holy Days Appeal. If you know of a worthy charity which could benefit from this partnership, please direct them to www.alyth.org.uk to download this

Community News

We welcome new members:

Chen Rivlin & Stefania Abelli, Daniel, Lara & Liam Rivlin
Gali, Nitsan & Ella Reznik
Maurice & Philippa Solovitz

Mazel tov to:

Charlotte and Justin Sacks on the birth of their daughter Olivia.
Alex and Michelle Moscow on the birth of their son Jack.
Rosemary Summers on celebrating her 70th birthday.
Nikki Van der Zyl on celebrating her 80th birthday.

Learn with us - Youth & Education

Regular Activities

Alyth Toddler Group Mondays 11 & 18, 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 6, 13, 20 May, 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+)

Alternative Arts and Craft (all ages)

PACT - Upbeat Drama (ages 4-7).

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

Ruach Erev Shabbat Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May, 16:15-19:30

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

Sunday Morning Galim Sundays 3, 10, 17 May, 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](#)

Book now for:

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](#)

Save the Date

Kindergarten Baby & Toddler Open Day

Friday 12 June

Come and see what the Kindergarten can offer your child.

Be with us - Youth

Regular Activities

Children's Choir Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 16:30-17:00

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

PACT - Upbeat Drama Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 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 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 17:00-18:30

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

Alyth Youth Singers Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 May, 18:45-20:00

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

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts Sundays, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13 - 18 year olds. Contact [Viv](#)

Be in touch with us

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