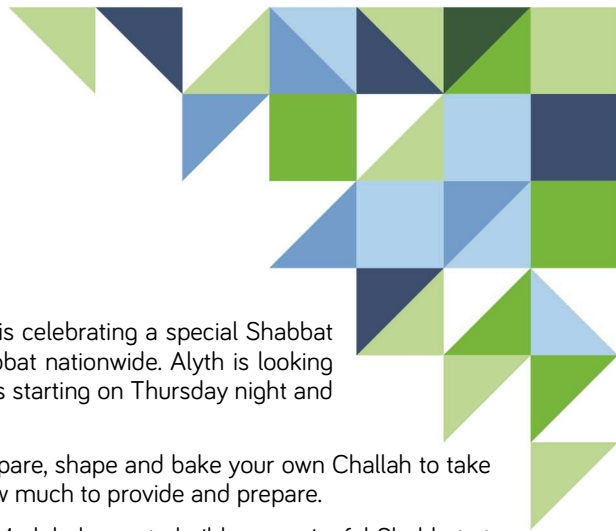


# Around Alyth

October 2015



## Reform Judaism Shabbat: 23-24 October

*"You shall call the Shabbat a delight!" (Isaiah 58:13).* The whole Jewish community is celebrating a special Shabbat on this weekend and Reform communities are joining in with Reform Judaism Shabbat nationwide. Alyth is looking forward to a Shabbat of togetherness, learning and celebration with a series of events starting on Thursday night and continuing until the end of Shabbat at 18:37 on Saturday.

**Bake your own Challah, Thursday 22 October, 16:30-18:15** Join Rabbi Mark to prepare, shape and bake your own Challah to take home for Shabbat. All ingredients provided. Pre-register with [Bonnie](#) so we know how much to provide and prepare.

**How to... Shabbat at Home, Friday 23 October, 17:15-18:15** Rabbi Josh and Rabbi Mark help you to build a meaningful Shabbat at home. Learn how to make Kiddush and Havdallah, and how to enhance Jewish rituals to make this time special week after week.

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by various Shabbat meals, Friday 23 October, 18:30** Our musical Friday night service is open to all. For those who would enjoy being together for Shabbat dinner, please join our Shabbat B'Yachad.

Two further Shabbat dinners are being hosted for those who married through the Synagogue over the past three years, and a dinner for young adults at the Sternberg Centre. Direct invitations will be sent – please [contact Lynette](#) if you have not received yours.

**Shiur—Shabbat Rest in Aggadah and Halachah, Saturday 24 October 09:15-10:15**, see over for details.

**Shabbat Services, Saturday 24 October, 10:30** Two choices of Shabbat service:

Our **Classical Service** will be the last service with a choir led by Viv Bellos as Director of Music. We will also mark the work of John Ringer, Alyth's accompanist for the past 42 years. Our **Kolot** service is un-accompanied and led by members of the Synagogue. We will all come together for Adon Olam and Kiddush.

**Shabbat Lunches @ Home, Saturday 24 October, 13:30** After the services we will be holding "bring and share" (non-meat) lunches in members' homes around the community. If you would be willing to host some local Alyth members in your home in NW11, N2, N3, N6, N8, N10, N20, NW3, NW6 or NW7 please [contact Rabbi Mark](#) before Friday 9 October.

**Havdallah on the Square, Saturday 24 October, 18:30** Rabbis Josh and Mark invite you to join them on Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, near the top of Northway, NW11 for Havdallah as we light the twisted candle, savour the spices and wine, and say farewell to Shabbat.

### A Retirement Reception in Honour of Viv Bellos MBE

*Sunday 18 October, 16:00-19:00*

Please join us at Alyth to celebrate Viv's 35 years as Director of Music.

Please RSVP and add your entry to our Memory Book to [vivretirement@alyth.org.uk](mailto:vivretirement@alyth.org.uk) or call Pam Lewis on 020 8346 0403.

### Nostra Aetate Ceremony

*Sunday 25 October, 15:00-17:00*

Alyth and St Edward the Confessor Church invite you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate (the declaration on the relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions). The ceremony will include choir music and an address by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

## Save the date

### Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz

*Sunday 15 November 2015, 19:30-22:30*

Don't miss out on this enormously popular event. To purchase your ticket please [contact Bonnie](#).

If you would like to join the team who helps organise this event or if you have access to suitable auction or raffle prizes please [contact Sarah](#).

### Alyth's Weekend Away

*Friday 27 – Sunday 29 November*

We'll pray, sing, learn and be together for two fun filled days in the Oxfordshire countryside. The weekend is for everyone in the community - young or old - and includes a full programme for children. For the Application Form go to [www.alyth.org.uk/awa](http://www.alyth.org.uk/awa). Bursaries are available to help you attend.

### Bar and Bat Mitzvah - October

**03** Ethan Svirsky and Hannah Wainstein

**10** Lilah Rousso and Joseph Nissim

**17** Rachel Herman and Misha Vides

**24** Zack Crawcour and Noah Stewart

**31** Gabriel Grays

### Mazel Tov to

Brenda Freedman our Kallat Torah and Martyn Gerrard our Chatan Bereshit.

Alan and Sarah Eisenband on the birth of their daughter, Olivia.

Sacha and Priya Wilson on the birth of their son Shiv David, another grandson for Angela Wilson.

Matt Jenkins, Lucy Zilberkweit and their families on their marriage.

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 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October, 18:30-19:30*

**Kuddle Up Shabbat** *Friday 2 October, 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 Services

**Saturday 3 October**

**Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

**Saturday 10 October**

**Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

**Kollot, 10:30-12:00**

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

**Saturday 17 October**

**Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

**Big Bang, 11:00-12:00**

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

**Saturday 24 October**

**Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

**Kollot, 10:30-12:00**

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

**Saturday 31 October**

**Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

## Other Services

**Sunday Shacharit** *Sundays 4, 11, 18, 25 October, 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 & Meetings

**Tefillah Laboratory: Sukkot Sleepout**

*Saturday 3 October, 11:00-12:15*

Join Rabbi Josh and young Alyth members on the Sukkot Sleepout for a very special Shabbat service. We will be using some of the best new melodies, also used at RSY-Netzer and Alyth Summer Camps. All are welcome.

**Erev Simchat Torah Service**

*Sunday 4 October, 18:30*

Our service begins at 18:30, with separate activities for young people led by the Youth and Education Hub before they come down to join us for the hakafot (processions) in the Beit Tefillah.

**Simchat Torah Morning Services**

*Monday 5 October*

Our Classical Service starts at 10:15 with special activities for young people starting at 11:00, before joining the hakafot (processions) in the Beit Tefillah. A special kiddush for young people will take place after the hakafot.

**Avodah Meeting**

*Monday 12 October*

Avodah is our quarterly open forum in which we discuss Alyth's services. In October we will focus on the High Holy Days, sharing our thoughts on what was good and what can be improved. All are welcome. Please contact [Bonnie](#) if you plan on attending and [Rabbi Josh](#) if you have an agenda item.

# 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.

**07** High Holy Days debrief and Mock Bet Din

**14** The Synagogue

**21** Introduction to Jewish Texts: The first in a series of sessions looking at Jewish texts, their use, authorship and authority. All are welcome. [Contact Rabbi Josh](#)

**Talmud Class** *Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October, 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: The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know: *Bereshit* special**  
*Saturday 10 October, 09:15-10:15*

Join Rabbi Josh as we study another important, entertaining or interesting sugya (discrete section) from the Babylonian Talmud. In this shiur we will uncover the link between witnesses in capital cases and the Creation story.

**Shiur: Shabbat Rest in Aggadah and Halachah**

*Saturday 24 October, 09:15-10:15*

Join Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Josh as they lead parallel shiurim looking at resting on Shabbat in Halachah (Jewish Law) and Aggadah (non-legal rabbinic writings). The sessions will join together for the last 15 minutes to share what we have been studying.

## Special this month

**Israel Conversations: Living on the Gaza Border, Friday 2 October, 17:15-18:15**

Join Avi Dabush, Programmes Director of SHATIL (the New Israel Fund in Israel) and leading social activist.

**Israel Conversations: The Israeli Foreign Policy Response to the Arab Spring, Tuesday 13 October, 20:00-22:00**

Dr Amnon Aran, Senior Lecturer in International Politics at City University on "The Israeli Foreign Policy Response to the Arab Spring".

## Be with us

### Weekly Activities

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

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

**12** Viv Creegor "Trials of a BBC and Sky news reader"

**19** Roy Blass entertains

**26** Quiz with Rachel

#### 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](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org).

#### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation *Wednesdays, 20:00-21:00*

Peace, quiet, contemplation and meditation in our Alyth Meditation Room.

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

Contact Maxine Levy [maxinelevy@mac.com](mailto:maxinelevy@mac.com) or 07957 270899.

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

Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 or Andrea on 020 7722 3993.

#### Threads Group *Wednesday 7, 10:30 & Tuesday 13, 14:30*

Help sew the Omer Calendar to hang in the synagogue. [Contact Bonnie](#).

### Monthly Activities

#### Sunday Bridge@Alyth

There is no Sunday Bridge in October, the next session will be on Sunday 1 November, 19:00-22:00. For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

#### Alyth Cycling Community *Sunday 11 October, 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](mailto:laurancemendoza@aol.com).

#### Singing for Pleasure *Sunday 11 October, 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](#).

#### Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: The Origin and Contemporary meaning of Rosh Chodesh *Tuesday 13 October, 20:00-22:00*

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month is led by Rabbi Amanda Golby. Contact Jackie Goymour at [honeyhill@btinternet.com](mailto:honeyhill@btinternet.com).

#### News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze *Wednesdays 14 & 28 October, 13:30-15:30*

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

#### Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together) *Friday 23 October, 19:30*

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

#### Save the Date: Alyth's Chanukah Extravaganza

*Saturday 12 December, 17:00-20:00*

Our Chanukah Extravaganza will include havdallah, dinner, a concert by Los Desterrados and fireworks. Open to the whole community

*Los Desterrados bring vibrant new life to the ancient music of the Sephardic Jews. Featuring traditional instruments the unconventional arrangements are heavily influenced by rock n' roll, jazz, folk, flamenco, funk and soul.*

Suggested donation of £10 for adults and £5 for children and concessions.

#### Save the Date: Talmud Trip to Israel

*Thursday 7 April - Thursday 14 April 2016*

A wonderful week of learning, friendship and seeing behind the curtain into new perspectives on Israel. We will be visiting Haifa, the Kinneret and Tiberias, Akko, Beit Shean and Jerusalem learning all the way in the footsteps of the Rabbis who wrote the Mishnah and Talmud. For all ages. Cost is £1095 + flights (includes accommodation, food & transport). For more information [contact Bonnie](#) who will put you in touch with the organisers of the trip.

Bursaries are available with the cost for those who need it. This "early bird" price available until 1 November 2015.

## Act with us

#### Monday Club

*Mondays 12, 19, 26 October, 19:30-21:30*

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties.

#### Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

*Sunday 25 October, 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](#).

### Alyth Action Group Listening Campaign

Our listening campaign aims to uncover challenges to mental wellbeing, or in finding support for challenges from mental illness experienced by our members. If you would be willing to have a conversation with a fellow member of Alyth about these issues please [contact Rabbi Mark](#) and he will put you in touch with a conversation partner.

#### We welcome new members:

David, Tracy, Adele & Joseph Birne

Elisa Bray & Clara Bray-Pearce

Jeff & Louise Bromley

Claire Cohen

Alexandra Freed & Tiger Freed Coppola

Berenice Garb, Steven, Ruby, Grace & Seth Ginsberg

Edward Gold

Pauline Kloos & Michael Joseph

Darren Keene

Louise, Jason, Nathan & Jonah Levine

Natalie, Richard & Stan Myerson

Danielle Sampson, Tristan & Haiden Sampson-Yamoah

#### We regret to announce the deaths of:

Ivor Cohen, husband of Josselyne, father of Mark, Natalie and Sophie Cohen, brother of Adele Alculumbre and Daniel Cohen.

Nicholas Daiches, brother of Michael Daiches.

Peter Kyiet, husband of Doreen, father of Barrie and Andrew Kyiet and Linda Lipinski.

Elaine Leigh, mother of Debra Leigh-Stephenson and Beverley Winkler.

Helena Murray, mother of Denise Lee.

Howard Woolf, husband of Angela, father of Michael Woolf, Richard Woolf and Susan Newton, brother of Arnold Woolf.

# Learn with us and Be with us - Youth & Education Hub

Please contact [Sam Brunner](#) if you have any questions about the provision for our younger members.

## Youth & Education

### Alyth Toddler Group

*Mondays 12 & 19 October, 09:30-11:30*

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

### Year 7 Weekday Classes *New for this year*

*Tuesdays 6 & 13 October, 17:30-18:30 or*

*Thursdays 1, 8, 15 October, 17:30-18:30*

Our new Year 7 provision replacing the Sunday morning class. There is a choice of attending on Tuesdays or Thursdays

### Kef Zone

*Wednesdays 7 & 14 October, 16:00-17:00*

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School

### Hadracha (Year 10)

*Thursdays 1, 8, 15 October, 18:30-19:30*

Our creative, fun and intensive leadership course. [Contact Mike](#)

### Jewish Studies GCSE (Year 10)

*Thursdays 1, 8, 15 October, 19:45-20:45*

Expand your Jewish knowledge and understanding.

### Ruach Erev Shabbat

*Fridays 2, 9, 16 October, 16:15-19:30*

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

### Sunday Morning Galim

*Sundays 4, 11, 18 October, 10:00-12:45*

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

## Choirs & Drama

### PACT - Upbeat Drama

*Wednesdays 7 & 14 October, 17:00-17:30*

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

### Alyth Children's Theatre

*Wednesdays 7 & 14 October, 17:00-18:30*

ACT, our children's theatre group for Years 3-7.

### Alyth Youth Singers

*Wednesdays 7 & 14 October, 18:45-20:00*

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

### Kids Choir

*Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23 October, 17:30-18:00*

For anyone aged 4-12 years old. This choir regularly sings at the Erev Shabbat Service.

### Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

*Sundays 11 & 18 October, 18:00-21:00*

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

## Special this month

**Sukkot Sleepout** *Friday 2 - Saturday 3 October, 18:30-12:30*

Our legendary sleepout for School Years 4-8. [Contact Sophie](#)

## School Year 5 Bar & Bat Mitzvah Meeting *Sunday 15 November, 11:30-12:30*

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006?

Join Rabbi Josh for a meeting beginning the process of booking a Bar or Bat Mitzvah date.

[Contact Lesley](#) to RSVP or if you have not received a letter about this meeting.

## Contact us

### Rabbi Team

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