

This Shabbat - 27 Iyar 5775

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark with Marc and Nathalie De Leuw.

Shabbat Morning

Torah Reading: Parashat B'chukkatai

Leviticus 27:1-28

Soncino p547
Plaut (old) p967
Plaut (new) p869

09:15 – 10:15 Kavannah Yoga

in the Clergy Beit Midrash

A fusion of body, mind and spirituality with Yoga practices and Jewish wisdom.

With Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy.

10:30 Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark.

The Torah portion will be read by Beth Toeman and James Saker.

The Study Passage is on p556

The Haftarah (Isaiah 52:1-10) will be read by Ruth Blane.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Mark.

11:00 Big Bang

in the Youth Hall

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

Shabbat at Alyth

Throughout Jewish history, Shabbat has been at the heart of Jewish life, a distinctive and special time, different from the working week.

At Alyth, we strive to uphold this holiness of Shabbat, with learning and multiple services to meet the needs of the community. Please help us to ensure that everyone is able to pray and participate by thinking about the needs of those around you.

Together we make *Kiddush* (the prayer sanctifying the day) with wine and challah on both Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning. We ask that you do not start eating until the blessings have been recited.

To help us to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, we ask that you please switch off your mobile phone, and do not take photographs or smoke on the premises on Shabbat.

In making Shabbat special, we rely on the contribution of many of our members. Thank you to everybody who has helped this Shabbat, including our members' choirs, wardens, those who have set out flowers and *Kiddush*, and our volunteers on security duty.

Shabbat shalom

This Week

Friday 15 May

17:15 – 18:15 Ruach Parents Session

Taught by our clergy in parallel with the Ruach programme. This series of three sessions is on the topic of the Principles of Jewish Ethics. This week, "Parenting Ethics?" with Rabbi Mark.

Sunday 17 May

13:45 – 16:30 Alyth Belsize FC Open Day & Trials

Meet the teams, join in a training session and try out for next season. Open to boys and girls going into years 2-9 in September 2015. For more information and the register visit www.alythbelsizefc.co.uk.

19:30 – 22:00 Alyth Choral Society: Spring Concert

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

Tuesday 19 May

08:30 – 09:15 Alyth's Breakfast Kollel

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

Wednesday 20 May

20:00 – 21:30 Coffee House Poetry Evening

Bring your favourite poem to share and discuss over delicious coffee and cake in a convivial atmosphere. Contact viv@alyth.org.uk for more information.

20:00 – 21:45 Gateway to Judaism

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

Thursday 21 May

19:00 – 22:00 Alyth's AGM

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

Friday 22 May

17:15 – 18:15 Ruach Parents Session

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

18:30 – 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Mark and Cantor Cheryl.

Saturday 24 May

09:15 – 10:15 Shiur: Torah for Today

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

10:30 – 12:30 Classical Shabbat Service

Including the Bar Mitzvah of Harry Taylor Valentine. Led by Rabbi Mark.

10:30 – 12:00 Kollot

Our informal participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children. Led by Rabbi Josh, with the D'var Torah from Margaret Harris and Torah read by Robert Weiner, Aviva Wisner and John Cohen.

Alyth Webcam

The Alyth webcam is now live in the Beit Tefillah. Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning services and can be viewed from our website. Participants in the service will be in view when at the reading desk and opening the Ark doors.

Regular Activities

For more information about any of our regular activities happening this week please go to our new website at www.alyth.org.uk

Sundays

- Shacharit and Bagel Breakfast (09:00)
- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:45)

Mondays

- Alyth Toddler Group (09:30 – 11:30)
- Senior Club (14:00 – 16:00) This week: Douglas Poster entertains
- Monday Club (19:30 – 21:30)

Tuesdays

- Alyth Choral Society (20:00 – 22:00)

Wednesdays

- Kef Zone (16:00 - 17:30)
16:00 - 16:30 Drop in
16:30 – 17:00 Children's Choir
The Workshop
17:00 – 17:30 PACT with Upbeat Drama
- Alyth Children's Theatre (17:00 – 18:30)
- Alyth Youth Singers (18:45 – 20:00)

Thursdays

- Mellow Yoga for All Ages (11:00 – 12:00)
- Talmud class (13:00 – 14:15)
- Bridge@Alyth (14:00 – 16:30)

Fridays

- Ruach Erev Shabbat (16:15 – 19:30)

Shavuot

Saturday 23 May - Erev Shavuot at the Sternberg Centre From 16:00 Mount Sinai Live!

This is your chance to receive the 10 Commandments for real! A life size re-enactment of the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai. For children in Rec - Year 3 and Years 4 - 7 and their families.

16:30 Kuddle-up Shavuot

A special service for under 5s.

17:30 Seuda Shlishit

We join together for a picnic tea - please bring a treat or two.

From 18:30 Shavuot Service, Supper & Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

After a service and supper will be our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot: an evening of study and song looking at aspects of the Bible – how we understand it, and how it helps us to understand the world. With the Alyth and FRS clergy, and special guests Francesca Stavrakopoulou (Professor of Hebrew Bible & Ancient Religion) and Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris (Principal, Leo Baeck College).

From 00:30 Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - through the night

Come to Finchley Reform Synagogue (Fallow Court Ave, N12) as we continue our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot through the night with study, song and poetry (bring your favourite to share). We'll finish after shacharit which begins at 04:30.

Sunday 24 May - Shavuot Morning Services at Alyth

09:15 – 10:15 Shavuot Shiur

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

10:30 – 12:30 Shavuot Classical Service

Please note a 10:30 start as it is a Sunday so parking restrictions do not apply.

11:00 – 12:00 Shavuot Family Service

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

Community News

Alyth is built on a foundation of mutual care, in which we share one another's joys and sorrows, and accompany one another through our life journeys.

On this Shabbat we celebrate with:

James Saker and his family on the occasion of becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Beth Toeman and her family on the occasion of becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Mark Greenfield on celebrating his 40th birthday.

We wish good memories to those marking the anniversary of the death of a loved one:

Frederick Beerman, father of Edna Sovin

Hanna Beerman, mother of Edna Sovin

Charlotte Brass, wife of Martin Brass, mother of Solly and Sam Brass

Jack Defries, husband of Maureen Defries

Lily Dywien, mother of Susan Burns

Daniel Gertler, husband of Sheila Gertler, father of Frances Gertler

Marie Gotlieb, mother of Valerie Levy and Lionel Gotlieb

Anita Lancet, mother of Howard Lancet

Harold Lazarus, father of Angela Maynard

Solomon Kutchinsky, father of Frank Curtis

Sheila Levy, wife of Raphael (Jose) Levy

Abraham Mordecai, father of Aslan Mordecai

Gertrude Rosenberg, mother of Adele Press and Maureen Rebeck

Henry Rudolf, father of Ruth Blane and Annie Saunders

Gertrude Smith, mother of Rosemary Summers

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Counting the Omer

הַיּוֹם שְׁנַיִם וְאַרְבָּעִים יוֹם שֶׁהֵם שֵׁשָׁה שָׁבוּעוֹת לְעֹמֵר:

Hayom shnaim v'arba'im yom shehem shishah shavuot la-omer.

Today is the **forty-second** day, making **six** weeks of the *Omer*.

Haftarah for Shabbat B'chukkotai

Isaiah 52:1-10

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for there shall no more come into you
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
Shake yourself from the dust and arise;
be seated, O Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus says the Eternal: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." For thus says the Eternal God: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. Now therefore what have I here," declares the Eternal, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the Eternal, "and continually all the day my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am." How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Eternal to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Eternal has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Eternal has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God..

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Welcome to Alyth

We are delighted that you are with us this Shabbat, whether you are a regular or joining us for the first time.

If we can help you in any way please do not hesitate to speak with one of our Clergy, lay leaders or a member of the staff team. Shabbat Shalom.