

Around Alyth

July & August 2015



July and August are especially musical months, even by Alyth standards. We kick off this period on *Saturday 4 July (11:00-12:00)* with **Tefillah Jam**: bring your instruments and your voices to the first ever service of this style with Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians. [Contact Rabbi Josh](#) in advance to get a copy of the music so that you can jam with the band.

The **Alyth Choral Society** perform Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" at an outdoor concert at The Bothy Garden on *Sunday 5 July (17:15-19:00)*. Later that week on *Wednesday 8 July (19:00 - 21:00)* is Viv's last **AYS End of Year Reunion Concert**. If you have ever sung in AYS please join the current batch to hear the new repertoire and to join in with the old.

From *Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 July* we are proud to be hosting **Shirei Chagigah & MRJ Choirs Festival** where you will learn with internationally renowned teachers, with a faculty also including Cantor Cheryl, Rabbi Josh and Viv Bellos. The conference will close on *Sunday 12 July (18:30-20:00)* with a concert at Alyth by Noah Aronson and Noam Katz: an evening of contemporary Jewish music to inspire joy and awe! Go to <http://tinyurl.com/NoahAndNoam> for tickets (£10).

One Tefillah Laboratory is not enough for July, so we will be having a **Special Service with Noah Aronson** on *Saturday 18 July (11:00-12:00)*. Noah, fresh from Shirei Chagigah, will join Cantor Cheryl in leading a Shabbat morning service using music that is familiar to the Alyth community and music composed by Noah.

To round the musical months off, our High Holy Days Choir start rehearsing for this year's HHDs on *Wednesday 26 August (20:00-22:00)*. This is all without even mentioning the music of our regular Classical, Kollot and Kuddle Up services. With Kollot entering its Summer break, the services on 25 July and 8 August will include a great deal of congregational singing, and elements of the Kollot style.

Building - Community Forum

Wednesday 22 July, 20:00-21:30

Over the last few years, there has been a great deal of conversation 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.

Come and hear 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. Share your thoughts and priorities for the building with the shul's leadership.

Alyth's Weekend Away 2015

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 November

Join us on our fourth Alyth Weekend Away. We'll pray, sing, learn and simply be together for two fun filled days in the Oxfordshire countryside. The weekend is for everyone in the community—young or old. Together we will pray and learn. We will also have the opportunity to walk, talk and read the papers or just relax.

Every Alyth Weekend Away includes a full programme for children run by our Youth and Education professionals and teenage madrichim.

Go to www.alyth.org.uk/awa for the Application Form

Bar and Bat Mitzvah - July and August

July

04 Angelica Levy Ephraums

11 Max Krut

18 Jonina Grayson

25 David Guiloff

August

01 Isaac Howard and Jack MacArthur

15 Isaac Curiel

Bereavements

Susan Angel, sister of Jane Kerner, aunt of Nathalie Bargibant.
Mimi Gerda Godin-Finkelstein, mother of Leon and Sarah Finkelstein.
Roy Green, father of Douglas, Alison, Mark and Ian Green.
Ray Lipman, husband of Dorothy Lipman, father of Larry, Errol and Steven, grandfather of Lauren Hilton.
Paul Schneiderman, husband of Linda, father of Alan and Bettina.
Anita Shore, wife of Peter Shore, mother of Graham and Howard Shore.
Gerald Sigler, father of Nicholas and Janet.
Chick Victor, father of Louis and Daniel Victor.
Leonard Weisman, husband of Evelyn and father of Stephen James and Richard Weisman.

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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July & 7, 14, 21, 28 August 18:30-19:30*

Kuddle Up Shabbat *Fridays 3 July & 7 August, 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 Services

Classical Shabbat Service *Saturdays 4, 11, 18, 25 July & 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 August, 10:30-12:15*
The service in the Beit Tefillah on 25 July & 8 August will include elements of Kollot.

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.

Kollot *Saturday 11 July 10:30-12:00*

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

Tefillah Laboratory: Special Service with Noah Aronson *Saturday 18 July, 11:00-12:00*

Noah Aronson is an energetic and soulful composer/performer whose unique musical style propels his music into communities across the world. Noah, alongside Cantor Cheryl will lead a Shabbat morning service using music that is familiar to the Alyth community and music composed by Noah. Go to www.noaharonson.com to hear some of Noah's music.

Other Services

Sunday Shacharit *Sundays 5, 12, 19, 26 July & 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August, 09:00-10:00*

Our lay led minyan followed by a bagel breakfast. The service on Sunday 9 August will not be held at Alyth (please see our weekly email for more information).

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

Summer Blessing

Friday 3 July, 18:30-19:30

We are hugely excited that so many of our young members are going on youth movement Summer Camps or Israel Tours this summer. To mark their journey, we are pleased to invite them all for a group blessing as part of the Friday night service.

D'var Torah by David-Yehuda

Friday 10 July, 18:30

David-Yehuda Stern will give the D'var Torah in the Friday night service to mark his last Ruach class. We wish him well.

Avodah Meeting

Tuesday 14 July, 20:00-22:00

Our quarterly open forum in which we discuss Alyth's services. [Contact Rabbi Josh](#) if you have an agenda item.

Tisha B'Av

Saturday 25 July, 22:00

Join Rabbi Josh and Rabbi Miriam Berger for Havdallah, Ma'ariv and Eicha, jointly with our friends from FRS. At Alyth.

Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz - Save the Date and an opportunity to help

Don't miss out on this enormously popular event put the date in your diary now - **Sunday 15 November 2015, 19:30-22:30**

To join the team who helps organise this event or if you have access to suitable auction or raffle prizes please contact Sarah.

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.

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All are welcome. [Contact Rabbi Josh](#)

Talmud Class *Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23 July & 13, 20, 27 August, 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](#)

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group *Thursdays 16 July & 13 August*

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions.

In July (14:00-17:00): The Representation of Jewish Women in Art, a guided tour of the National Gallery.

In August (20:00-21:00): Dinner & Discussion, an informal evening at a home in NW11 (TBC). Contact Jackie 020 8455 6433 or honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Shiur: The Troublesome Second Paragraph of the Shema *Saturday 8 August, 09:15-10:15*

Why the second paragraph of the Shema, found in this week's portion, has been so challenging for Progressive Jews. With Rabbi Josh

Shiur: Torah for Today *Saturday 22 August, 09:15-10:15*

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

Special this month

Ruach Parents Session: The Torah unrolled

Friday 3 July, 17:15-18:15

See where your child's Torah portion appears in the Torah as we unroll it in its entirety.

Shiur: Lessons from donkeys, camels and other animals

Saturday 4 July, 09:15-10:00

From the story of Bilam's donkey to other animal stories in Jewish texts. Explore the character of righteous animals, what they teach us and why with Rabbi Oded Mazor from the Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa.

Shiur: The Sugya Every Reform Jew Should Know - Tisha B'Av Special

Why was Jerusalem destroyed?

Saturday 25 July, 09:15-10:15

A sugya is a discrete section of the Babylonian Talmud. In this Shiur, with Rabbi Josh, we will be looking at a sugya about the destruction of Jerusalem.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

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

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

July	August
06 "The Right Mix"	03 Anne Ludner "Why Gardens"
13 Roy Blass entertains	10 Tony Zandle "Jews and Food"
20 Discussion with Helen	17 Alan Cohen "Genesis-poetry, art & music"
27 Club Outing	24 Roy Blass entertains
	31 Closed for Bank Holiday

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

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

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. Last session: 20 August.

Monthly Activities

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal *Saturdays 4 & 18 July & 29 August, 09:15-10:00*

Sunday Bridge@Alyth *Sunday 5 July & 2 August, 19:30-22:00*

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze *Wednesdays 8 & 22 July & 12 & 26 August, 13:30-15:30*

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

Alyth Cycling Community *Sunday 12 July & 9 August, 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.

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together) *Fridays 24 July & 28 August, 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](#).

Singing for Pleasure *Sunday 2 August, 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](#).

Special this month

Alyth Choral Society: The Mikado

Sunday 5 July, 17:15 - 19:00

The Alyth Choral Society perform Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" at an outdoor concert at The Bothy Garden, Stephen's House, N3 3QE. www.alythchoralsociety.org.

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.

Shirei Chagigah & MRJ Choirs Festival

Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 July

Learn from world experts in Jewish liturgical music. For musical beginners, experts and anyone who likes to learn. Faculty includes Cantor Cheryl, Rabbi Josh, Viv Bellos and internationally renowned teachers. www.reformjudaism.org.uk/music.

Closing with a concert at Alyth by Noah Aronson and Noam Katz: Go to <http://tinyurl.com/NoahAndNoam> for tickets (£10).

Coffee House Poetry Evening

Wednesday 15 July, 20:00-21:30

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

Bank Holiday Ramble

Monday 31 August, 10:30-12:00

Join Viv and the Alyth Ramblers for a Bank Holiday Ramble. [Contact Viv](#).

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 6, 13, 20 July, 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.

Shalom Supper

Friday 17 July, 19:30-21:30

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

Kerch Bridge Lunch

Sunday 19 July, 11:00-15:00

Tickets cost £25. [Contact Bonnie](#).

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sundays 26 July & 30 August, 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](#).

Bayit Cham Lunch *Saturday 15 August, 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](#).

Mazel tov to:

Fran and Dexter Moscow on the birth of their granddaughter Madison Hetty Ann.

Nicholas and Fanny Sigler on the birth of their granddaughter, Ariella.

Clive and Susan Warner on the birth of their grandson Freddie.

John Marks on celebrating his 90th birthday.

Mark Lewinson & Gillian Boddy, Ben Azouelos & Emily Clifford, Michael Korel & Debbie Chazen, and Elliott Bentley & Jessica Bryan on their forthcoming weddings.

We welcome new members:

Phillipa Kirby

Daniel, Avital & Raya Johanan

Barry Garfield

Debbie Chazen & Michael Korel

Lewis Fisher

Mildred Gordon

Mia Isserow & Saul Lester

Joseph, Elona, David & Adam Kemal

Caroline & Avron Olshevsky

Richard Van Gelder, Karen Jones & Megan Van Gelder-Jones

Learn with us - Youth & Education

Regular Activities

Alyth Toddler Group Mondays 6 & 13 July, 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 1 & 8 July, 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:

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 3 & 10 July, 16:15-19:30

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

Sunday Morning Galim Sunday 5 July, 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](#)

Special this month

Year 7 End of Year Chavurah Dinner

Friday 10 July, 19:30-21:30

Celebrate the last day of the Ruach Term by bringing a vegetarian dish to share. Contact [Sam](#)

RSY-Netzer & Alyth Day Camp

Monday 27 - Friday 31 July

Day camp is now full.

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

PACT - Upbeat Drama Wednesdays 1 & 8 July, 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 Wednesday 1 July, 17:00-18:30

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

Alyth Youth Singers Wednesday 1 July, 18:45-20:00

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

High Holy Days 5776 (2015)

Erev Rosh Hashanah	13 September	Erev Sukkot	27 September
1st Day Rosh Hashanah	14 September	1st Day Sukkot	28 September
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah	15 September		
Kol Nidre	22 September	Erev Simchat Torah	4 October
Yom Kippur	23 September	Simchat Torah	5 October

You will be sent your ticket and High Holy Days information booklet mid-August. Please contact [Bonnie](#) if you have not received them by 1 September.

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