

Around Alyth

November 2015

Four Weekends in November

Pray with us: New services

The Shabbat Den *Friday 6 November, 16:15-16:45*

A new Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe Kimmel, our early-years educator, and the Alyth rabbis. Join us for song, stories and to meet some new friends in Alyth's Shabbat den.

Tefillah Laboratory – Hava Nashira *Saturday 7 November, 10:30-12:00*

A Shabbat service built around some of the best new melodies being sung in communities around the world and in our youth movements, with Rabbi Josh and some of Alyth's madrichim. An opportunity for the whole community to experience new ways to sing our liturgy, woven into a familiar Shabbat service. (Parallel to the Classical Service)

Be with us: Alyth's Supper Quiz

Sunday 15 November, 19:30-22:30

Don't miss out on this enormously popular event. 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.

Act with us: Mitzvah Day

Sunday 22 November

Participate in this global day of Jewish-led Social Action and make the world a better place with just your time and energy!

Mitzvah Day for Adults

Cook-In for the Homeless: A fun-filled cook-in at Alyth in the morning from 10:00-13:00. We will be preparing food for the Alyth and Golders Green Parish Church Homeless Shelter.

Sunshine to Seniors: Our Alyth Youth Singers will be visiting Jewish Care's Rosetrees Home to entertain residents.

The Listening Project: Drop in for coffee and cake in the Library anytime between 10:00-12:30. Trained Alyth members will be holding conversations to hear members' thoughts and experiences of how mental health issues are handled in our community and society. The aim is to identify key issues on which to focus in a future social action project.

Housing Needs Tour of Barnet Borough: Register with Bonnie to join people from the Hendon and Ayesha Community Schools on a mini-bus tour starting at 12:30 from Alyth to show you some of the housing challenges being faced on our own doorstep.

Mitzvah Day for Children

Activities for children start at 10:00 and include *collecting and packing sweets* for refugees, *making cards* for Camp Simcha Children and JAT, *present collection, decorating and packing* for our Drop-in for Recent Refugees and lots more...

Together: 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.

Go to www.alyth.org.uk/awa to download the Application Form and to see a video from the last Weekend Away Bursaries are available to help you attend, please contact one of our Rabbis.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah - November

07 Jessica James and Cecily Green (pm)

14 Freddie Ellison

21 Gabriel and Nathalie de Leuw

28 Raphaella Lexton

Mazel Tov to

Arieh Miller and Tanya Jacobs on their recent engagement

Natalija Sasic and Michael Allard on their recent engagement

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Please find all staff contact details on the back page



Pray with us

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit *Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 November, 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](#).

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service *Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27, 30 November, 18:30-19:30*

The Shabbat Den *Friday 6 November, 16:15-16:45*
Please see the front page.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday 7 November

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

Tefillah Laboratory – Hava Nashira (Come, let us sing!), *10:30-12:00*

Please see the front page.

Afternoon Service, *16:00*

Saturday 14 November

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

Saturday 21 November

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 28 November

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

Year 6 Bar & Bat Mitzvah Introduction Evening

Tuesday 10 November, 20:00-21:30

An evening to meet the Alyth rabbis and programming staff, hear about the process of having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Alyth and what programmes are specifically for your children.

School Year 5 Bar & Bat Mitzvah Meeting

Sunday 15 November, 11:30-12:30

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.

Learn with us

Weekly Learning

Gateway to Judaism

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45

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

04 Torah: Authorship and authority

(with Student Rabbi Daniel Lichman)

11 Torah: How it is used - Scrolls, sidrot and chumashim

18 Nach: what's in it and how is it used?

25 Rabbinic Literature 1: Halachah

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

Talmud Class

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 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](#)

Monthly Learning

Shiur: Making sense of Machpelah

Saturday 7 November, 09:15-10:15

In this week's portion we read in detail about Abraham's negotiations to buy a burial place for Sarah. Why does the Torah care so much about a simple property deal and how do we live with the consequences? With Rabbi Josh

Israel Conversations: We need to talk about Israel

Tuesday 10 November, 20:00-22:00

Has the place of Israel in our community been shifting over the past few years? Join Rabbi Mark and Adam Ognall, Chief Executive of the New Israel Fund UK, to explore whether this really the case and if so whether we, or Israel, need to do anything about it.

Shiur: Yaacov and Yakub – who is Jacob in Torah and Koran?

Saturday 21 November, 09:15-10:15

Join Muslim scholar Nadiya Takolia and Rabbi Mark to study the story of Jacob in Jewish and Muslim texts. Nadiya is the co-ordinator of Scriptural reasoning at the Cambridge University Interfaith Programme. She helps Jews, Muslims and Christians to hear each other through text.

Talmud Trip To Israel

7 – 14 April 2016

Join Rabbi Mark for 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, Ceasarea and Jerusalem learning all the way in the footsteps of the Rabbis who wrote the Mishnah and Talmud.

[Contact Bonnie](#) for brochure and booking form.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

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

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

02 Philippa Bernard "The Jews of Medieval London"

09 Ted Childs "The making of Inspector Morse"

16 "The right mix" with Barbara and Alan

23 Peter Baskin "Travel with my gavel"

30 Geoff Bowden "Funny Girls"

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.

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 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.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth *Sunday 1 November, 19:00-22:00*

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community *Sunday 08 November, 08:30-13:00*

We meet 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 11 & 25 November, 13:30-15:30

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

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: My Career

Thursday 12 November, 20:00-22:00

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month's topic is "My Career - how it affected my life" led by Loretta Cohn.

Contact Jackie Goymour at honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Singing for Pleasure *Sunday 15 November, 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 27 November, 19:30

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

Special this month

Bereaved Partners Support Group

Wednesday 25 November, 19:00-21:30

If you are suffering the loss of a partner or spouse, please join Lynette Sunderland and others in the same situation who can offer you support. [Contact Lynette](#).

Coffee House Poetry Evening

Wednesday 25 November, 20:00-21:30

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

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties.

Shalom Supper

Friday 6 November, 19:30-21:30

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

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 14 November, 12:30-14:00

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

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 29 November, 14:00-16:00

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

Together in Barnet Winter Shelter

*Tuesday nights from
5 January - 29 March*

Last year over 2,000 bed nights were provided by 450 volunteer shifts at 14 different venues. If you would like to volunteer to host, sleep over, cook or help deliver the bedding any week at Alyth's shelter contact nightshelter@alyth.org.uk.

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Lionel Gotlieb, brother of Val Levy

Harold Kaplin, great-uncle of Felicia Smith-Kleiner

Estera Markus

Stella Price, mother of Robert Price and Anthony Price

Annual General Budget Meeting

Tuesday 8 December, 19:45

The proposed budget will be presented at our AGBM. Please see the website towards the end of November for the full budget, agenda and resolutions

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

Please contact [Sam Brunner](mailto:sam@alyth.org.uk) if you have any questions about the provision for our younger members.

Youth & Education

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November, 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

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 November, 17:30-18:30 or

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 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 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

Hadracha (Year 10)

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 18:30-19:30

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

Jewish Studies GCSE (Year 10)

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 19:45-20:45

Expand your Jewish knowledge and understanding.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 6, 13, 20 November, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

No session on 27 November as it is the Alyth Weekend Away.

Look out for the parent sessions in 'Learn with us'

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 8, 15, 22 November, 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 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 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 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 17:00-18:30

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

Alyth Youth Singers

Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 November, 18:45-20:00

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

Kids Choir

Fridays 6, 13, 20 November, 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 8, 15, 22, 29 November, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

Special this month

Ruach Parents Sessions

Fridays 6, 13, 20 November, 17:15-18:15

Taught by our rabbis in parallel with the Ruach programme

6 'The building blocks and structure of the service – How never to get lost in the Siddur' with Rabbi Josh

13 'What our Shabbat prayers are trying to tell us (or God?)' with Rabbi Mark

20 'Jewish worship... How music helps us to pray' with Rabbi Josh

Secret cinema

Saturday 14 November, 17:00-21:00

Have you ever wondered what happens to all your toys when you leave the room? If you are in School Year 5 & 6 come to Alyth to discover where little people can dream. [Contact Mike](#).

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