

This Shabbat – 16 Kislev 5776

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Lynette Sunderland and Katie Hainbach.

19:30 Shabbat B'Yachad

in the Leo Baeck Hall

Join us for an Oneg Shabbat - share a Shabbat meal and sing songs. Food is provided.

Shabbat Morning

Torah Reading: Shabbat Vayishlach

	Genesis 32:4-30
Soncino	p122
Plaut (old)	p217
Plaut (new)	p219

10:30 Classical Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Colin.

The Torah portion will be read by Raphaella Lexton.

The Haftarah (Hosea 12: 1-10) will be read by Janine Clements.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Colin.

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 27 – Sunday 29 November

Alyth Weekend Away

We hope all those attending have a wonderful weekend of praying, singing and learning together in the Oxfordshire countryside.

Tuesday 1 December

20:00 - 21:30 Year 6 Bar & Bat Mitzvah Introduction Evening

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

Together in Barnet Winter Shelter Training

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

Friday 4 December

16:15 – 16:45 The Shabbat Den

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

17:15 – 18:15 How to Make Chanukah at Home Great

Join Rabbi Mark to learn how to celebrate Chanukah at home and how to enhance your candle lighting so that it has special meaning this year.

18:30 – 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

18:30 – 21:30 Year 10 Course Hadracha Graduation Dinner

Participants and their families are invited to stay for a Chavurah Supper after the service to celebrate the end of their Hadracha Course journey. Email mike@alyth.org.uk

Saturday 5 December

9:15 – 10:15 Shiur: The Teachable Moment - Genesis 37:11

Does Jacob understand how history will unravel for his family as Joseph shares his dreams? What will be fate's role in our story? Led by Rabbi Dr Michael Shire, Chief Academic Officer and Dean of Graduate Jewish Education at Hebrew College in Boston and former Vice-Principal of Leo Baeck College.

10:30 – 12:30 Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Josh, including the Bar Mitzvah of Reuben Simon. With guest sermon by Rabbi Dr Michael Shire.

10:30 – 12:15 Tefillah Laboratory: The Bits We Don't Do

An explanatory service looking at the parts of the service included in the traditional liturgy, but that we have dropped - and why! Led by Rabbi Maurice.

Sunday 6 December

19:00 – 20:00 Chanukah B'Yachad

Join Lynette for the first chanukiah candle lighting of the year. After the lighting there will be Chanukah nibbles.

Alyth Webcam

The Alyth webcam is live in the Beit Tefillah. Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning services 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 This Week

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

Sunday

- Monthly Drop-In for Recent Refugees (14:00 – 16:00)
- Alyth Academy of Performing Arts (18:00 – 21:00)

Monday

- Alyth Toddler Group (09:30 – 11:30)
- Senior Club (14:00 – 16:00) Geoff Bowden “Funny Girls”
- Monday Club (19:30 – 21:30)

Tuesday

- Year 7 Provision (17:30 – 18:30)
- Alyth Choral Society (20:00 – 22:00)

Wednesday

- Kef Zone (16:00 – 17:30)
- Alyth Children's Theatre (17:00 – 18:30)
- Alyth Youth Singers (18:45 – 20:00)
- Gateway to Judaism (20:00 – 22:00)
- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00)

Thursday

- Mellow Yoga for All Ages (11:00 – 12:00)
- Talmud (13:00 – 14:15)
- Bridge (14:00 – 16:30)
- Year 7 Provision (17:30 – 18:30)
- Year 10 Hadracha (18:30 – 19:30)
- Jewish Studies GCSE (19:45 – 20:45)

Friday

- Ruach Erev Shabbat (16:00 – 19:30)
- Kid's Choir (17:30 – 18:00)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit & Bagel Breakfast (09:00 – 10:00)
- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:30)
- Alyth Academy of Performing Arts (18:00 – 21:00)
- Sunday Bridge (19:00 – 22:00)

Save the date

Chanukah Fiesta

Saturday 12 December, 17:00-20:00

Our Chanukah Fiesta 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.

Please register with Bonnie at bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784 (suggested donation of £10 for adults and £5 for children and concessions).

Community News: 27-28 November 2015

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:

Raphaella Lexton and her family on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah and reading Torah with her community for the first time.

On this Shabbat we join our thoughts with those who are mourning the death of:

Phyllis Barron, mother of Linda and Pattie Barron, sister of Lionel Newman and Sylvia Robins.

Julian Lipton, husband of Vera Lipton, father of Nicola Lipton.

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

Ernest Bentley, husband of Vivienne Bentley, father of Liz Kershaw, Naomi Benham-White and Gillian Bentley

Joseph Cohen, father of Aileen Jampel

Michelle Cole, daughter of Doris Cole, sister of Keith Cole

Stuart Defries, son of Maureen Defries

Alice Daisy Fisher, mother of Robert and Jacqueline Fisher

Len Franks, father of Rachel Lipman, Karen Noar, Ian Franks, Tony Franks

Nathan Gilbert, father of Ellen Gilbert

Max Gordemer, father of Avril Shattock

Angel Guiloff, father of Roberto Guiloff

Salo Jampel, husband of Aileen Jampel, father of Melanie Coates, brother of Helen Roberts

Boris Malkin, father of Melanie Stericker

Philip Sher, father of Harold Sher, Bernice Berman and Judy Simler

Toni Skaller, mother of Hanna Alexander

Elizabeth Sternberg, mother of Sigmund Sternberg

Contact Us

Please contact us if Alyth can help you in any way.

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Rabbi Josh Levy
Rabbi Colin Eimer
Rabbi Maurice Michaelis

Haftarah for Shabbat Vayishlach

Hosea 12: 1-10

Ephraim surrounds Me with deceit, the House of Israel with guile.
(But Judah stands firm with God and is faithful to the Holy One.)

Ephraim tends the wind and pursues the gale;

He is forever adding illusion to calamity.

Now they make a covenant with Assyria, now oil is carried to Egypt.

The Eternal once indicted Judah, and punished Jacob for his conduct,
Requited him for his deeds.

In the womb he tried to supplant his brother;

Grown to manhood, he strove with a divine being,

He strove with an angel and prevailed—

The other had to weep and implore him.

At Bethel [Jacob] would meet him, there to commune with him.

Yet the Eternal, the God of Hosts, Must be invoked as "Eternal".

You must return to your God!

Practice goodness and justice, and constantly trust in your God.

A trader who uses false balances, who loves to overreach, Ephraim thinks,

"Ah, I have become rich; I have gotten power!

All my gains do not amount to an offense which is real guilt".

I the Eternal have been your God ever since the land of Egypt.

I will let you dwell in your tents again as in the days of old.

Chanukiah lightings and activities at Alyth

First Night: Sunday 6 December

19:00-20:00 See 'This Week' for details.

Second Night: Monday 7 December

19:30-20:00 Join the Monday Club to light the chanukiah.

Third Night: Tuesday 8 December

19:30-21:30 Light the chanukiah and enjoy music from the Alyth Choral Society, then join us for Ma'ariv and Alyth's AGBM.

Fourth Night: Wednesday 9 December

16:00-17:00 A festival tea for Primary School children full of Chanukah activities, songs and Chanukah-themed games. Including the lighting of the chanukiah at 16:45.

19:45 Our weekly Introduction to Judaism class and Jewish Mindfulness Meditation session starts with the lighting of the candles and songs by the Alyth Youth Singers.

Fifth Night: Thursday 10 December

18:30 Our weekly Year 7 class ends with the lighting of the candles.

Sixth Night: Friday 11 December

16:15-16:45 Join Chloe and Rabbi Josh for a special Chanukah Den celebration! There will be singing, story reading, and a chance to light the Chanukah candles with Shoshi the Shabbat Den Sheep and Mi SheBearakh the Blessing Bear. Including snacks and sandwiches.

18:30 Our Erev Shabbat Service begins with the lighting of the candles.

Seventh Night: Saturday 12 December

17:00-20:00 Our Chanukah Fiesta will include havdallah, dinner, a concert by Los Desterrados and fireworks. For full details see 'Save the date' on the reverse of this page.

Eighth Night: Sunday 13 December

18:00 Join us for the final night of Chanukah, which precedes the Alyth Choral Society Concert.



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.