

# This Shabbat – 27 Shevat 5776

## Erev Shabbat

### 16:15 The Shabbat Den

*in the Leo Baeck Hall*

A Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe, our early-years educator Cindy and Tor from the Kindergarten, and Rabbi Josh. Join us for song, stories and to meet new friends.

### 18:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

*in the Beit Tefillah*

Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise.

## Ruach Residential

The year 7 Ruach Residential takes place at the Kingswood activity centre in Ashford, Kent. This residential is an integral part to the Bar and Bat mitzvah journey and comprises site activities and Alyth run activities all aimed at bonding the year group.

## Shabbat Morning

### Torah Reading: Shabbat Mishpatim

	Exodus 21:1-19
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### 10:30 Classical Shabbat Service

*in the Beit Tefillah*

Led by Rabbi Josh.

The Torah will be read by Jessie Byrne.

The Haftarah (Jeremiah 34:8-17) will be read by Henry Cohn.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Josh.

### ***Tefillah Laboratory: Renewal - cancelled***

*Unfortunately this service has had to be cancelled due to illness. We wish Rabbinic Student Rabbi Naomi Goldman a speedy recovery.*

## 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

## Tuesday 9 February

### 20:00 – 22:00 NEW THIS MONTH - Alyth Film Club: The Quarrel

The Alyth Film Club opens its doors this month with a film set in Montreal on Rosh Hashanah 1948. Chaim sits in a park when he sees Hersch, an old friend whom he hasn't seen since they quarrelled when they were yeshiva students in pre-war Poland. Hersch, now a rabbi, had his faith strengthened by his ordeal in the Shoah, but Chaim had lost his faith long before. The two reminisce, arguing passionately about their lives, religion, their old quarrel, and their friendship. Contact colin@alyth.org.uk.

## Wednesday 10 February

### 20:00 - 21:45 Judaism – The Essentials: Jewish History

A programme of short courses for those looking to consolidate the learning of a lifetime, or coming to Judaism afresh. Taught by Alyth's rabbis with Jon Epstein. This week, "The 20th Century Jewish Experience in Jewish life" (with Rabbi Colin). Email josh@alyth.org.uk for more information.

### 20:00 - 21:45 Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: My not quite Bucket List

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month we will have a lively and humorous discussion on projects, ideas, places that we would still like to achieve or see - led by Loretta Cohn. Email Jackie Goymour at honeyhill@btinternet.com to book.

## Friday 12 February

### 18:30 - 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Josh and Student Rabbi Daniel Lichman with the Alyth Youth Singers.

### 19:30 - 21:30 Shalom Supper

Join members of JAMI and Jewish Care's Shalom Centre for a Shabbat evening dinner and entertainment. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

## Saturday 13 February

### 9:15 – 10:15 Guest Shiur - The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know: Brachot 30b-31a

For the last two years, Rabbi Josh has been running a series of shiurim looking at sugyot (discrete sense-units) in the Babylonian Talmud that are particularly important, interesting or entertaining. In this special guest edition with Rabbi Benji Stanley, we will consider the role of emotion and commandment in Reform Judaism, through the lens of a section from Tractate Brachot.

### 10:30 – 12:15 Community Shabbat Service

A Shabbat morning service for the whole community, drawing on elements of our Classical and our Kollot services. There will be no parallel service on this Shabbat morning. The Sermon will be given by MRJ Rabbi for Young Adults, Rabbi Benji Stanley. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of Leo Gatty.

## Sunday 14 February

### 10:30 - 12:00 Trip - Jewish History in the British Museum

Explore some of the most important extra-biblical artefacts from the ancient near-East in the heart of London. Only three places left, to book your place with Rabbi Josh email josh@alyth.org.uk.

## 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 website at [www.alyth.org.uk](http://www.alyth.org.uk).

## 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)

## Monday

- Alyth Toddler Group (09:30 – 11:30)
- Senior Club (14:00 – 16:00) Discussion with Helen
- Monday Club (19:30 – 21:30)

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

- Kef Zone (16:00 – 17:30)
- Alyth Children's Theatre (17:00 – 18:30)
- Alyth Youth Singers (18:45 – 20:00)
- Hebrew Reading from Scratch (19:00 – 20:00)
- Judaism- The Essentials (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 Ulpan (17:30 – 18:30)
- Jewish Studies GCSE (18:30 – 20:00)
- Hadracha Year 9 (18:30 – 19:30)

## Friday

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

## Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit & Bagel Breakfast (09:00 – 10:00)
- Alyth Cycling Community (08:15 – 12:30)

## Save the Date:

### Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Dr Lisa Grushcow

#### Thursday 25 - Saturday 27 February

Alyth is delighted to welcome Rabbi Dr Lisa Grushcow, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Ordained at HUC-JIR, where she was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, she also earned her M.Phil. and D.Phil. from Oxford University, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. She is the author of *Writing the Wayward Wife: Rabbinic Interpretations of Sotah* (the ritual of the woman suspected of adultery in the book of Numbers). Among other publications, she also edited and contributed to *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality* (CCAR Press, 2014), and is a contributor to *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*. See [www.alyth.org.uk](http://www.alyth.org.uk) for learning opportunities with Rabbi Dr Lisa Grushcow.

### Israel Conversations: Diversity Under Fire

#### Monday 29 February, 20:00-22:00

While Israel's state-building achievements are remarkable, a state can only be as strong as the fabric of the society it represents. Join three speakers from Merhavim who come from diverse communities with different perspectives to shed light on some of Israel's critical issues.

## Community News: 5 - 6 February 2016

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:

**Jessie Byrne** and her family on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah and reading Torah with her community for the first time

**Kay Weissand** on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Henry Cohn** on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Norman Myers** on the birth of Emma, a great granddaughter

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

**Ann Ebner**, wife of Henry Ebner, mother of Jo, Mark and Sarah Ebner

**Mandy Fisher**, mother of Katie Kersen and Oliver Bobroff and daughter of Morella Kayman

**Alison Fuller-Silkman**, wife of Barry Silkman, mother of Keenia Silkman, sister of Louise Loon and Jackie Bull

**Harold Jossel**, father of Gary Plein

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

**Judith Baron Cohen**, wife of Vivian Baron Cohen, mother of Simon, Daniel, Aliza and Ashley Baron Cohen

**Frances Allen**, mother of Jonathan Friend

**Norma Bellman**, mother of Peter Bellman and Penny Zoldan

**Steven Bloch**, son of Janet Bloch

**Esther Bogan**, mother of Celia Atkin

**Gerald Fleming**, husband of Lore Erwine Fleming, father of Diana Gottardo

**George Garai**, husband of Anna Garai, father of Janine Garai and Anita Garai

**Stephen Lewis**, husband of Brenda Lewis, step-father of Nikki Olliver

**Bernard Moss**, father of Vivien Summers

**Sidney Myers**, brother of Norman Myers

**Evelyn Rochman**, mother of John Rochman

**El Roer**, father of Colin Roer and Margaret Harris

**Alfred Udow**, father of Henry Udow

**Billy Vincent**, father of Bev Vincent

**Hazel Wolfson**, mother of Diana Kaye

## Contact Us

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

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## Songs for Erev Shabbat

### Roll into Dark

בּוֹרָא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה. גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֶשֶׁךְ וְחֶשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר

*Creator of day and night, rolling light into darkness, and darkness into light.*

Roll into dark, roll into light.

Night becomes day, day turns to night.

Borei yom valailah, goleil or mip'nei choshech

goleil or mip'nei choshech v'choshech mip'nei or.

## Haftarah for Shabbat Mishpatim

### Jeremiah 34:8-17

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Eternal, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem to make a proclamation of liberty to them, that everyone should set free his Hebrew slaves, male and female, so that no one should enslave a Jew, his brother.

And they obeyed, all the officials and all the people who had entered into the covenant that everyone would set free his slave, male or female, so that they would not be enslaved again. They obeyed and set them free.

But afterward they turned around and took back the male and female slaves they had set free, and brought them into subjection as slaves. The word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah from the Eternal: "Thus says the Eternal, the God of Israel: I myself made a covenant with your fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying, 'At the end of seven years each of you must set free the fellow Hebrew who has been sold to you and has served you six years; you must set him free from your service. But your fathers did not listen to me or incline their ears to me. You recently repented and did what was right in my eyes by proclaiming liberty, each to his neighbour, and you made a covenant before me in the house that is called by my name, but then you turned around and profaned my name when each of you took back his male and female slaves, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your slaves.

Therefore, thus says the Eternal: You have not obeyed me by proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and to his neighbour; behold, I proclaim to you liberty to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, declares the Eternal. I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

## Alyth

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Rabbi Josh Levy  
Rabbi Colin Eimer  
Rabbi Maurice Michaels  
Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (on Sabbatical)



### 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.