

This Shabbat – 22 Nisan 5776

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark.

Shabbat Morning

Torah Reading: Shabbat Acharei Mot

	Leviticus 16:1-17; 18:1-5
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A special Shabbat morning dedicated to the issue of organ donation.

09:15 Shabbat Shiur: Organ Donation Shabbat

in the Library

In this shiur we will hear from members about how organ donation has affected their lives. Among those speaking will be recipients of organs and those involved in the medicine of transplantation, as well as Rabbi Josh on the halachah of organ donation.

10:30 Community Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Josh.

The Torah will be read by Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Josh.

The special Haftarah is taken from rabbinic literature, the thirteenth century Midrash Temurah and will be read by Ronnie Jaffa. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Josh.

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

Sunday 1 May

15:00 & 19:00 AAPA present: Gentleman Prefer Blondes – The Musical

Adults: £10, Concessions: £8, 12s–18s: £3. Tickets can be booked with Sam Brunner on 020 8457 8796 or sam@alyth.org.uk, or they can be purchased on the door.

Monday 2 May

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Wednesday 4 May

20:00 - 21:00 Yom HaShoah Ceremony

Join Rabbi Colin, Lynette Sunderland and the Alyth Youth Singers for our annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Beginning with the lighting of a memorial candle by all present, followed by a short ma'ariv service, the evening will continue with testimonies and readings.

Thursday 5 May

18:00 - 20:00 Mentor Training

A glimpse into the future leadership opportunities at Alyth for all those who have had their Bar/Bat Mitzvah since December. Give back to your community by guiding those young people who are on their Bnei Mitzvah journeys. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Friday 6 May

16:15 - 16:45 The Shabbat Den

Our Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe, our early-years educator, and our Rabbis. Join us for song, stories and to meet new friends in Alyth's Shabbat Den.

18:30 - 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbis Mark and Josh.

18:30 - 21:30 Year 8 Chavurah Supper

Join other families for a communal dinner as you near the end of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

Saturday 7 May

10:30 - 12:15 Community Shabbat Service

This service will draw on elements of our Classical and our Kollot services, and will be accompanied with a guitar. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of Jasmin Salem.

10:30 - 12:00 Tefillah Laboratory: New Prayers for a New Year

Over his Sabbatical Rabbi Mark worked with other Rabbis to create our new MRJ Machzor for Rosh Hashanah. This Shabbat service will be a first chance to experience some of the creativity which will inspire us these High Holy Days.

Sunday 8 May

08:30 – 13:00 Alyth Cycling Community

We meet at Alyth at 08:15 and leaves at 08:30. For registration and more information please email laurancemendoza@aol.com.

10:15 – 13:00 Marriage Brunch

For couples who are just married or about to be married. There will be sessions on: The Wedding Ceremony & Customs, Building a Jewish Home, Ahavah, Achavah Shalom v'Re-ut and Creating a Jewish celebration after a mixed faith civil ceremony. Contact Lynette Sunderland at lynette@alyth.org.uk.

18:00 – 21:00 AAPA After Show Social

The show is over but the socialising doesn't have to be! Have pizza and a good laugh with the cast and production team. Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

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. All other regular activities return after the holidays.

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (09:00 – 10:00)
- Bridge (19:30 – 22:30)

Tuesday

- Year 7 Ulpan (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)
- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00)

Thursday

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

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)

Save the Date:

Yom HaAtzmaut – Celebrating Mizrahi Israel

Wednesday 11 May

We are excited to be partnering the New Israel Fund in celebrate Israel's 68th birthday with a Mizrahi themed evening of tastes, sounds and heritage.

16:00 Yom HaAtzmaut Zones (for Pre-School - School Yr 2 and School Yrs 3-6)

Join the Youth and Education Hub for a special Yom HaAtzmaut Zones where we will be creating a Batik Israeli flag, making our own hummus, baking star biscuits and lots more!

18:30 Yom HaZikaron Ceremony and Ma'ariv

A ceremony to commemorate those who have died through war and acts of terrorism in Israel.

19:00-22:00 Celebrating Mizrahi Israel (following welcome refreshments, session times are 19:30-20:30 & 20:45-21:45, all sessions repeated)
Mizrahi (literally Eastern) Jews are those whose family origins are from the Middle East and North Africa and who are now the majority of Israel's Jewish population. The evening will be an introduction to the history of Mizrahi communities and we will also offer a chance to engage with Jewish textual and cultural riches that Mizrahi heritage has to offer, as well as a cookery demonstration of some of the Mizrahi food which has enriched Israel's gastronomy. Joining us from Israel will be lawyer Tammy Katsabian from Shaharit, a "think and do" tank that brings together Israeli citizens from different social groups, and Drori Yehoshua from Memizrach Shemesh, a Beit Midrash (House of Study) and Centre for Jewish Social Activism that focuses on the legacy of Mizrahi communities. Also joining us will be London-based Fabienne Viner Luzzato who will be demonstrating her family's Tunisian recipes. Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Josh will be teaching about the history of Mizrahi communities in Israel. Price: £10 for over 21 year olds; under 21s come free. Tickets will be sold on the door or can be booked with Bonnie on 020 8457 8784, or email bonnie@alyth.org.uk.

Community News: 29 - 30 April 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:

Daniel Rivlin and his family on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah in Israel.

Ronnie Jaffa on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

Gordon Smith on his election as President of the European Union for Progressive Judaism, and **John and Noeleen Cohen** who ran the EUPJ's recent conference in London.

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

Serge Ajzensztejn, husband of Rosalie, father of Daniel, Michal, Tanya and Adam Ajzensztejn, brother of Roman Eisenstein.

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

Stanley Birne, father of David Birne and Ros Marks

Alfred Breslaw, father of Jeffrey Breslaw

Betty Burns, mother of Hugh Burns

Hilda Horn, mother of Ruth Arnold

Olive Kay, mother of Priscilla Wise

Joan Klein, mother of Michael Klein

Dennis Levinson, husband of Monica Levinson, father of Caroline Maurice

Betty Maxwell, mother of John Maxwell

Imre Seiner, father of Katinka Easton

Dinah Shara, mother of Henry Shara

Rudy Thier, husband of Tessa Thier, father of Emma Thier and Antonia Thier

Tamar Smith, sister of Gail Flesch

Walther Wolff, husband of the late Friedel Wolff

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.

Contact Us

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

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Haftarah for Organ Donation Shabbat

Before reading the Haftarah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ בֵּית קוֹל שְׂאֵמְרָה אֵלָיו וְאֵלֵינוּ דְבָרֵי חֲכָמָה: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹי הַבּוֹחֵר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבַמִּשְׁפָּחָה עֲבָדֶיךָ וּבְיִשְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ וּבְחַכְמֵי אֲמָת וְיִצְדֵּק:

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who gave to us a heavenly voice to say that "These *and* these" are words of wisdom. Blessed are You God, You chose the Torah, Moses Your servant, Israel Your people and true and righteous Sages.

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu bat kol she'amrah eilu va'eilu divrei chochmah. Baruch attah Adonai, ha-bocheir ba-torah, uv'mosheh avdo, uv'yisra'el ammo, uv'chachmei emet va-tzedek.

From Midrash Temurah

מעשה בר' ישמעאל ור"ע שהיו מהלכין בחוצות ירושלים, והיה עמהם אדם אחד, פגע בהם אדם חולה, א"ל רבותי אמרו לי כמה אתרפא, א"ל עשה כך וכך עד שתתרפא, א"ל ומי הכה אותי? א"ל הקב"ה. א"ל ואתם הכנסתם עצמכם בדבר שאינו שלכם, הוא הכה ואתם מרפאים, אינכם עוברים על רצונו? א"ל מה מלאכתך, א"ל עובד אדמה אני והרי המגל בידי, א"ל מי ברא את הכרם, א"ל הקב"ה, א"ל ואתה מכניס עצמך בדבר שאינו שלך, הוא ברא אותו ואתה קוצץ פירותיו ממנו, א"ל אין אתם רואים המגל בידי, אילולי אני יוצא וחורשו ומכסהו ומזבלו ומנכשו לא תעלה מאומה, א"ל שוטה שבעולם... כשם שהעץ אם אינו מנכש ומזבל ונחרש אינו עולה ואם עלה ולא שתה מים ולא נזבל אינו חי והוא מת, כך הגוף הזבל הוא הסם ומיני רפואה ואיש אדמה הוא הרופא.

It once happened that Rabbi Ishmael and Rabbi Akiva were strolling in the streets of Jerusalem accompanied by another person. They were met by a sick person. He said to them, "My masters, tell me by what means I may be cured." They told him, "Do thus and so until you are cured." The sick man asked them, "But who afflicted me?" They replied, "The Holy One" The sick man responded, "You have entered into a matter which does not pertain to you. God has afflicted, and you seek to cure! Are you not transgressing Divine will?" Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Ishmael asked him, "What is your occupation?" The sick man answered, "I am a tiller of the soil, and here is the sickle in my hand." They asked him, "Who created the vineyard?" "The Holy One," he answered. Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Ishmael said to him, "You enter into a matter which does not pertain to you! God created the vineyard, and you cut fruits from it." He said to them, "Do you not see the sickle in my hand? If I did not plough, sow, fertilize, and weed, nothing would sprout." Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Ishmael said to him, "Foolish man! Just as if one does not weed, fertilize, and plough, the trees will not produce fruit, and if fruit is produced but is not watered or fertilized, it will not live but die, so with regard to the body. Drugs and medicaments are the fertilizer, and the physician is the tiller of the soil.

After reading the Haftarah

עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל דְּבָרֵי חֲכָמָה וְעַל יוֹם הַשְּׂבִיטָה הַזֶּה שֶׁנָּתַתָּ לָנוּ יְיָ הוֹי אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְקַדְשָׁה וְלִמְנוּחָה לְכַבּוֹד וְלִתְפָאֶרֶת. עַל הַפֶּלַח יְיָ הוֹי אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ וּמְבַרְכִים אוֹתְךָ. יְתַבְרַךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי כָל־חַי תְּמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹי. מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשְּׂבִיטָה:

For the Torah, for the service, for words of wisdom, and for this Shabbat day which You gave us, our Living God, for holiness and rest, for glory and beauty - for all these, God our Creator, we thank and bless You. May Your name be blessed by the mouth of all living forever and ever. Blessed are You God, who makes the Shabbat holy.

Al ha-torah v'al ha-avodah, v'al divrei chochmah, v'al yom ha-shabbat ha-zeh, shennatatta lanu, Adonai eloheinu, likdushah v'limnuchah, l'chavod ul'tif'aret, al ha-kol Adonai eloheinu, anachnu modim lach um'var'chim otach, yitbarach shimcha b'fi chol chai tamid l'olam va'ed. Baruch attah Adonai, m'kaddeish ha-shabbat.



To pray, to learn, to live. Together.



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.