

Around Alyth



November 2016

The month of *Cheshvan* begins on 2 November. It is also known as *Marcheshvan*, according to one tradition because it is a bitter month (*mar* can mean bitter—as in *maror*, the bitter herbs at Pesach). Why is the month bitter? After the excitement of *Tishrei*, it is a month with nothing special in it. At Alyth, though, there is no cause for the month of *Cheshvan* to feel left out. There are lots of special events in our calendar...

Be with us

Alyth Annual Supper Quiz

*Sunday 13 November,
19:30-22:30*

To purchase your ticket please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk.

Build with us

Community Consultation

*Sunday 20 November,
10:30*

Please join us to discuss the exciting vision for the building.

Act with us

Mitzvah Day

Sunday 27 November

Come along and join in this global day of Jewish-led Social Action.

And lots of special learning...

Learn with us

Israel Conversation: Mahapach-Taghir

Friday 04 November, 17:15-18:15

With Sarit Larry, Executive Director of Mahapach-Taghir, which empowers Jewish, Muslim and Christian Arab women and young people in Israel to work together for social change.

Progressive Rabbinic Decision Making: How do Reform Jews make Decisions?

Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 November 20:00-21:30

Three sessions with Rabbi Josh based on his Fourth-Year Leo Baeck College course.

The Others are Coming: How the Media Depicts Immigrants

Thursday 24 November, 20:00-21:30

An evening of discussion with Alyth member, Dr Shani Orgad, Associate Professor in Media and Communications at the London School of Economics (LSE).

Plus Shabbat Shiurim, Judaism: The Essentials, Talmud class, Monthly Midrash in the Morning, and Ruach Parents Sessions...

And a very special Friday night for Alyth's many Israeli households...

Be with us

Erev Shabbat Ba-Bayit *Friday 25 November, 18:30-21:30*

Etay and Danielle Katz invite you to join them and Rabbi Mark at their home in Stroud Green N19 for a special Shabbat meal together!

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 06, 13, 20, 27 November,
09:00-10:00*

Our lay-led minyan followed by a bagel breakfast.

Evening Services

Evening services take place before meetings at 19:45. Please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 04, 11, 18, 25 November, 18:30-19:30

Our uplifting and inspirational start to Shabbat. Come together for music and prayer at our intergenerational service.

The Shabbat Den

Friday 04 November, 16:15-16:45

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

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday 05 November

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Adam Fobel**.

Saturday 12 November

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Amelia Shaw**.

Kollot, 10:30-12:00

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

Saturday 19 November

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Lola Caputo**.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians.

Saturday 26 November

Kollot-Style Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Rosie Glinert**.

Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz

Sunday 13 November, 19:30-22:30

Don't miss out on this enormously popular event. To purchase your ticket please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

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@alyth.org.uk.

Learn with us

Regular Learning

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays, 19:00-20:00

Taught by Alyth member Jan Roseman, who has been one of the UK's leading Synagogue-based Jewish educators for the last few decades. Take an hour a week in term time to learn to read Hebrew from scratch.

Judaism - The Essentials:

Short Course on Jewish Texts

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45

Essentials is our programme of short courses for all those who want to ensure that their Judaism has firm foundations. Taught by Rabbi Josh and Jon Epstein. For more information contact josh@alyth.org.uk.

- 02** Introductory session to Jewish Texts. The Bible – What's in it?
- 09** Torah: Authorship, authority and how is it is used
- 16** Nach: what's in it and how is it used?
- 23** Rabbinic Literature 1: Halachah
- 30** Rabbinic Literature 2: Aggadah
- 7 Dec** What happens after the Talmud

Talmud Class

Thursdays 03, 10, 17, 24 November, 13:00-14:15

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Join Rabbi Mark to grapple with the ideas of our classical rabbis. Contact mark@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Film Club: Nowhere in Africa

Tuesday 08 November, 19:30-22:00

Successful Jewish lawyer Walter Redlich leaves Berlin in 1930s and relocates to a farm in Kenya. His family choose to remain and just manage to escape and join him. They find it difficult to adapt. The British intern them when Hitler invades Africa and they are separated until 1945. Then they have to decide: remain in Kenya or return to Berlin? This film won an Oscar in 2003 for Best Foreign Language Film (*German with English subtitles*). Contact colin@alyth.org.uk.

MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning: Mitzvah Day Special

Sunday 27 November, 10:30-11:30

Midrash is the rabbinic exercise of biblical interpretation, creating new ideas and stories out of the biblical text. In this session, join Rabbi Josh as we use midrash to understand how the rabbis viewed the concept of mitzvah—commandment, and social responsibility.

Shabbat Shiurim

The Labours of Abraham

Saturday 12 November, 09:15-10:15

Remember the one about the ten trials of Abraham? No? According to numerous rabbinic and intertestamental sources, Abraham was given ten tests by God, which (of course) he passed with aplomb. But what were these tests, where do we learn about them, why ten trials (not seven or twelve or some other number), and what do they have to do with Parashat Lech Lecha? For answers, come and study the Ten Trials of Abraham with Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris, Principal of the Leo Baeck College.

Chaye Sarah

Saturday 26 November, 09:15-10:15

Join Rabbi Mark to study the Torah portion as Abraham's servant goes on his mission to find Isaac a wife. A study of the marriage customs of our people's early times.



Learn with us

Special this month

Israel Conversation: Mahapach-Taghir

Friday 04 November, 17:15-18:15

For nearly twenty years Mahapach-Taghir has worked to empower Jewish and Muslim and Christian Arab women and young people in Israel to work together for social change and better education for all. Sarit Larry, Executive Director, will introduce us to their heart-warming but challenging work. After this conversation she will be giving the D'var Torah in our Kabbalat Shabbat service. Sarit is in London to receive a human rights award from the New Israel Fund.

Progressive Rabbinic Decision Making

Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 November, 20:00-21:30

As part of the MA in Applied Rabbinic Theology, fourth year Rabbinic Students at Leo Baeck College spend a term studying "Progressive Rabbinic Decision Making" with Rabbi Josh. How do Progressive Rabbis make decisions about their practice, and guide the practice in their communities? In these three sessions, join Rabbi Josh as he introduces some of the theoretical underpinnings of Progressive Decision Making, and we look at examples of how it works in practice.

Please register for this short course with bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

The Others are Coming: Media representations of migration

Thursday 24 November, 20:00-21:30

Today's media overflows with 'others': migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, earthquake survivors, victims of famine and other atrocities. The media plays a fundamental role in feeding how we imagine migrants and in our failure to recognise them. How are we invited by contemporary media images and narratives to imagine migrants? How might we imagine them differently? In this talk Shani Orgad will explore these questions focusing on depictions of the current 'refugee crisis'.

Hosted by Rabbi Mark with Shani Orgad, Alyth member and Associate Professor at the Department of Media and Communications at LSE. Shani is also the Director of the social sciences programme of the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE

Alyth Choral Society Concert - Handel's Samson

Sunday 11 December, 19:00

ACS presents this wonderful concert.

Go to www.alythchoralsociety.org for more information

We wish all those going on the Alyth Ramble Weekend a *nesiah tovah*



Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

07 Geoff Bowden "Doin' what comes naturally" Life and times of Irving Berlin.

14 Discussion with Helen.

21 Roy Blass entertains.

28 Noeleen Cohen: Synagogue Chair.

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00

Exploring new repertoire while continuing to develop strengths in cantata and oratorio.

www.alythchoralsociety.org.

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze

Wednesdays 09 & 23 November, 13:30-15:30

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:00

Peace, quiet, contemplation and meditation in our Alyth Meditation Room. On Wednesday 9, Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy will be leading a session on the theme of "courage".

Mellow Yoga for All Ages

Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Contact Maxine Levy maxinelevy@mac.com.

Thursday Bridge@Alyth

Thursdays, 14:00-16:30

Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 for more information.

Monthly Activities

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Regina Jonas

Thursday 03 November, 20:00-21:30

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month's session will be led by Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers and we will learn about the first female rabbi who died in 1944. Please contact Jackie Goymour at honeyhill@btinternet.com to let her know if you would like to come for seating numbers.

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 06 November, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 07 November, 12:45-13:45

Join our Alyth Kindergarten and Jenny Kossew, who has over 20 years of experience working with and bringing joy to intergenerational groups. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 13 November, 08:30-13:00

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

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

Friday 18 November, 19:30

Share a Shabbat meal and sing songs. Food is provided. For catering purposes please register, or to arrange transport contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Chat 'n' Soup

Friday 25 November, 12:00-14:00

Come and enjoy a tasty bowl of soup, read the papers and enjoy good company. For catering purposes please register, or to arrange transport email lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 27 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@alyth.org.uk.

Be with us

Special this month

Erev Shabbat Ba-Bayit

Friday 25 November, 18:30-21:30

The Alyth community includes many families with at least one Israeli in the household. Etay and Danielle Katz invite you to join them and Rabbi Mark at their home in Stroud Green N19 for a special Shabbat meal together where the Ivrit will flow along side the food and drink! Please bring a non-meat dish to share and let Bonnie (bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 0208 457 8784) in the Alyth office know that you are coming and how many people you are bringing.

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. Contact Dennis Sher via the Synagogue Office to volunteer.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 20 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 (*with the support of the Pears Foundation*). To volunteer please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk.

Together in Barnet Winter Shelter

Tuesday nights November—December

We are part of this project providing a warm meal and a place to sleep. If you are able to cook a meal, help move bedding or sleep overnight contact nightshelter@alyth.org.uk.

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 26 November, 12:30-14:00

Join us for a Shabbat lunch with fantastic food, company and discussion. No charge (although donations are welcome). For catering purposes please register, or to arrange transport email lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Special this month

Alyth Interfaith Dialogue Group

Tuesday 15 November, 20:00-22:00

Over the past few years most of our Interfaith activity has been with Christians and Muslims. As part of Interfaith Week, we will meet with and learn more about members of the Dharmic Faiths, those emanating from the Indian sub-continent. Join members of the Alyth Interfaith Dialogue Group as we host guests from Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh communities. Contact maurice@alyth.org.uk.

Mitzvah Day

Sunday 27 November

Join other members of Alyth to participating in this global day of Jewish-led Social Action. As well as a range of children's activities, we have adult activities linked to Alyth's Social Action projects that run throughout the year.

For more information see the poster on page 9.



Youth & Education Hub

Learn with us

Please contact Sam Brunner for information about the provision for our younger members.

Regular Programming

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays, 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 Galim

Mondays, 17:30-19:00

Our Year 7 provision to teach Hebrew and develop Jewish knowledge.

Kef Zone

*Wednesday 09, 16, 23, 30 November,
16:00-17:00*

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

Year 10 Hadracha

Thursdays 10, 17, 24 November 18:30-19:30

Our creative, fun and intensive leadership course for Year 10. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 11, 18, 25 November, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays, 10:00-12:45

Our Sunday morning learning programme is a nourishing space for young people to build, develop and explore their Jewish identity.

Special this month

Introduction to cantillation

Wednesday 16 November, 18:15-19:00

If you are thinking about leining (singing) your Bar or Bat Mitzvah Torah portion please attend this introductory session run by Viv Bellos, our Emeritus Director of Music. At this session Viv will explain the process of learning the singing and introduce you to the neqinot (musical accents) found in the Torah.

Secret Cinema

Saturday 19 November, 18:00-21:00

For years 5-6

Fancy Poppin' in to Secret Cinema?

Dinner and a spoonful of sugar will be served. Your presence will make it practically perfect in every way... Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Parents Sessions: Prayer and the Siddur

Fridays 26 November, 02 and 09 December, 17:15-18:15

Taught by our rabbis, these sessions are specifically for parents whose children attend the Ruach programme.

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

02 'What our Shabbat Prayers are trying to tell us (or God)' with Rabbi Mark

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



Youth & Education Hub - Be with us

Choirs & Drama

PACT (Primary Alyth Children's Theatre)

*Wednesdays 09, 16, 23, 30 November,
17:00-17:30*

(ages 4-7) If you like to sing, dance and act, then this musical theatre group is for you! PACT is led by Jane Gordon from Upbeat Drama.

ACT (Alyth Children's Theatre)

*Wednesdays 09, 16, 23, 30 November,
17:00-18:30*

ACT is our children's theatre group for those in Years 3-7.

AYS (Alyth Youth Singers)

*Wednesdays 09, 16, 23, 30 November,
18:45-20:00*

AYS, our youth choir for all post B'nei Mitzvah. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Kids Choir

Friday 25 November, 17:15-18:00

Be the first to learn new pieces, specially commissioned for Alyth, and then introduce the community to them at our monthly Kids Choir Shabbat. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

Special this month

Show Auditions:

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sunday 20 November, 18:00-21:00

Open auditions to perform in this year's Academy show. Performers must be available to rehearse on Sundays and for the performances over the May Bank Holiday Weekend (30 April - 1 May 2017).

Show Auditions:

Alyth Children's Theatre

Wednesday 23 November, 17:00-18:30

Open auditions to perform in this year's ACT show. Performers must be available to rehearse on Wednesdays and for performances on 24 and 25 June 2017.

Community News

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Steven Cantor, cousin of the Finlay family.

Mark Gore, father of Sarah Lederman.

Anthony Inwald, husband of Naomi, father of David Inwald and Jacqueline Glen, brother of Joan Ripley.

Leon Lenson.

Pat McNeill, mother of Claire Calman and Stephanie Calman.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, father of Michael Sternberg, Frances Blaine, Ruth Tamir and David Sternberg.

Peter Shore, father of Howard and Graham Shore.

Mike Thal, husband of Pat Thal, father of Bryan and Charlene

A warm welcome to our new members:

Samuel Adatto

Mark Futerman, Poppy Norton, Zeb and Jonah Futerman

Candice and Philip Green

Suzanna Kalms

John and June Grossman

Thomas Meadows

Jodi, Jonathan, Joseph and Sophia Newton

Katarina and Robin Pulis



Community Consultation



Vision

We have built a thriving community, now we need a building to match: an accessible, beautiful and spiritual space, encouraging people to find people, breaking down social barriers, inviting in anyone looking for a welcoming Jewish home.



Pray With Us

A second dedicated prayer space with a new Bimah and Ark and improvements to our current Beit Tefillah will transform the prayer life of our community.



Be With Us

A new entrance and reception area will enrich our community welcome. The entire building will be updated and have improved acoustics and lighting and environmental sensitivity.



Live & Learn With Us

New, flexible, multi-use spaces for youth activities, teaching and for meetings will make the Alyth building an appealing place to be, and an inspiring place to learn and gather.

Sunday 20 November, 10:30

Please join us to hear about the plans for the building and to share your thoughts with us.

Mitzvah Day

Give just your time and energy to make our world a better place.

27th November 2016

Why not participate in our annual **Cook-In** for needy recipients including **Homeless Action in Barnet** and our own **Refugee Drop-In**? It's always fun, inclusive and welcoming.

If cooking's not your thing, then how about reading to children in our intergenerational reading and book-swap session in the morning, run in conjunction with PJ Library.

We are also collecting:

Please start digging out your **foreign change** left over from your holidays and put it in the box that will be in the foyer at Alyth. This will help Jami - a charity that supports people recovering from mental health problems.

How about a clear-out of **NEW toys** that were never opened or **unused stationary**? Bring them into Alyth to help Camp Simcha who will distribute them to children who are in hospital over the festive period.

Email bonnie@alyth.org.uk to let her know that you will be volunteering

Alyth

Learn with Us

JUDAISM – THE ESSENTIALS SHORT COURSE ON JEWISH TEXTS

- 2 November** Introductory session for Jewish Texts
The Bible – What's in it?
- 9 November** Torah
Authorship and authority, How it is used
- 16 November** Nach (Nevi'im and Ketuvim)
What's in it, how is it used?
- 23 November** Rabbinic Literature 1: Halachah
The textual development of Jewish Law
- 30 November** Rabbinic Literature 2: Aggadah
The Rabbis and the biblical narratives
- 7 December** Rabbinic Literature 3: Post Talmudic
development
What happened to Judaism in the Middle Ages?
- 14 December** The Development of Chanukah
A study in Jewish Textual Development

November
to
December
2016

Wednesdays
20:00-21:45

Alyth

ANNUAL SUPPER QUIZ

Sunday 13 November 2016

19:15 – 22:30

at Alyth

Please join us for what is always a fun filled
sell-out event

£25 per person (*includes supper*)

Why not make up a table (10)?

Prizes for the winning table
Raffle & Auction



Ticket Application

Please reserve _____ spaces @ £25 each.

I would like to host a table(s) for 10 @ £250. Total enclosed: £ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

We will be serving fish, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements:

Please return your application together with payment (cheques made payable to 'NWRS') to
Tekiyah, NWRS, Alyth Gardens, London NW11 7EN.

For more information, or if you wish to pay by debit/credit card
call Bonnie Lemer on Tel **020 8457 8784** or e-mail bonnie@alyth.org.uk

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