

Around Alyth

January 2017



NEW



If you are post B'nei Mitzvah to Year 10 and art and learning are your preferred way to engage with your Judaism and community, this is the programme for you. Starting in January 2017 we will be running our new C.R.E.A.T.E and L.E.A.R.N. courses on Tuesday evenings.

See inside for information.



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Alyth Runs (or walks) at Purim

As promised at the High Holy Days, we are delighted to announce this exciting opportunity for Alyth members to support causes beyond our community.

In the spirit of Purim and the giving of matanot la-eyyonim (gifts for those in need); after the megillah reading on Sunday 12 March 2017, everyone is invited to enjoy (or endure) a sponsored fancy-dress fun run/walk, in aid of four nominated charities.

More information in February's Around Alyth.

SAVE THE DATE: Please put 12 March 2017 in your diary. To nominate a charity for inclusion in the Purim Fun Run/Walk, go to www.alyth.org.uk/alythrunsatpurim.

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Please find all staff contact details on the back page



Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 January, 18:30-19:30

We begin Shabbat with our uplifting and inspirational intergenerational Erev Shabbat service. A unique combination of song, reflection, prayer and learning, often with guitar.

The Shabbat Den

Friday 6 January, 16:15-16:45

Our Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe, our Early Years Educator, Tor or Cindy from the Kindergarten and our Rabbis. Join us for songs, stories and to meet new friends in Alyth's Shabbat Den.

Shabbat Morning Services

Our regular Shabbat morning service is a contemporary Reform service led by one of our Rabbis, normally accompanied by our volunteer choir and the piano, with a combination of reading, chanting, song and reflection. On most weeks there is also a parallel service, meeting the different needs of the community. Occasionally these services take place in our main Beit Tefillah.

Saturday 7 January

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Ben Assor**.

Tefillah Laboratory: Tefillah Jam, 10:30-12:15

Bring your instruments and your voices to the Alyth Tefillah Jam. Join Rabbi Josh to learn prayers from different parts of the morning liturgy before we 'jam' them together. Contact josh@alyth.org.uk to get the music in advance.

Mincha (Afternoon) Service, 15:30

Led by Rabbi Colin. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Summer Bourne**.

Saturday 14 January

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A special, more informal service, with accompaniment on guitar. Led by Rabbi Mark and Justin Wise. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Sinaya Jeffery** and the Bar Mitzvah of **Leo Morad**. Includes a supervised area for children.

Shacharit with Torah Study, 10:30-12:15

Rabbi Colin leads a parallel service with full Shacharit (morning prayers) and the opportunity to read and study Torah. This week, in Parashat Va'y'chi, the end of the Book of Genesis, Jacob blesses his children as they take on the mantle of the Jewish people and become the Tribes of Israel.

Saturday 21 January

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Abbie Hass**.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Josh and the Big Bang musicians. This month there is an Alyth Kindergarten Reunion preceding the service. See the Youth and Education Hub page.

Saturday 28 January

Kollot, 10:30-12:15

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children. Led by Rabbi Josh and includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Saul Fileen-Orchover**.

Healing Service, 10:30-12:00

A special service including prayer and inspirational texts to help us come to terms with challenges of all kinds. With Rabbi Mark and Lynette Sunderland.

Pray with us

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays 8, 15, 22, 29 January, 9:00-10:00

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.

Learn with us

Regular Learning

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 January, 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 History

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.

- 4** Epoch Changing Moments in Jewish history
- 11** 18 Figures in Jewish History of whom you should have heard
- 18** Anglo Jewish history
- 25** Movements and denominations: Historical forces and new challenges
- 1 Feb** Living at this moment in Jewish history—issues and institutions

Talmud Class

Thursdays, 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: Quiz Show

Tuesday 10 January, 19:30-22:00

An idealistic young lawyer working for a Congressional subcommittee in the late 1950s discovers that TV quiz shows are being fixed. His investigation focuses on two contestants on the show "Twenty-One": Herbert Stempel, a brash working-class Jew from Queens, and Charles Van Doren, the patrician scion of one of America's leading literary families. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield and John Turturro. Based on a true story. Contact colin@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth's Israel Trip: 'Politics, Creativity & World Reform Judaism'

Wednesday 10 - Sunday 21 May 2017

Rabbi Josh and Rabbi Mark invite you to come with them to Israel for a wonderful trip of Jewish learning, friendship and seeing 'behind the curtain' into new perspectives on Israel. This is a modular trip in three parts of four days each and you can join us for any or all of them. Spaces are limited and deposits must be received by Friday 6 January 2017. Contact Bonnie on 020 8457 8784 or bonnie@alyth.org.uk for a booking form.



Learn with us

Shabbat Shiurim

Shiur: Not Yet Disabled

Saturday 14 January, 9:15-10:15

Whatever we are able to do now may easily challenge us one day. Stairs will be unclimbable, voices will be hard to hear, our vision will blur. Yet every one of us will still have all of our experience, care and wisdom to offer to our communities. How do Jewish texts guide us in adapting for disability, ensuring Jewish life is open to all? With Rabbi Mark who taught this session at Limmud in 2016.

Shiur: Holocaust Memorial Day Shiur - The Armenian and Roma Genocides

Saturday 21 January, 9:15-10:15

Ruth Barnett, herself a Kindertransport survivor, has been speaking about the Armenian Genocide (1915-1917) and the Roma Genocide (1939-1945) for some years to Synagogues, churches, schools and interfaith groups. Rabbi Mark hosts Ruth as she helps us to know why these histories matter to Jews.

Special this month

Limmud Conference Sharing

Sunday 15 January, 10:15-11:15

Please join Rabbi Mark if you attended Limmud Conference to share what you learnt and enjoyed.

Meet the Artist: Brahim

Saturday 28 January 9:45-10:15

Brahim is a longstanding refugee to the UK from Algeria where he was driven out by terrorism which killed upwards of 150,000 people. He began to attend our Refugee Drop In a year ago and brought his art with him. A selection of his paintings are on show in the Alyth gallery throughout January. Meet Brahim and hear the story behind his art.

Progressive Rabbinic Decision Making

Tuesday 31 January, 20:00-22:00

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 this session, join Rabbi Josh as he introduces some more examples of Progressive Decision Making in practice. You do not need to have attended the last set of sessions, but please let bonnie@alyth.org.uk know you are coming.

Mazel tov to:

Marcelle and Jeff Black on the birth of their first grandchild, Leo Henry Solomon, a son for Jacqueline and Rich Luck.

Janice and Jonathan Friend on the birth of their grandson, Toby, a son for Helen and Christopher Hopkins, a brother for Amber.

Miriam and Rafi Halahmy on the birth of their grandson, Samuel, a son for Elliot and Louise and a brother for Jacob.

Sarah and Jonathan Lederman on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Edward, a son for Tamara and Patrick.

Lis and Michael Shepherd on the birth of their grandson, Arthur Leo, a son for Adam and Flora.

Alisa and Haim Zietcer on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Lola, a daughter for Natalie and Richard Daniels.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

9 Anne Luder "Seeds"

16 Quiz with Rachel

23 "Victoria Plums" Old Time Music Hall

30 Jill Goldman and pianist entertain

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 11 & 25 January, 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. Rabbi Mark will be leading the session on 25 January.

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.

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays 7 & 21 January, 9:15-10:15

We are always happy to welcome new members who are interested in learning about the liturgy and music of our service. Please contact katie@alyth.org.uk if you are interested in joining the choir.

Monthly Activities

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Thursday 26 January, 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 Lyndsey Taylor-Guthartz, and will be about berakha parties and women's tefillah groups. 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 1 January, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 9 January, 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 8 January, 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 20 January, 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.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 22 January, 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.

Chat 'n' Soup

Friday 27 January, 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.

Be with us

Special this month

Loss of A Child or Grandchild

Saturday 21 January, 15:30-16:45

Join Rabbi Maurice and Lynette for a service in memory of those who have suffered the death of a child or grandchild. The service will conclude with Havdallah. Please contact Lynette at 020 8457 8793 or lynette@alyth.org.uk to let us know if you will be attending and if you require any further information.

Curious Connections - Jewish History of the Tower of London

Tuesday 24 January, 19:00-20:30

This outing with our Rabbis and Viv Bellos exploring the part the Tower played in Jewish history is now full. Look out in future editions of Around Alyth for more outings.

Borough of Barnet Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

Sunday 29 January, 12:45-14:15

Taking place in the Ricketts Quadrangle of Middlesex University, Hendon, this commemoration is led by Rabbi Mark and Rev Bernd Koschland with the music provided by a number of choirs including the Alyth Youth Singers. All are welcome.

Erev Shabbat Ba-Bayit

Friday 3 February, 18:30-21:30

The Alyth community includes many families with at least one Israeli in the household. Following the success of the first Ba-Bayit, Gill and Nahed Sarig invite you to join them and Rabbi Mark at their home in Golders Green for a special Shabbat meal together where the Ivrit will flow alongside the food and drink! Please bring a non-meat dish to share and let bonnie@alyth.org.uk 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 29 January, 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 contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk.

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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 9, 16, 23, 30 January, 09:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. On 5 January (10:30-11:00) we will have a special Baby Yoga session. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Kef Zone

Wednesdays, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

Year 9 Hadracha

Thursday 12, 19, 26 January 18:30-19:30

Our creative, fun and intensive leadership course for Year 9. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 8, 15, 22, 29 January, 10:00-12:45

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

Alyth Kindergarten Reunion Breakfast

Saturday 21 January, 10:00-12:15

The class of September 2014 to July 2015 are invited to join current K2's for breakfast and activities (including learning new songs and decorating your own kippah) followed by a special Big Bang service. RSVP to Tor at deputyhead@alyth.org.uk.

Youth & Education Hub - Be with us

Choirs & Drama

PACT (Primary Alyth Children's Theatre)

Wednesdays, 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, 17:00-18:30

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

AYS (Alyth Youth Singers)

Wednesdays, 18:45-20:00

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

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays 8, 15, 22, 29 January, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.



Youth & Education Hub

Special this month

Mentor Training

Thursday 5 January, 17:30-19:00

A glimpse into future leadership opportunities at Alyth for all those who had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah before September 2016. Give back to your community mentoring those young people who are on their B'nei Mitzvah journeys.

Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Year 6 B'nei Mitzvah Information Meeting and Chavurah Supper

Friday 13 January, 17:30-21:30

A jam packed evening for families in Year 6. Includes an information meeting about the B'nei Mitzvah process, joining the Friday night service and a chavurah supper. Please email sam@alyth.org.uk if you would like to attend and let us know what vegetarian, nut free dish you will be bringing.

Outing: Year 10 Theatre Trip

Monday 23 January, 19:00-22:00

A celebration for the graduates of the Hadracha Course, we are taking 15 madrichim to see Aladdin in the West End!

Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

L.E.A.R.N.

Tuesdays 17 & 31 January, 18:30-19:30

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Katja Goldberg, partner of Howard Spier, mother of Simon and Jonathan Goldberg, daughter of Marianne Hasseck, sister of Jane and Ruth

Inge Herzberg-Tweed, mother of Ruth Wellin, Susan Marcus and Gaby Herzberg-Slade

David Joseph, husband of Tina Joseph and brother of Helen Paiba

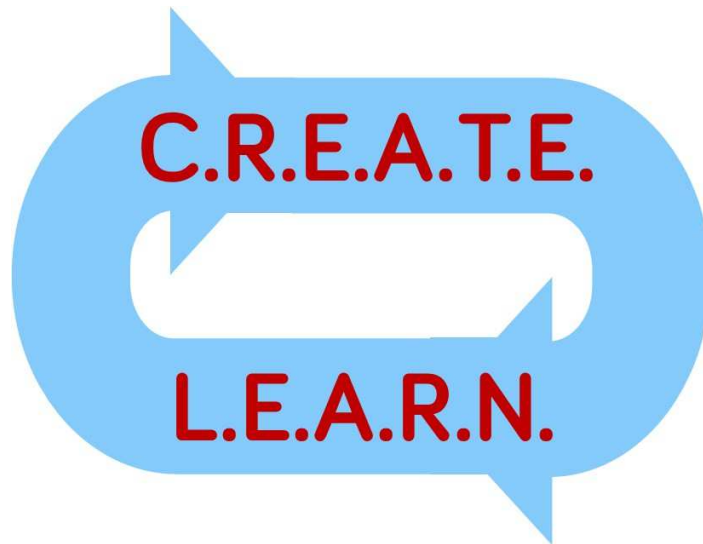
Lori Sinason, mother of Judy Smith, Alan Ereira and David Ereira

Joseph Smilg, husband of Ruth, father of Jeremy and Carrie

Daphne Cecile Summerfield, mother of Marina Hogan

Stanley Winograd, father of Andrea Dreyer and Michelle Waxman

Lydia Woolf, wife of Neville Woolf



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21 February
7 and 21 March

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**Tickets: £20 (to include
Interval Refreshments)
Contact Bonnie on
020 8457 8784
or email
bonnie@alyth.org.uk**

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fundraising concert
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Alyth Arts Week

12 - 19 February 2017

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To pray. To learn. To live. Together.

Alyth Synagogue is delighted to announce that it will be hosting a week of cultural events.

Music

Tea Time Recitals (all at 15:00):

Robyn Koh, Piano (*Monday 13th*)

Raphael Lang, Cello (*Wednesday 15th*)

Katie Hainbach, Mezzo Soprano (*Friday 17th*)

Evening Performances:

Launch Concert: Lawson Piano Trio
(*Sunday 12th, 19:30*)

South American Party with Soul Fiesta
(*Saturday 18th, 20:00*)

Learning

The Art of Alyth: with Rabbi Josh
(*Sunday 12th, 11:00*)

Meet the Authors of Alyth: Alan Ereira, Leila Segal, Pam Fox & Rabbi Mark
(*Monday 13th, 19:30*)

Nine Love Letters by Gerald Jacobs
(*Tuesday 14th, 18:00*)

Art of the Sefer Torah with Rabbi Mark
(*Thursday 16th, 17:00*)

Renaissance and Baroque Synagogues
with Gordon Higgott
(*Sunday 19th, 11:00*)

Art Exhibition (open all week)

Throughout the week you will have the opportunity to view art by Alyth members and artists from the local community.

Drama

Blink. Theatre Performance
(*Thursday 16th, 19:30*)

Film

Alyth Film Club
(*Wednesday 15th, 19:30*)

Craft Fair (Sunday 19 February, 12:00 - 18:00)

Our week will culminate in a Craft Fair with stalls from local craftspeople. Items on sale include paintings, ceramics, sculpture, woodwork, jewellery, glasswork, picture frames, candles and miscellaneous craft works.

Please go to www.alyth.org.uk/artsweek for the full programme or email artsweek@alyth.org.uk for more details.

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