

Around Alyth

February 2017



NEW



Alyth Runs (or walks) at Purim

Sunday 12 March, 10:15-12:30

Purim at Alyth begins with Megillah readings for adults and families at 10:15. From 11:00 we will be opening the Shushan Palace, a carnival of activities for the whole community, including a Purim costume parade, hamentaschen and spoon competitions, Haman's hobby horse races and great food and music. The Palace closes to the public at 12:30! The Purim costume run (or walk) of 1km, 2km or 5km distances sets off at 11:30 from Alyth with various routes to choose from. If you plan to run or walk any distance on behalf of our four great causes please send your name and email address to bonnie@alyth.org.uk and we will send you a 'Runner's Pack' well in advance of the day. Go to www.alyth.org.uk/alythrunsatpurim for more information.

Alyth Arts Week

(12 - 19 February 2017)

Alyth's inaugural Arts Week is from 12-19 February 2017.

A week of cultural programmes which includes classical music concerts, jazz, lectures, performances and literary events, as well as an exhibition of art works and a craft fair.

See inside for more information and booking details.



Celebrate Tu B'Shvat at Alyth

Join us for one (or more) of our diverse Tu B'Shvat activities including an "Essentials" class on Jewish Environmental Ethics, a Tu B'Shvat Study Seder Shiur, a special PJ Library Baby & Toddler group, and a Tu B'Shvat Zones and tea. We are also co-ordinating a food drive for Homeless Action in Barnet.

See inside for dates of activities.

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Staff contact details can be found on the back page



Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24 February, 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 3 February, 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 4 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Davidson.

Tefillah Laboratory: Imrei Finu, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh, Imrei Finu ("The words of our mouths") is a gentle, guitar-led service with lots of singing to new and familiar melodies, plenty of silence, some Kollot-style chanting and an informal Torah service.

Saturday 11 February - Shabbat Shirah

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A special service with guitar for Shabbat Shira. Led by Rabbi Josh with the sermon by Rabbi Dr Tony Bayfield CBE. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Oliver Weiner**. Includes a supervised area for children.

Mikraot G'dolot, 11:30(approx.)-12:15

In parallel with the Torah service, Rabbi Colin offers the option to study Jewish commentators over the centuries and their ideas on this week's portion.

Mincha (Afternoon) Service, 15:00

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Sam Aleksander**.

Saturday 18 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Toby Marks**.

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 Justin Wise.

Saturday 25 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Please note the swap of dates for this month's Kollot and Big Bang services.

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays, 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

Judaism - The Essentials:

Short Course on Jewish History

Wednesdays 1, 8, 22 February, 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.

1 Living at this moment in Jewish history:

Issues and institutions

8 Tu B'Shvat and Jewish Environmental Ethics

From **22 February** we begin a new course on Mitzvot and Jewish Life., beginning with 'Prayer'.

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 1, 8, 22 February, 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.

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.

Shabbat Shiurim

Tu B'Shvat Study Seder

Saturday 11 February, 9:15-10:15

The Kabbalists of the Middle Ages were especially inspired by the symbolic power of the tree and instituted a seder on Tu B'Shvat to give this symbolism full voice. On Shabbat 15 Shvat, join Rabbi Josh for a special Tu B'Shvat study seder before the Shabbat morning service. We will enjoy a fruit breakfast as we study.

The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

Saturday 25 February, 9:15-10:15

A sugya is a discrete section of the Babylonian Talmud. In these sessions with Rabbi Josh, we look at sugyot which are especially important, insightful or entertaining, and which every educated Jew should know about.

Other Learning

MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning

Sunday 26 February, 10:30-11:30

Midrash is the rabbinic exercise of biblical interpretation, creating new ideas and stories out of the biblical text. Join Rabbi Josh as we look at these highlights of rabbinic creativity over Danish, fruit and coffee.

Alyth's Biblical Book Club

Tuesdays 21 & 28 February, 20:00-22:00

Our Biblical Book Club will give you the opportunity to read the books we don't hear in synagogue services, and even some which did not make the Bible, and then study and discuss their fascinating content with Alyth's Rabbis. This month Rabbi Mark asks you to read the **Book of Amos**, the original angry young man and champion of social justice.

Contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784 to register and if you need a copy of the text.

"Alel Assor v' Alel Navvel" (Psalm 92:4)

Guitar Course for Services *Friday 24 February, 17:15-18:15*

Are you a guitarist? Have you ever wanted to play in Alyth services? Join Rabbi Josh for the first in a series of sessions in which we will discuss the key aspects of playing guitar to accompany tefillah and learn some of the core pieces in the liturgy.

Email josh@alyth.org.uk to let him know that you will be coming.



Learn with us

Special this month

Amir Shlomian: How we can meet the other

Friday 3 February

We are delighted to welcome Amir Shlomian to Alyth. Amir is the founder of Ein Bustan, an association that runs bilingual (Arabic and Hebrew) kindergartens. Amir is an inspiring teacher, musician and peacemaker, with years of experience in listening circles with Jewish and Arab communities.

On **Friday 3 February**, join us from **17:15-18:05** when Amir will speak about his experiences in building Ein Bustan, and share techniques he has used in creating shared space for Arabs and Jews in which children and adults can meet and listen with one another.

Amir will also spend time with our Ruach Erev Shabbat group during their z'man kehillah (communal time immediately before the service) and will give the d'var torah in our Erev Shabbat service.

Be with us

Special this month

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.

Save the Date

New Members Supper

Friday 3 March, 18:30-21:30

If you have recently joined the synagogue (since August 2016) we would like to invite you to our New Members Supper. You will have the chance to meet other new members, our Rabbis, staff and members of the Alyth community. If you, or you and your family would like to join us for supper following the Friday evening service please contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

“Let’s Talk About Death”

Sunday 5 March, 15:00-18:00

An afternoon of workshops and discussions exploring managing uncertainty towards the end of our lives, the choices that are available for our final resting place, end of life practicalities, and the customs and practices surrounding death in Judaism. Plus a Keynote address by Dr Adrian Tookman, Medical Director of the Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead.

For more details and to register contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

6 Sidney Austin entertains

13 Geoff Bowden "Reviewing the situation"
Life and music of Lionel Bart

20 Discussion with Helen

27 Roy Blass entertains

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 8 & 22 February,
13:30-15:00*

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 February.

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

Saturday 18 February, 9:15-10:15

We are always happy to welcome new singers 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

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

Saturday 4 February, 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 contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 5 February, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 12 February, 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 17 February, 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 26 February, 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.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 27 February, 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.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Monday 27 February, 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 Helena Miller, and will be on '1000 Jewish Children - The Millenium Project'. Please contact Jackie Goymour to let her know if you would like to come honeyhill@btinternet.com.



Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 6, 20, 27 February, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. We are always looking for new volunteers for the Monday Club. Please contact Dennis Sher via the Synagogue Office to volunteer.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 26 February, 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.

Community News

We regret to announce the deaths of:

David Bloom, father of Genevieve Nikolopoulos and Oliver Bloom, step-father of Carolyn Braude and Julia Lewis.

Anthony Field, brother of Judith Dell

Robin Hyman, husband of Inge, father of James Hyman, Peter Hyman and Philippa Lazarus, brother of David Hyman.

Zena Moran, mother of Beatrix Clarke

Emily Morris, daughter of Jack and Susan Morris, sister of Bobby and Harry.

Dorie Rubin, mother of Rachel Gerrard, Naomi Hartnell and Daniel Rubin, sister of Ruth Cohen and Len Goodman.

Sandra Schaverien, mother of Robert Schaverien

A warm welcome to:

Sarah Barnard

Marshall & Irena Doctors

Sarah & Daisy Fuss

Ran Gazit Berger

Marilyn Grossman

Daniel, Ella, Lila, Jacob & Jesse Hay

Henry & Linda Langer

Gila & Mia Levy

Stuart Maister

Daniel, Laura, Noah & Oliver Moross

Natalie Parnell

Joy Pozsonyi

Russell, Olivia, Tobey & Harry Samuel

Sally Shasha & Elliott Szybowski

Emma, Carl, Madeline, Eleanor, Hannah & Sophie Spitzer

Gerard, Deena, Camille & Josephine Wiseman

James, Gemma, Sophie & Reggie Wood

Mazel Tov to:

Erica and Ed Perry on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Joan, a granddaughter for Naomi and Alan Perry.

Susan Davis and Howard Packman on the birth of their granddaughter Noa Juliet, a daughter for David and Joanna Packman. Remembering great grandparents Hilde and John Davis.

Mika and Alan Borthwick on the engagement of their daughter Ruti to Oren Cohen.



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 6 & 27 February, 9:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Kef Zone

Wednesdays 1, 8, 22 February, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

Year 9 Hadracha

Thursday 2 & 9 February 18:30-19:30

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

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 3, 10, 24 February, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 5 & 26 February, 10:00-12:45

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

The Youth and Education Hub are looking for 3 months cover over the summer, starting at the beginning of June. If you are interested, please send your CV to sam@alyth.org.uk by Friday 24 February.

Fortnightly for teens

C.R.E.A.T.E.

Tuesdays 7 & 28 February, 18:30-20:00

Our new creative programme for all those post B'nei Mitzvah to Year 10, where we will explore arts and crafts, new art techniques and use interesting and unusual art supplies to work towards a final exhibition at the end of the second term. Enrol with sam@alyth.org.uk.

L.E.A.R.N.

Tuesday 21 February, 18:30-19:30

For all those post B'nei Mitzvah to Year 10, and written especially for Alyth by our Rabbis and the Youth and Education Hub. This is a two year rolling programme to deepen your understanding of every aspect of Jewish life, starting with how we engage with the breadth of Jewish text. The programme will also include tackling Torah, prayer and liturgy, Jewish history, Jewish practice and Jewish lifecycle. Enrol with sam@alyth.org.uk.

Youth & Education Hub - Be with us

Choirs & Drama

PACT (Primary Alyth Children's Theatre)

Wednesdays 1, 8, 22 February, 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 1, 8, 22 February, 17:00-18:30

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

AYS (Alyth Youth Singers)

Wednesdays 1, 8, 22 February, 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 5 & 26 February, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

Youth & Education Hub

Special this month

Madrachim Secret Cinema

Saturday 4 February, 17:00-21:00

Join us for a magical Secret Cinema event, just for you! Send an owl to sam@alyth.org.uk.

Tu B'shvat PJ Library Baby & Toddler group

Monday 6 February, 9:30-11:30

A special morning including Tu'Bshvat activities, a cosy reading corner, arts and crafts and a chance for little ones to try some new Tu B'shvat fruit! Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Tu B'Shvat Zones

Wednesday 8 February, 16:00-17:00

Join Chloe and the Kef Zone team for Tu B'Shvat activities such as fruit tasting, charity bag packing for Homeless Action in Barnet, seed planting and a yummy Tu B'Shvat tea. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Breakfast & Cinema club

Monday 20 February, 10:00-11:00

Join Chloe for a yummy breakfast and a cosy screening of Dora the Explorer. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Secret Cinema

Saturday 25 February, 17:00-20:00

Calling all Year 3's and 4's! Come and join us for an awesome Secret Cinema event just for you! Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Music Jam

Sunday 26 February, 19:00-21:00

Join Mike and Katie for a chilled evening of music and singing as we explore popular prayer tunes and some smash hit classics. Backstreet boys will feature alongside hashkiveinu! This is a social event with a view to creating future musical evenings together. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Meet the Author for children:

Alex Bellos' children's book, "Football Rules the World"

Wednesday 15 February, 17:00-18:00

(For 8-13 year olds, adults welcome)

At Football School every lesson is about football: you will learn everything from the player who stopped a civil war 🦋 to the origins of football chants 🎵 to the psychology of penalty taking 😬 to when exactly footballers poo 🐛. "Football School" has recently been shortlisted for the 2017 Blue Peter Book of the Year. Join Alex Bellos to laugh out loud learning all the things you wanted to know about football that your parents never told you.

Ruach Parents Session: Making sense of the Erev Shabbat service

Friday 10 February, 17:15-18:15

A special one-off session for parents of young people in our Ruach programme. **What is happening in the Erev Shabbat service?** How does it all fit together? What are the core prayers? Together we will make sense of the liturgy for Friday night.

THE LIONEL BLUE MEMORIAL LECTURE



Speaker Dr John Sentamu

Most Rev and Rt Hon Archbishop of York

Wisdom, Futility, Death and Time:
The Voice of Religion in the 21st Century

Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 8pm

At Alyth Synagogue

Doors Open: 19:45 Refreshments

Go to rabbibluelecture.eventbrite.co.uk to book your ticket

Contact us on: rabbibluelecture@lbc.ac.uk or 020 8349 5607

Pre Paid £10.00 On the Door £15.00

Rabbi Lionel Blue OBE z"l 1930 – 2016

As a much loved broadcaster, prolific writer, congregational rabbi and convener of the Reform Beit Din, Lionel Blue z"l endeared himself to millions. He provided inspiration and wisdom to those who listened to him on the radio, read his books or sat opposite him. Leo Baeck College is honoured to be hosting the first Lionel Blue z"l Memorial Lecture as part of our 60th anniversary celebrations.

Dr John Sentamu, Most Rev and Rt Hon Archbishop of York

Dr John Sentamu practised Law both at the Bar and at the Bench in Uganda before he came to the UK in 1974. He was ordained as a priest in 1979, he was appointed Bishop for Stepney in 1996, Bishop for Birmingham in 2002 and Archbishop of York in 2005. He is Primate of England and Metropolitan, a member of the House of Lords and a Privy Councillor.

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Alyth Arts Week

12 - 19 February 2017

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

MUSIC

Gala Concert: Lawson Piano Trio

Sunday 12 February, 19:30-21:30

Recognised both for their performances of the cornerstones of the trio repertoire as well as lesser known works and their own new commissions. The Lawson Trio has appeared at major venues including London's Wigmore Hall, King's Place and the Southbank Centre.

Tea Time Recital: Robyn Koh, piano

Monday 13 February, 15:00-16:30

Robyn will be performing music by Byrd, Frescobaldi, Purcell, Handel, Rameau, JS Bach, D. Scarlatti, CPE Bach and Arne & Duphy.

Tea Time Recital: Raphael Lang, cello

Wednesday 15 February, 15:00-16:30

Raphael will be performing music by Samuel Barber, Ludwig van Beethoven and Simon Laks.

Tea Time Recital: Katie Hainbach, mezzo-soprano

Friday 17 February, 15:00-16:30

Katie will be performing pieces by Fauré, Duparc, Debussy and Poulenc.

Soul Fiesta Party

Saturday 18 February (20:00 - 23:00)

A high impact cosmopolitan band based in London but made up of musicians from Latin America and across the world. They are a regular fixture in London's Latin clubs, and have performed for the last 10 years all over the world.

Salsa Dance Class

Before the party, from 19:00 - 20:00, a professional instructor will take you through the steps so that you can dance like an expert at the party.

ART EXHIBITION

Monday 13 - Thursday 16 February, 10:00 - 15:00

Friday 17 February, 10:00 - 13:00

Naomi Alexander, Julia Burton, Bettina Caro, Elaine Cole-Wight, Michael Cull, Judith Devons, Eva Edery, Zena Flax, Ellen Gilbert, Mylene Goodman, Shirley Gumpel, Sue Haskel, Evelyn Korn, Alfred Lester, David Mackenzie, Dorothea Magonet, Pat Schaverien, Norma Silverton, Beverly Jane Stewart, Jamie Warwick and Lana Young invite you to view and purchase their works.

ALYTH CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 19 February, 12:00 - 18:00

Come and browse over 20 stalls of wonderful craft work including paintings, ceramics, pottery, sculpture, jewellery, glasswork, handbags, knitted and embroidered and other handmade garments, cards, luxury handmade bath products and miscellaneous craft works. There will be a café selling delectable home made cakes and goodies and a structured play area for children with face painting and activities.

Literature and Lectures

Art of Alyth with Rabbi Josh

Sunday 12 February, 11:00-12:00

The Alyth beit tefillah (our prayer hall) has become home to a diverse range of works of ritual art: Roman and Ardyn Halter's stained-glass windows; the metalwork of the sculptor Benno Elkan; embroidered scroll covers and hangings; and our most recent addition, our beautiful ark doors, which were completed in 2013. Join Rabbi Josh as we explore the special art work that surrounds the Alyth community.

Authors of Alyth

Monday 13 February, 19:30-21:30

Alan Ereira, Leila Segal, Rabbi Mark and Pam Fox talk about their recent publications: 17th Century England, Cuban stories, Spirituality, and a History of the Golders Green Jewish Community respectively. The evening will be hosted by Dr Gordon Higgott.

Gerald Jacobs - Nine Love Letters

Tuesday 14 February, 18:00-20:00

Gerald Jacobs, author and Alyth member presents his new book "Nine Love Letters", a heart-rending tale of two families fleeing the horrors of the holocaust. Gerald will be in conversation with Keren David, Features Editor of the Jewish Chronicle and award-winning author.

Art of the Sefer Torah with Rabbi Mark

Thursday 16 February, 17:00-18:00

Rabbi Mark and Sofer (Torah Scribe) Marc Michaels will be showing and explaining the artistry that went into the creation of Alyth's Sifrei Torah. They will be demonstrating the techniques of Torah calligraphy, showing how a Sefer Torah is created over many months and uncovering the spiritual meaning of these sacred documents.

Renaissance and Baroque synagogues with Dr. Gordon Higgott

Sunday 19 February, 11:00-12:00

How did Jewish communities respond to the revival of classical forms in Renaissance Italy in the sixteenth century, and to the larger-scale, rhetorical language of the Baroque, which spread from Rome to northern Europe over the next 150 years? We will look at peculiarities of planning in the Sephardic synagogues of Venice and Padua, their influence in Amsterdam and London, and at the richly ornamented prayer-halls of Poland-Lithuania. Alyth member Dr Gordon Higgott is an independent architectural historian who researches drawings and design practice in early modern Britain.

FILM

Woman In Gold (2015)

Wednesday 15 February, 19:30-22:00

Maria Altmann had to flee her native Vienna before the war and now, in her 90s, lives in New York. She learns that a portrait of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, painted by Gustav Klimt, was stolen by the Nazis from their family home and is now in Belvedere Palace in Vienna. She embarks on a legal campaign to reclaim the picture. Starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds. Introduction by Julia Weiner, art historian, curator and lecturer.

THEATRE

Blink. Theatre - Response

Thursday 16 February, 19:30-21:30

What makes us feel responsibility? Is it a duty of care? A need to please others? The person we hope to be? RESPONSE is a unique evening of monologues presented by Blink. Theatre around the theme of social responsibility. Directed by Lotte Ruth Johnson, 6 speeches by emerging writers have been combined to create a singular, site specific performance for Alyth and its surrounding community.

**Please book for all events by contacting
artsweek@alyth.org.uk or calling 07790 612 159.**

**For more information and ticket prices please go to
www.alyth.org.uk/artsweek**



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