

This Shabbat – 16 Tevet 5777

Erev Shabbat

17:30 Year 6 B'nei Mitzvah Meeting and Chavurah Supper

in the Leo Baeck Hall

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.

18:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth Youth Singers. Includes the baby blessing of Rosie Lunn.

Shabbat Morning

There is an area for children in the Kindergarten where you will find toys and arts and craft materials. The service from the Beit Tefillah will also be live streamed to the Kindergarten. We ask that children are supervised at all times.

Torah Reading: Shabbat Va-y-chi

Genesis 49:1-33 Soncino p183 Plaut (old) p308 Plaut (new) p309

09:15 Shabbat Shiur: Not Yet Disabled

in the Library

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.

10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

in the Beit Tefillah

A special, informal service, with accompaniment on guitar. Led by Rabbi Mark and Justin Wise. The Torah will be read by Sinaya Jeffery and Leo Morad. The Haftarah (1 Kings 2: 1-12) will be read by Michael Green. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Mark.

10:30 Shacharit and Torah Study

in the Library

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.

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.

When we want to show appreciation during a service, it is traditional not to applaud but to shout '*yasher koach*' or '*sh'koach*', which means 'strength to you.' We ask that you please refrain from applauding, but join in this greeting.

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.

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.

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

Saturday 14 January

19:30 – 21:30 Some Enchanted Evening

A night of Opera and Musical Theatre, featuring five London based professional musicians (including Alyth's Katie Hainbach, Tom Morss, Juliane Gallant). The first half includes music from the Operas, including scenes from Bizet's Carmen, Mozart's Don Giovanni, Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin and Puccini's La Boheme. The second half will feature music from Operettas and Musicals, including pieces from Offenbach's La Perichole, Bernstein's West Side Story and Porter's Kiss Me Kate. Tickets cost £20 and can be purchased on the door, with all profits in aid of Homeless Action in Barnet.

Sunday 15 January

10:15 – 11:15 Limmud Conference Sharing

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

Tuesday 17 January

18:30 – 19:30 L.E.A.R.N

A new programme for all those post B'nei Mitzvah to Year 10 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. The second session this month will be on Tuesday 31 January. Enrol with sam@alyth.org.uk.

Wednesday 18 January

20:00 – 21:45 Judaism – The Essentials

'Essentials' is our programme of short courses for all those who want to ensure that their Judaism has firm foundations. This week taught by Jon Epstein. For more information contact josh@alyth.org.uk. This week: Anglo Jewish history.

Friday 20 January

18:30 – 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbis Josh and Mark.

19:30 – 21:30 Shabbat B'Yachad

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

Saturday 21 January

09:15 – 10:15 Shabbat Shuir: Holocaust Memorial Day - The Armenian and Roma Genocides

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. (*not 28 January as advertised in Around Alyth*)

10:00 – 12:15 Alyth Kindergarten Reunion Breakfast

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 at deputyhead@alyth.org.uk

10:30 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of Abbie Hass. Includes a supervised area for children.

11:00 – 12:00 Big Bang Service

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

15:30 – 16:45 Loss of a Child or Grandchild

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.

Regular Activities This Week

For more information about any of our activities please go to www.alyth.org.uk.

Friday

- Ruach Erev Shabbat (16:15 – 19:30)

Sunday

- Alyth Cycling Community (08:15 – 13:00)
- Sunday Shacharit (9:00 – 10:00)
- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:45)
- Alyth Academy of Performing Arts (18:00 – 21:00)

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Alyth Choral Society (20:00 – 22:00)

Wednesday

- Kef Zone (16:00 – 17:00)
- 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 – 21:30)
- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00) "Mindfulness – yes, but..."

Thursday

- Mellow Yoga (11:00 – 12:00)
- Talmud Class (13:00 – 14:15)
- Bridge (14:00 – 16:30)
- Year 9 Hadracha (18:30 – 19:30)

Friday

- Ruach Erev Shabbat (16:15 – 19:30)

Saturday

- Choir Rehearsal (09:15 – 10:15)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (9:00 – 10:00)
- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:45)
- Singing for Pleasure (15:00 – 17:00)
- Alyth Academy of Performing Arts (18:00 – 21:00)

Save the date

Alyth Arts Week

Sunday 12 – Sunday 19 February

We are delighted to be hosting a week of cultural events including:

- Musical Performances - Lectures by Rabbis and Academics
- Meet the Authors - Drama Performance
- Art Exhibition (all week) - Craft Fair (Sunday 19 February)

Go to www.alyth.org.uk/artswEEK for the full programme and to purchase tickets which are now on sale.

Alyth's 2017 Israel Trip

10 – 17 May (with an optional extension to 21 May)

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War and thus also half a century since Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza. Come with Rabbis Josh and Mark to see for yourself what life is like in a Jewish settlement town and in Hebron. Meet Israeli Jews and Palestinians in Israel and the West Bank and be able to experience both sides of the arguments around Israel. Our trip will also enable you to experience the best of Israeli Jewish artistic, musical, study and prayer creativity which helps to build our own Synagogue and its practices.

Twenty five places have been booked with around ten left - deposits must be received by 1 February. Information and Application Forms are at the front of the Synagogue.

Community News: 13 – 14 January 2017

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:

Irene and Matt on the baby naming of their daughter, Rosie Lunn, grand-daughter to **Anthony and Galia Gafson**.

Sinaya Jeffery and her family on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah and reading Torah with her community for the first time.

Leo Morad and his family on the occasion of him becoming Bar Mitzvah and reading Torah with his community for the first time.

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

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

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

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

Rachel Belman, mother of Clive Belman

Emmy Brieger, mother of Yvonne Baker and Ralph Richard

Rosa Butwick, mother of Daphne Price

Odette Anita Cohen, mother of Naomi Cotton, Zoe Nahum and Donna Feldman

Teddy Dreyfuss, father of Marion Harvey

Harry Galgut, father of Peter Galgut and Keith Galgut

Daphne Gore, mother of Sarah Ledermann

Harry Greene, father of Brian Greene

Barnet Greenman, husband of Irene Greenman, father of Louise Greenman, Anthony Greenman and Debi Gueron

Barbara Joffe, sister of Barry Stiefel

Woolf Kossoff, father of Hyman Kossoff

Ruth Kyte, mother of Nigel Kyte and Peter Kyte

Ivy Lyttleton, mother in law of Andrea Lyttleton

Charles Norris, father of Susan Harari

Barnet Oberman, father of Wendy Weiner

Linda Peters, sister of Daphne Price

Leon Ruck, father of Susan Bolsom

Gerda Strauss, former member of the Choir

Meta Wreschner, mother of Jeanette Cohen

Cecilia Zimmerman, mother of Jeremy Zimmerman

Song for Erev Shabbat

Od'cha - Psalm 118: 21-24

אוֹדְךָ כִּי עָנִיתָנִי וַתְּהִילֵנִי לִישׁוּעָה :
אֶבְרַח מֵאֲסוּ הַבּוֹנִים הַיְתָה לְרֹאשׁ פֶּנֶה :
מֵאֵת יְהוָה הַיְתָה זֹאת הִיא נִפְלְאוֹת בְּעֵינֵינוּ :
זֶה הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה יְהוָה נִגְלָה וְנִשְׁמְחָה בּוֹ :

*Od'cha ki anitani, vatt'hi li lishu'ah;
Even ma'asu ha-bonim hay'tah l'rosh pinnah.
Me'eit Adonai hay'tah zot, hi niflat b'eienu;
Zeh ha-yom asah Adonai, nagilah v'nism'chah vo.*

I thank You, for You answered me, it was You who saved me.
A stone the builders rejected has become the corner-stone itself.
Through God this came about, this wonder to our eyes.
This is the day God has made, let us be glad and rejoice on it.

Haftarah for Shabbat Va-y-chi

1 Kings 2: 1-12

When David's life was drawing to a close, he instructed his son Solomon as follows: "I am going the way of all the earth; be strong and show yourself a man. Keep the charge of the Eternal your God, walking in God's ways and following God's laws, commandments, rules, and admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn. Then the Eternal will fulfil the promise made concerning me: 'If your descendants are scrupulous in their conduct, and walk before Me faithfully, with all their heart and soul, your line on the throne of Israel shall never end!'" "Further, you know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of Israel's forces, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether: he killed them, shedding blood of war in peacetime, staining the girdle of his loins and the sandals on his feet with blood of war. So act in accordance with your wisdom, and see that his white hair does not go down to Sheol in peace. "But deal graciously with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, for they befriended me when I fled from your brother Absalom; let them be among those that eat at your table. "You must also deal with Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. He insulted me outrageously when I was on my way to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan and I swore to him by the Eternal: 'I will not put you to the sword.' So do not let him go unpunished; for you are a wise man and you will know how to deal with him and send his gray hair down to Sheol in blood." So David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David. The length of David's reign over Israel was forty years: he ruled for seven years in Hebron, and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem. And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.



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.

Alyth Arts Week

(12 - 19 February 2017)

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