

This Shabbat – 22 Shvat 5777

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark and Katie Hainbach.

19:30 Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

in the Leo Baeck Hall

Share a Shabbat meal and sing songs. Food is provided.

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 Yitro

	Exodus 18:24-19:13	Kollot will be reading Exodus 19:1-20
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10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Mark.

The Torah will be read by Toby Marks and Rabbi Mark.

The Haftarah (Joshua 24:2-16) will be read by Margaret Harris.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Mark.

10:30 Kollot Service

in the Leo Baeck Hall

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung with an area for children. Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise.

The D'var Torah will be given by Rabbi Josh.

The Torah will be read by Aviva Wiser.

The Haftarah will be taken from the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat

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 18 February

19:00 – 20:00 Alyth Arts Week - Salsa Dance Class & Soul Fiesta Party

Before the Soul Fiesta Party, a professional instructor will take you through the steps so that you can dance like an expert at the party.

20:00 – 23:00 Alyth Arts Week - Soul Fiesta Party

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.

Sunday 19 February

11:00 – 12:00 Alyth Arts Week - Renaissance and Baroque Synagogues with Dr. Gordon Higgott

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.

12:00 – 18:00 Alyth Arts Week - Craft Fair

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 homemade cakes and goodies and a structured play area for children with face painting and activities.

Monday 20 February

10:00 – 11:00 Breakfast and Cinema Club

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

Tuesday 21 February

18:30 – 19:30 L.E.A.R.N

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.

20:00 – 22:00 Alyth's Biblical Book Club

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.

The second session will be on Tuesday 28 February. Contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784 to register and if you need a copy of the text.

Friday 24 February

12:00 – 14:00 Chat 'n' Soup

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.

17:15 – 18:15 Guitar Course for services

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.

18:30 – 19:30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Including the Alyth Kids Choir.

18:30 – 21:30 Year 8 Chavurah Supper

Please join us for the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 18:30 followed by the Year 8 Chavurah Supper at 19:30; a “pot luck” dinner, where everyone provides a vegetarian or fish (nut free) dish, main course or dessert, and we all sit down together and enjoy dinner. This is for all families in Year 8, regardless of whether your child has had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah yet. Please contact sam@alyth.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 25 February

09:15 – 10:15 Shiur: The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

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.

10:30 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Service

A relaxed Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir. Including Annabelle Daiches reading Torah for the first time and Cyril Savage reading Haftarah on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

11:00 – 12:00 Big Bang Service

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience, this month with Rabbi Mark and the Big Bang musicians.

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

17:00 – 20:00 Secret Cinema

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.

Sunday 26 February

10:30 – 11:30 MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning

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.

19:00 – 21:00 Music Jam

Join Mike and Katie for a chilled evening of music and singing as we explore popular prayer tunes and some smash hit classics. The 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.

Regular Activities This Week

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

Saturday

- Choir Rehearsal (09:15 – 10:15)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (09:00 – 10:00)

Monday

- Senior Club (14:00 – 16:00) 'Discussion with Helen'

- Monday Club (19:30 – 21:30)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze (13:30 – 15:00)

- 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 – 21:45) 'Mitzvot & Jewish Life – Prayer'

- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00) “True Joy Of The Soul”

Thursday

- Mellow Yoga (11:00 – 12:00)

- Talmud Class (13:00 – 14:15)

- Bridge (14:00 – 16:30)

Friday

- Ruach Erev Shabbat (16:15 – 19:30)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (09:00 – 10:00)

- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:45)

- Monthly Drop-In for Recent Refugees (14:00 – 16:00)

- Singing for Pleasure (15:00 – 17:00)

- Alyth Academy of Performing Arts (18:00 – 21:00)

Community News: 17 – 18 February 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:

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

Nicole Ryer and her family as we welcome her new daughters Lola and Sadie into the community.

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

Lorna Hickey, sister of Jo Haller

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

Edith Alter, mother of Myra Bloch

Judith Baron Cohen, wife of Vivian Baron Cohen, mother of Simon, Aliza, Daniel and Ashley

Norma Bellman, mother of Peter Bellman and Penny Zoldan

Bernard Brodie, husband of Marguerita Brodie, father of Philip Brodie, David Brodie and Valerie Lis

Bert Brudney, father of Alan Brudney

Josephine Cohen, wife of Edward Cohen, mother of Annabel Cohen and Vivien Cohen

Ronald Dell, husband of Jacqueline Dell

Peggy Epstein, mother of Jon Epstein, Jane Epstein and Claire Yacobi

Doris Field, mother of Judith Dell

Harry Finlay, father of David Finlay

Lawrence Fisher, husband of Morella Kayman

Mandy Fisher, daughter of Morella Kayman, mother of Katie Kersen

Simone Kay, mother of David Kay

Betty Langer, mother of Henry Langer

Rachamim Levy, father of Aviva Wiser

Herbert Loebel, father of Miriam Grabiner, Naomi Baker and Robert Loyal

Daphne Maxwell, sister of Aileen Jampel

Bernard Moss, father of Vivien Summers

Nahum Ordman, husband of Marie Ordman, father Anthony Ordman and Hilary Ordman

El Roer, father of Colin Roer and Margaret Harris

Anne and Barney Salter, parents of Susan Licht

Boyd Smith, father of Nicholas Smith, Jonathan Smith and Hazel Smith

Bernie Wainer, father of Graham Wainer

Daniel Weinstein, father of Nicola Barnard and Simon Weinstein

Eliezer Zietcer, father of Haim Zietcer

The stone setting for **Martyn Gerrard** will take place at Cheshunt Cemetery on Sunday 19 February at 14:00.

The stone setting for **Gella Green** has been postponed from this Sunday. A new date will be notified shortly.

The Stone Setting for **Renee Rosenhead** will take place at Cheshunt Cemetery on Sunday 26 March at 11:15.

Save the date

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. 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. The Palace closes to the public at 12:30! See March's Around Alyth for full details. If you plan to run or walk any distance on behalf of our four great causes then please send your name and email address to bonnie@alyth.org.uk and we will send you a 'runners pack' well in advance of the day. Go to www.alyth.org.uk/alythrunsaturim if you would like to make a donation without taking part in the sponsored run/walk.

Songs for Erev Shabbat

Yom zeh l'yisrael

יום זה לישראל אורה ושמחה. שבת מנוחה:

Yom zeh l'yisra'el orah v'simchah, shabbat m'nuchah.

This day for Israel is light and is joy a Shabbat of rest.

Haftarah for Shabbat Yitro

(Joshua 24:2-16)

Then Joshua said to all the people, "Thus said the Eternal, the God of Israel: In olden times, your forefathers Terah, father of Abraham and father of Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from beyond the Euphrates and led him through the whole land of Canaan and multiplied his offspring. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir as his possession, while Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

"Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with [the wonders] that I wrought in their midst, after which I freed you, I freed your fathers from Egypt, and you came to the Sea. But the Egyptians pursued your fathers to the Sea of Reeds with chariots and horsemen. They cried out to the Eternal, and God put darkness between you and the Egyptians; then God brought the Sea upon them, and it covered them. Your own eyes saw what I did to the Egyptians.

"After you had lived a long time in the wilderness, I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan. They gave battle to you, but I delivered them into your hands; I annihilated them for you, and you took possession of their land. Thereupon Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, made ready to attack Israel. He sent for Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I refused to listen to Balaam; he had to bless you, and thus I saved you from him.

"Then you crossed the Jordan and you came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho and the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites, and Jebusites fought you, but I delivered them into your hands. I sent a plague ahead of you, and it drove them out before you, just like the two Amorite kings, not by your sword or by your bow. I have given you a land for which you did not labour and towns which you did not build, and you have settled in them; you are enjoying vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.

"Now, therefore, revere the Eternal and serve God with undivided loyalty; put away the gods that your forefathers served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Eternal. Or if you are loath to serve the Eternal, choose this day which ones you are going to serve, the gods that your forefathers served beyond the Euphrates, or those of the Amorites in whose land you are settled; but I and my household will serve the Eternal. In reply, the people declared, "Far be it from us to forsake the Eternal and serve other gods!"

Urgent Appeal

Alyth is forwarding this urgent appeal for sleeping bags for refugees remaining around Calais.

Holly Kal-Weiss writes "I have been involved with Help Refugees in Calais for over a year and a half. The Jungle may be gone but the refugees remain. Since our government's actions over the last few months, more and more children who had been promised sanctuary in the UK are unable to enter. They are slowly returning to Calais, hiding in the woods and relying on the long term Calais volunteers for food and clothes. They urgently need season 4 (the warmest) sleeping bags to remain safe in winter temperatures."

Each costs £36. Holly will purchase and take any that have been funded to Calais on 24 February. We are aiming to provide 200 from the Jewish community.

If you would like to donate a sleeping bag, please send a cheque for £36 made payable to NWRS to "Sleeping Bags", NWRS, Alyth Gardens, NW11 7EN, or to make a card payment, call Bonnie in the Alyth Office on 020 8457 8784 by Tuesday 21 February.



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.

