

# This Shabbat – 26 Nisan 5777

## Erev Shabbat

### 18:30 Erev Shabbat Service

*in the Beit Tefillah*

Led by Rabbi Josh.

## Shabbat Morning

There is an area for children in the Synagogue and also 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 Shmini

	Leviticus 10:1-20
Soncino	p445
Plaut (old)	p800
Plaut (new)	p709

### 9:15 Shabbat Shiur: The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

*in the Library*

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 Kollot Service

*in the Beit Tefillah*

An informal, participatory service, mostly in Hebrew, this week in the Beit Tefillah.

Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise.

The Torah will be read by Maya Darmon who will also give the Dvar Torah.

The Haftarah will be taken from Midrash Leviticus Rabbah 13:1, and will be introduced by Rabbi Josh.

### 10:30 Explanatory Service

*in the Library*

Join Rabbi Colin for Shacharit in the synagogue library, followed by a very special Torah service which will include explanations and study of the liturgy and choreography of this section of our tefillah.

## 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

## Sunday 23 April

### 10:30 – 11:30 MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning - The Yetzer HaRa

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.

As this Sunday is the morning before Yom HaShoah we will look at one Rabbinic response to the problem of evil, the idea of the evil inclination.

### 20:00 – 21:30 Yom HaShoah Ceremony

Join Rabbi Mark for our annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Beginning with the lighting of a memorial candle by all present, followed by a short ma'ariv service, the evening will continue with songs by AYS, testimonies and readings.

## Wednesday 26 April

### 16:00 – 17:00 Yom HaAtzmaut Zones

For Primary School children.

Join Chloe and the rest of the Kef Zone team for Yom Ha'atzmaut Zone! There will be Israel themed bunting making, face-painting, decorating cakes for Clara Nehab House and a yummy Israeli feast! Contact [chloe@alyth.org.uk](mailto:chloe@alyth.org.uk).

### 20:00 – 21:30 Judaism - The Essentials

'Essentials' is our programme of short courses for all those who want to ensure that their Judaism has firm foundations. For more information contact [josh@alyth.org.uk](mailto:josh@alyth.org.uk). This week: Israel, taught by Rabbi Maurice Michaels.

## Thursday 27 April

### 20:00 – 21:30 Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. This month's session will be "From Russia To Love – Growing up in the Soviet Union", one woman's personal story presented by Svetlana-Ruti Omelchenko. Contact Jackie at [honeyhill@btinternet.com](mailto:honeyhill@btinternet.com).

## Friday 28 April

### 18:30 – 19:30 Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Mark.

## Saturday 29 April

### 10:30 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of Juliette Saker.

### 10:30 – 12:15 Healing Service

Have you or someone you know experienced Mental Health challenges? During our Shabbat Morning Healing Service we will reflect on some of these challenges and how we can gain comfort from prayers, readings and our community. Led by Lynette Sunderland.

## Sunday 30 April & Monday 1 May

### Alyth Academy of Performing Arts presents: Bye Bye Birdie

#### 15:00 and 19:00 performances on both days

Come and enjoy AAPA's performance of the 1963 American musical comedy. Contact [bonnie@alyth.org.uk](mailto:bonnie@alyth.org.uk) for tickets: £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £3 for children.



# Regular Activities This Week

The following activities are still taking place throughout the holidays. For more information about any of our activities please go to [www.alyth.org.uk](http://www.alyth.org.uk).

## 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)

## Monday

- Alyth Toddler Group (09:30 – 11:30)
- Senior Club (14:00 – 15:30)
- 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 – 21:45)
- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00) 'God Knows'

## Thursday

- Mellow Yoga (11:00 – 12:00)
- Talmud Class (13:00 – 14:15)
- Bridge (14:00 – 16:30)

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## Sunday

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## Alyth's Annual General Meeting

### Sunday 7 May, 10:15-12:00

The AGM is open to every member to attend.

Papers were posted on 13 April. Go to [www.alyth.org.uk/agm](http://www.alyth.org.uk/agm) for further copies

### Make a difference and stand for Council

If you would like to be involved in the decision-making body of the synagogue you need to stand for Alyth's Council. There are two places available in addition to the places for which current Council members are seeking re-election. Please email our Chair, Noeleen Cohen at [chair@alyth.org.uk](mailto:chair@alyth.org.uk) if you have any questions about the process and what is involved.

## Volunteers Needed: The Alyth Minibus

Alyth is delighted to have received funding towards an Alyth minibus, which we will launch later this year. The minibus will enable members of our community to access programmes and services at the Synagogue more easily than at present, hosted by other members of our community.

We are looking for volunteers with a D1 license (including anyone who passed their test before 1997) to drive the minibus and others to act as hosts on the minibus, on a rota basis. Full training will be given. We anticipate that the commitment involved will be approximately one and a half hours on each occasion.

To volunteer or to find out more details please contact [lynette@alyth.org.uk](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

# Songs for Erev Shabbat

## Hashkiveinu

Music: Dan Nichols

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ לְחַיִּים

*Hashkiveinu Adonai eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu malkeinu l'chayyim*

Spread the shelter of Your peace over us  
Guide us in wisdom, compassion and trust  
Save us for the sake of Your name  
Shield us from hatred, sorrow and pain

# Community News: 21 – 22 April 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:

**Maya Darmon** and her family on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah and reading Torah with her community for the first time.

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

**Joy Alexander**, mother of Sue Haskel

**Betty Burns**, mother of Hugh Burns

**Rose Cooper**, mother of Pauline Gordon

**Sonia Dirmeik**, mother of Felicity Andrews

**Abraham Elks**, father of Judith Cowen

**Lisl Francken**, mother of John Francken

**Howard Harris**, husband of Maria Harris, father of Mark Harris and Nicole Levi

**Hilda Horn**, mother of Ruth Arnold

**Joan Klein**, mother of Michael Klein

**Alfred Levi**, father of Henry Levi

**Debbe Lyons**, mother of Alan Lyons

**Rita Mendoza**, mother of Laurance Mendoza

**Rietje Oltheten**, mother of Carien Smith

**Phillip Pepperman**, father of Morella Kayman

**Laurence Pyzer**, husband of Odette Pyzer, father of Gideon Pyzer and Athalia Pyzer

**Max Rinkoff**, father of Raymond Rinkoff

**Sylvie Schrire**, mother of Gail Flesch

**Toddy Schrire**, father of Gail Flesch

**Rinah Smith**, niece of Gail Flesch

**Tamar Smith**, sister of Gail Flesch

The Stone Setting for **Thea Baum** will be held on Sunday 30 April at 11:15 at Cheshunt Cemetery.

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### Rabbinic Team

Rabbi Josh Levy (Rabbinic Partner)  
Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (Rabbinic Partner)  
Rabbi Colin Eimer

# Kollot Haftarah for Shabbat Shmini

## Before reading the Haftarah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ בַת קוֹל שְׁאֲמַרְהָ אֵלֶיךָ וְאֵלֶיךָ דְבָרֵי חֻקֵּיךָ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה הַבּוֹחֵר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבְמִשְׁפָּחָה עֲבָדֶיךָ וּבְחַכְמֵי אֻמָּת: וְצִדֵּק:

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who gave to us a heavenly voice to say that "These *and* these" are words of wisdom. Blessed are You God, You chose the Torah, Moses Your servant, Israel Your people and true and righteous Sages.

*Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu bat kol she'amrah eilu va'eilu divrei chochmah. Baruch attah Adonai, ha-bocheir ba-torah, uv'mosheh avdo, uv'yisra'el ammo, uv'chachmei emet va-tzedek.*

## Midrash Leviticus Rabbah 13:1

וּיקצוּף עַל אֵלְעָזָר וְעַל אִיתָמָר... וְכִיֹּן שִׁכַעַס נִתְעַלְמָה מִמֶּנּוּ הַלְכָה שְׁאוֹנֵן אֲסוּר לֹאכּוֹל בִּקְדָשִׁים

וְכִיֹּן שִׁכַעַס נִתְעַלְמָה מִמֶּנּוּ הַלְכָה שְׁאוֹנֵן אֲסוּר לֹאכּוֹל בִּקְדָשִׁים

HE WAS ANGRY WITH ELEAZAR AND WITH ITAMAR (Leviticus 10:16)

When Moses became angry, he forgot the law that it is forbidden for an *onen* (the term for someone who has been bereaved, during the period prior to the funeral) to eat consecrated food...

וַיְדַבֵּר אֶהָרֵן אֶל מֹשֶׁה... אָמַר לוֹ הַיּוֹם מָתוּ בָנֵי וְהַיּוֹם אֶקְרִיב קָרְבָן הַיּוֹם מָתוּ וְהַיּוֹם אוֹכֵל בִּקְדָשִׁים מִיַּד דָּרַשׁ אֶהָרֵן ק"ו לְמֹשֶׁה וּמָה מַעֲשֵׂר הַקֵּל אֲסוּר לְאוֹנֵן חֲטָאת דַּחְמִיר אֵינוֹ דִּין שִׁיָּא אֲסוּר בְּאוֹנֵן

AND AARON SPOKE TO MOSES (Leviticus 10:19)...

He said to him, "Today my sons died; shall I, today, offer up a sacrifice? Today they died; shall I, today, eat consecrated food?" Then, Aaron propounded to Moses a *kal va-chomer*, a legal argument from the minor to major, "Since the tithe, which is of lesser importance, is forbidden to be eaten by an *onen*, how much more so must a sin-offering, which is more serious, be forbidden to an *onen*?"

מִיַּד וַיִּשְׁמַע מֹשֶׁה וַיִּיטֵב בְּעֵינָיו הוֹצִיא כְרוּז לְכָל הַמַּחֲנֶה וָאָמַר אֲנִי טַעֲיִיתִי אֶת הַהֲלָכָה וְאֶהָרֵן אַחִי בָא וְלָמַד לִי

Immediately Moses heard, IT WAS PLEASING TO HIM (Leviticus 10:20), and he issued a proclamation to all the camp [of the Israelites], saying, "I made an error with regard to the law, and Aaron my brother came and taught it to me."

אֵלְעָזָר וְעַל אִיתָמָר יָדַע אֶת הַהֲלָכָה וְשָׁתַק אִיתָמָר יָדַע אֶת הַהֲלָכָה וְשָׁתַק זָכוּ וְנִתְיַחַד הַדִּיבּוּר עֲלֵיהֶם וְעַל אֲבִיהֶם וְעַל אַחֵי אֲבִיהֶם בַּחִיָּהם הַה"ד וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה וָאֵל אֶהָרֵן לֵאמֹר אֲלֵיהֶם תִּנִּי ר' חִיָּא לֵאמֹר אֲלֵיהֶם לְבָנִים לְאֵלְעָזָר וְאִיתָמָר:

Both Eleazar and Itamar had also known the law, but [out of respect for Moses] they kept silent. Thus they merited that divine speech was addressed directly to them, to their father, and to their father's brother in their lifetime.

As it is written [in the next verse]: AND THE ETERNAL SPOKE TO MOSES AND TO AARON, SAYING TO THEM (Leviticus 11:1). Rabbi Chiya taught that TO THEM means "To the sons - to Eleazar and Itamar".

## After reading the Haftarah

עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל דְּבָרֵי חֻקֵּיךָ וְעַל יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיט הַזֶּה שֶׁנִּתְּתָ לָנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְקַדְּשָׁה וְלִמְנוּחָה לְקַבּוֹד וּלְתִפְאַרֶת. עַל הַפֶּל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ וּמְבַרְכִים אוֹתְךָ. יִתְבָּרַךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי כָל־יֹמֵי תְּמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה. מְקַדְּשׁ הַשְּׁבִיט:

For the Torah, for the service, for words of wisdom, and for this Shabbat day which You gave us, our Living God, for holiness and rest, for glory and beauty - for all these, God our Creator, we thank and bless You. May Your name be blessed by the mouth of all living forever and ever. Blessed are You God, who makes the Shabbat holy.

*Al ha-torah v'al ha-avodah, v'al divrei chochmah, v'al yom ha-shabbat ha-zeh, shennatatta lanu, Adonai eloheinu, likdushah v'limnuchah, l'chavod ul'tif'aret, al ha-kol Adonai eloheinu, anachnu modim lach um'var'chim otach, yitbarach shimcha b'fi chol chai tamid l'olam va'ed. Baruch attah Adonai, m'kaddeish ha-shabbat.*



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 Shelom.