

This Shabbat – 24 Iyar 5777

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Josh and Katie Hainbach.

19:30 Shabbat B’Yachad (Shabbat Together)

in the Leo Baeck Hall

Join us for a Shabbat dinner with fantastic food and company. No charge (donations are welcome).

Shabbat Morning

There is an area for children in the Synagogue and 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 B’har – B’chukkotai

Leviticus 25:19-38 / 26:30-46

Soncino p534

Plaut (old) p947

Plaut (new) p851

09:15 The Alyth Minibus Breakfast

in the Library

A special breakfast for all those who have expressed an interest in, or would like to find out more about, driving and/or hosting users of our new minibus. As well as eating together, we will share more information about how the project will work.

10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

in the Beit Tefillah

Led by Rabbi Colin and the Alyth choir.

The Torah will be read by Rabbi Colin. The Haftarah (Jeremiah 32:6-27) will be read by Lynette Sunderland. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Colin.

11:00 Big Bang Service

in the Youth Hall

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

Shabbat Shalom to all Alyth members currently with Rabbi Mark in Israel for the World Union For Progressive Judaism Convention in Jerusalem.

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.

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

Monday 22 May

12:45 – 13:45 JOY: Joining Young and Old

Join our Alyth Kindergarten and Jenny Kossew, who has over 20 years of experience working with and bringing joy to intergenerational groups of people.

Tuesday 23 May

19:30 – 22:00 Election Hustings for the Finchley and Golders Green Parliamentary Constituency

Alyth, in conjunction with the London Jewish Forum and Jewish News, will be hosting the Jewish community’s election hustings for the Finchley and Golders Green Parliamentary Constituency.

All the candidates have been invited to the hustings and the following have confirmed their attendance: Jonathan Davies (Liberal Democrat), Mike Freer (The Conservative Party), Jeremy Newmark (The Labour Party) and Adele Ward (Green Party).

The chair of the hustings will be Jessica Elgot, Alyth member and political reporter for the Guardian. All participants will be welcome to submit questions to the candidates on the night. Please register at www.thejlc.org/fgghustings1.

Wednesday 24 May

16:00 – 17:00 Shavuot Zone

Join Chloe and the rest of the Kef Zone team for Shavuot Zone where we will be come together to write our own ten commandments and bake cheesecake!

20:00 – 21:45 Judaism - The Essentials: Shavuot

‘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 info contact josh@alyth.org.uk.

Thursday 25 May

20:00 – 22:00 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 given by Dr Helen Fry, about women in wars who do extraordinary things. Contact Jackie at honeyhill@btinternet.com to book.

Friday 26 May

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.

18:30 – 19:30 Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Josh, Katie Hainbach and the Kids Choir

Saturday 27 May

09:15 – 10:15 Shabbat Shiur: The First Hebrew Shakespeare Translations

In this shiur, Alyth member Dr Lily Kahn, Reader in Hebrew and Jewish Languages at UCL, will share from her research into the earliest translations of Shakespeare plays into Hebrew - Isaac Edward Salkinson’s “Ithiel the Cushite of Veice” (Othello, Vienna, 1874) and “Ram and Jael” (Romeo and Juliet, Vienna, 1878). Salkinson’s work offers a fascinating and unique perspective on global Shakespeare. Differing significantly from the original English, the translations are replete with biblical, rabbinic, and medieval Hebrew textual references and reflect a profoundly Jewish religious and cultural setting. Lily will illustrate her talk with PowerPoint images from the works.

10:30 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Kollot Style Service

An informal, participatory service, mostly in Hebrew, this week in the Beit Tefillah. Led by Rabbi Josh with Justin Wise. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of Eden Zadka.

10:30 – 12:15 Explanatory Service: Simply a clever ‘cobbling together’ of odd Biblical verses?

How does our service use Biblical text? Join Rabbi Colin as we progress through the service, looking at ways in which the text is employed.

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)

Saturday

- Choir Rehearsal (09:15 – 10:15)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (09:00 – 10:00)
- Sunday Morning Galim (10:00 – 12:45)
- Singing for Pleasure (15:00 – 17:00)

Monday

- Alyth Toddler Group (09:30 – 11:30)
- Senior Club (14:00 – 15:30) ‘Outing’
- 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)
- Judaism – The Essentials (20:00 – 21:45) ‘Shavuot’
- Jewish Mindfulness Meditation (20:00 – 21:00)

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)
- Alyth Kids Choir (17:15 – 18:00)

Sunday

- Sunday Shacharit (09:00 – 10:00)
- Monthly Drop-In for Recent Refugees (14:00 – 16:00)

Save the Date

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday 30 May

We join Finchley and Radlett Reform Synagogues and the Leo Baeck College for our Erev Shavuot service at the Sternberg Centre, followed by dinner and our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.

16:30 Shavuot Kuddle-Up Den service for pre-school families

17:00 Youth Activities including a light meal

18:30 Erev Shavuot Service

19:15 Dinner followed by Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (evening of study) with Rabbis and teachers from the three communities and LBC. There will be study and meditation options throughout the night. We will end with a dawn Shacharit service at 3:30am. *(You are welcome to attend individual elements of the evening and be with us as long as you want)*

Shavuot, Wednesday 31 May

Join us back at Alyth for our Shavuot morning programme.

9:00 Shavuot Morning Shiur

10:15 Shavuot Morning Service or Loiter With Purpose: Shavuot Special

Volunteer Shabbat and Early Start Musical Service, Saturday 3 June

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, we thank all those who have contributed their time to the life of the Alyth community with a special Shabbat service.

Join Rabbi Josh, Katie Hainbach and the Alyth Choir, starting at 9:15 as we take extra time over the early part of the morning service. At 10:15 we will pause for some silence (or a cup of coffee) as we welcome the rest of the community, and prepare for the Bar’chu which will be sung at 10:30.

During the service, we will be honouring volunteers who work on behalf of Alyth and the wider community. The Sermon will be given by Jonathan Arkush, President of The Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Following the service we invite synagogue volunteers to share a chavurah lunch.

Contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk to book your place at lunch.

Community News: 19 – 20 May 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:

Lynette Sunderland on celebrating her 50th birthday.

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

Louise Emanuel, Louis Segal, father of Virginia Segal, Nicholas Segal and Elizabeth Nyavie.

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

William Adelman, father of Michael Adelman, brother of Roger Adelman

Milhaly Braunstein, victim of the Hashoah, remembered by Brian Goldich

Sydney Brown, father of David Brown

Frederick Beerman, father of Edna Sovin

Hanna Beerman, mother of Edna Sovin

Lily Dywien, mother of Susan Burns

Clarice Friedman, mother of Danny Friedman

Daniel Gertler, father of Frances Miller

Curtis Goliard, uncle of Robert Jackman

Marie Gotlieb, mother of Valerie Levy

Walter Jackman, father of Robert Jackman

Esther Langdon, mother of Selina Gellert

Sheila Levy, wife of Raphael (Jose) Levy, mother of Maxine Levy

Abraham Mordecai, father of Aslan Mordecai

Rose Rubin, mother of Vivienne Stanton

Ya'acov Stadler, father of Ziv Stadler

Sam Twivy, father of Paul Twivy

Benzion Wainsten, father of Andrew Wainstein

Contact Us

Please contact us if Alyth can help you in any way.

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Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (Rabbinic Partner)

Songs for Erev Shabbat

Ya'aloz Sadai (Psalm 96:12)

יַעֲלוּ שְׂדֵי וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ אֲז יִרְנְנוּ כָּל-עֵצֵי-יַעַר :

Ya'aloz sadai v'chol asher bo; Ya'aloz sadai ai yai yai yai x2

Az y'rann'nu kol atsei ya'ar x4

Let the field be glad and all within it, let all trees of the forest sing out

Hashkiveinu

Music: Craig Taubman

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מִלְּפָנֶיךָ לְחַיִּים.

וּשְׁמֹר צְאֲתָנוּ וּבֹאֲנוּ לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

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

Ush'mor tseiteinu uvo'einu l'chayyim ul'shalom mei'attah v'ad olam

Source of our life and our Sovereign, cause us to lie down in peace, and rise again to enjoy life.

Guard us when we go out and when we come in, to enjoy life and peace both now and forever.

Haftarah for Shabbat B'har – B'chukkotai

Jeremiah 32:6-27

Jeremiah said: The word of the Eternal came to me: Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you and say, "Buy my land in Anathoth, for you are next in succession to redeem it by purchase". And just as the Eternal had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the prison compound and said to me, "Please buy my land in Anathoth, in the territory of Benjamin; for the right of succession is yours, and you have the duty of redemption. Buy it." Then I knew that it was indeed the word of the Eternal. So I bought the land in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I wrote a deed, sealed it, and had it witnessed; and I weighed out the silver on a balance. I took the deed of purchase, the sealed text and the open one according to rule and law and gave the deed to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah in the presence of my kinsman Hanamel, of the witnesses who were named in the deed, and all the Judeans who were sitting in the prison compound. In their presence I charged Baruch as follows: Thus said the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these documents, this deed of purchase, the sealed text and the open one, and put them into an earthen jar, so that they may last a long time." For thus said the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses, fields, and vineyards shall again be purchased in this land."

But after I had given the deed to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to the Eternal, saying: 'Ah, Eternal God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the God of hosts, great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. You have shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day. You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror. And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or walk in your law. They did nothing of all you commanded them to do. Therefore you have made all this disaster come upon them. Behold, the siege mounds have come up to the city to take it, and because of sword and famine and pestilence the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. What you spoke has come to pass, and behold, you see it. Yet you, O Eternal God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"—though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans."

The word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah: "Behold, I am the Eternal, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"



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.