

# This Shabbat – 1 Cheshvan 5778

## Erev Shabbat

**18:30 Erev Shabbat Service (in the Beit Tefillah)**

Led by Rabbis Josh and Hannah.

**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 but donations are always welcome.

## 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.

**9:15 New Music Morning (in the Kindergarten)**

An opportunity to learn and sing new liturgical music with Rabbi Josh and Katie Hainbach. We will learn a number of new pieces which will be sung across our range of services, as well as discussing how the music fits the liturgy. This morning is suitable for everyone and you do not need to read sheet music.

**10:30 Shabbat Morning Service (in the Beit Tefillah)**

A special Shabbat morning service with guitar and piano for Shabbat Rosh Chodesh. Led by Rabbi Josh and the Alyth Choir.

The Torah will be read by Dylan Domb.

The Haftarah (Isaiah 66: 15-23) will be read by some of those who sang in Alyth's first Children's Choir 50 years ago this month.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Josh.

**11:00 Big Bang (in the Youth Hall)**

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

**Torah Reading: Shabbat Noach**

Genesis 11:1-11

Soncino p38

Plaut (old) p80

Plaut (new) p69

**Rosh Chodesh**

Genesis 1:14-19

Soncino p3

Plaut (old) p19

Plaut (new) p20

## 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

**Sunday 22 October**

**10:30 - 11:30**

**Monthly Midrash in the Morning**

**The Genesis Stories through the Eyes of the Rabbis**

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. Over the next few months we will look at Genesis through the eyes of the Rabbis

**Wednesday 25 October**

**20:00 - 21:00**

**Jewish Mindfulness Meditation - "Lech L'cha"**

This week in the Torah Abraham and Sarah set out on the journey that will begin the Jewish people. Our meditation will take us on a journey inside our own selves as we build the determination to move forwards.

Led by Rabbi Mark and Mika Hadar-Borthwick.

**Thursday 26 October**

**17:00 - 18:45**

**Bake your own Challah**

Join Rabbis Mark and Hannah to prepare, shape and bake your own Challah to take home for Shabbat. All ingredients provided. You need to pre-register for this event so we know how much to provide and prepare. The event will include a live video link up to Temple Israel in Cape Town who are running the same event at the same time, 8000 miles south! Email Saskia at office@alyth.org.uk. All ages welcome.

**Friday 27 October**

**18:30 - 19:30**

**Erev Shabbat Service**

Led by Rabbis Mark and Hannah, with Ben Levett.

**Saturday 28 October**

**09:15 - 10:15**

**Parashat Lech Lecha - Is Circumcision a Thing of the Past?**

In this week's portion we read about Brit Milah, the covenant of circumcision. At a time when an increasing number of Jews are choosing not to have their children circumcised, is it now an outdated ritual? How do we justify a gendered childhood ritual in a community which prides itself on equality as a core value?

Join Rabbi Hannah to explore traditional and modern sources and ask the question - is circumcision a thing of the past?

**10:30 - 12:15**

**Shabbat Morning Service**

Led by Rabbi Hannah and the Alyth choir.

**Sunday 29 October**

**15:00 - 17:30**

**Service of Celebration**

Join us at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, NW8 7HA, for an afternoon of celebration and reflection marking the 50th anniversary of the partial legalisation of male homosexuality in England and Wales. The service will be led by rabbis including Rabbi Josh and the guest speaker will be Robert Rinder, criminal law barrister, who will discuss the legal process involved in this landmark decision and implications of the anniversary. Go to [www.reformjudaism.org.uk](http://www.reformjudaism.org.uk) for tickets.

*We wish n'siah tovah to all the participants on the Alyth Youth Singers trip to Italy, where they will perform to local synagogues and Jewish centres, and to the Year 8 B'nei Mitzvah Budapest trip who will be learning about Jewish history and enjoying Budapest together as a year group.*

**Jewish School Admission Form Signings**

**Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 October**

The Alyth team is delighted to support your application for admission to a Jewish school. These dates are available for signing school admission forms for those who have already attended the required number of services. These sessions will be by appointment only. Contact Saskia at office@alyth.org.uk to book. If you have been collecting Shul Sheets to show synagogue attendance, please remember to bring them with you.

# Regular Activities This Week

The following activities are still taking place throughout the school 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)

**Sunday**

- Sunday Shacharit (9:00)

- Singing for Pleasure (15:00)

**Monday**

- Senior Club Outing (14:00)

**Tuesday**

- Alyth Choral Society (20:00)

**Thursday**

- Mellow Yoga (11:00)

- Talmud Class (13:00)

- Bridge (13:30)

**Sunday**

- Sunday Shacharit (9:00)

- Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees (14:00)

## Save the date

**The Alyth Book Club**

**Tuesday 31 October, 20:00**

Join Rabbi Josh for the new Alyth Book Club. Every two months we will come together to discuss a Jewish book over light refreshments and a glass of wine. Over the months we will read a range of works from across the religious spectrum. Our first book will be "Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself" by Rabbi Donniel Hartman. Please let Rabbi Josh know that you are coming at [josh@alyth.org.uk](mailto:josh@alyth.org.uk).

**Auditions: Alyth Academy of Performing Arts**

**Sunday 5 November, 18:00-21:00**

Auditions for Academy's May Bank Holiday production of "Guys and Dolls" will take place on Sunday 5 November (18:00-21:00). If you are not a member of the Academy but would like to join and then audition for this show please email [sam@alyth.org.uk](mailto:sam@alyth.org.uk) before 1 November.

**Tefillah Jam**

**Saturday 4 November, 10:30-12:15**

Bring your instruments and your voices to the Alyth Tefillah Jam. Join Rabbi Josh to learn prayers from different parts of the morning liturgy before we 'jam' them together. Contact [josh@alyth.org.uk](mailto:josh@alyth.org.uk) to get the music in advance.

**Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz**

**Saturday 12 November, 19:15-22:30**

Please join us for what is always a fun filled sell-out event.

Tickets cost £26 per person (includes supper) and can be purchased by emailing Saskia at [office@alyth.org.uk](mailto:office@alyth.org.uk).

You can also buy raffle tickets, with all the proceeds going towards the new Alyth minibus. The minibus will help less able members of our community to access programmes and services at the Synagogue more easily than at present. It will also be used by our Youth and Education department.

The fantastic prizes include a Ted Baker Luxury gift; West End Show Tickets; 2 Club Wembley England International Tickets; Melanie's Sushi Making Session; Dental Hygienist Treatment; Personal Trainer Sessions; £30 Manicure; and more.

Raffle tickets are available from Alyth Reception or with Saskia on 020 8457 8784 or [office@alyth.org.uk](mailto:office@alyth.org.uk) and cost £2 per ticket, £10.00 per book of 5, or £20.00 for 3 books.

## Community News: 20 - 21 October 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:

**Dylan Domb** on the occasion of him becoming Bar Mitzvah and reading Torah with his community for the first time.

**Jimmie and Amy Joseph** on the birth of their baby boy.

**Ethan and Danielle Segal** on the birth of their son Theo.

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

**Kitty Yaros**, mother of Fran Moscow and Anita Perry

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

**Peter Angus-Leppan**, father of Heather Guiloff

**Jack Bellman**, father of Peter Bellman and Penny Zoldan

**Miriam Bermant**, aunt of Hannah Jacobs

**Louis Bloch**, father of Cyril Bloch

**Freda Chazen**, mother of Lynette Sunderland and Debbie Korel

**John Dudley**, father of Annabelle Daiches

**Laszlo Easton**, husband of Katinka Easton

**Henry Fridjohn**, father of Dorothy Sefton-Green and Sara Sayers

**Felix Grayeff**, father of Leonie Breeds

**Marianne Grayeff**, mother of Leonie Breeds

**Barbara Green**, mother of Mark Green

**Harry Jacobs**, father of Gerald Jacobs

**Jessie Jay**, mother of Melvyn Jay

**Anne Loebel**, mother of Naomi Baker, Miriam Grabiner and Robert Loyal

**David Rubin**, husband of Naomi Rubin, father of Amanda Lewis and Jacqui Mayes

**Raymond Rudaizky**, husband of Shirley Rudaizky, father of Kathryn Tansey and John Rudaizky

**Abraham Silverman**, father of Lillian Moss and Manny Silverman

**Harry Urban**, father of Mark Urban

We invite everyone who is in mourning to lead the community in the Mourner's Kaddish at the end of the service, supported by the *Shaliach* or *Shlichat Tzibbur*. Kaddish can be found on page 316 of the siddur.

## Erev Shabbat Supplement

### Hava Nashirah

Music: Josh Nelson

הָבָה נְשִׁירָה

שִׁיר הַלְלוּיָהּ

Hava, Hava Nashirah; Shir Halleluyah, Shir Halleluyah

Let us sing a song of praise.

### Ozi v'zimrat yah

עֲזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה לִי לְיִשׁוּעָה

*Ozi v'zimrat yah vay'hi li lishu'ah*

God the Eternal is my strength and song and has become my salvation!

## Haftarah Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

### Isaiah 66: 15-23

See, the Eternal is coming with fire—God's chariots are like a whirlwind—to vent God's anger in fury, God's rebuke in flaming fire. For with fire will the Eternal contend, with God's sword, against all flesh; and many shall be the slain of the Eternal.

Those who sanctify and purify themselves to enter the groves, imitating one in the centre, eating the flesh of the swine, the reptile, and the mouse, shall one and all come to an end—declares the Eternal. For I (know) their deeds and purposes.

The time has come to gather all the nations and tongues; they shall come and behold My glory. I will set a sign among them, and send from them survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Puł, and Lud—that draw the bow—to Tubal, Javan, and the distant coasts, that have never heard My fame nor beheld My glory. They shall declare My glory among these nations.

And out of all the nations, said the Eternal, they shall bring all your brothers on horses, in chariots and drays, on mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem My holy mountain as an offering to the Eternal—just as the Israelites bring an offering in a pure vessel to the House of the Eternal. And from them likewise I will take some to be levitical priests, said the Eternal.

For as the new heaven and the new earth which I will make shall endure by My will —declares the Eternal — So shall your seed and your name endure.

And new moon after new moon, and sabbath after sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship Me—said the Eternal.

## Contact Us

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

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