



YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYTHING
HAPPENING FOR ALYTH'S
HIGH HOLY DAYS AND
FESTIVALS SERVICES

5775 - 2014

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**Please bring this leaflet and
your new style ticket with you
on the High Holy Days**

**North Western Reform
Synagogue**

Welcome to the High Holy Days at Alyth

The Clergy, Staff and Council wish you a Happy New Year and wish you well over the Fast. We welcome you to our High Holy Days booklet for 5775.

Inside, you will find an outline of the services, learning opportunities and activities taking place over the *Yamim Noraim* - Days of Awe.

Our activities continue to develop as we seek to respond to the needs of our 3100 members, so please take some time to look over this year's programme.

If you would like to know anything more, feel free to contact one of the Alyth team who will be pleased to help you.

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Important Information

Visitor tickets

These can be purchased from the Alyth office by contacting Bonnie Lemer at **bonnie@alyth.org.uk** or on **020 8457 8784**.

Transport Help

If you need help with transport to and from the services, please contact Lynette Sunderland on **020 8457 8793** by **Monday 22 September 2014** at the latest.

Smoking, Food, Dress and Phones

Smoking is not permitted at the Sternberg Centre or at Alyth. We also ask that no food should be brought into the marquee at any time, appropriate dress should be worn and that mobile phones are set to silent mode.

Service Locations

We are holding services at both the Sternberg Centre and the Synagogue in Alyth Gardens on first day *Rosh Hashanah*. All services for Second Day *Rosh Hashanah* take place at the Synagogue. All services for *Yom Kippur* will take place at the Sternberg Centre.

Free transport between Alyth Gardens and the Sternberg Centre (and back!)

On first day *Rosh Hashanah* we will be running a free minibus shuttle, starting at **09:45** from the Sternberg Centre, with the final shuttle at **12:30** leaving the Synagogue. The shuttle will run every fifteen minutes. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult to use the coach. The service will be operated by Davian Coach Company.

High Holy Days webcam - joining in at home

Please feel welcome to participate in our services on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, first day *Rosh Hashanah*, *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur* via webcam. All you need to do is go to www.alyth.org.uk and click on the link.

Pre High Holy Days

Services and study through Elul

Elul, the month preceding *Rosh Hashanah*, is traditionally a time of preparation for the High Holy Days. Among the rituals we will include in our Shabbat services are the sounding of the *shofar* at the morning service, which serves as a wake up call to those preparing for the period, and the recitation of Psalm 27 in our services.

Unlock Your High Holy Days Voice

Thursday 11 September, 20:00 - 22:00

Learn techniques to enable you to get the best out of your voice. For many people the ability to sing well eludes them. However for most, given the right guidance, they can unlock the hidden potential in their larynx and enjoy the wonderful thrill of singing along 'in tune'. Join Viv Bellos and Cantor Cheryl Wunch who together will give you the technical know how and teach you some beautiful melodies to make your High Holy Days experience even more meaningful.

Gateway to Judaism: The Jewish Calendar

Wednesday 17 September, 20:00 - 21:45

Alyth's introduction to Judaism Course begins its year with a look at the Jewish calendar, and especially the origins, themes and motifs of the High Holy Days. Gateway is open to any Alyth member who would like to ensure their Jewish knowledge has firm foundations, as well as those converting to Judaism. With Rabbi Josh Levy and Jon Epstein.

Rosh Hashanah Talmud Class with Gilad Kariv

Thursday 18 September, 13:00 - 14:15

A very special session of our welcoming *Talmud* class, taught by Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), and Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, on the theme of *Rosh Hashanah*. Rabbi Gilad Kariv will also be our guest on *Erev Shabbat*, 19 September.

**Lo va-shamayim hi - It is not in heaven
(Deuteronomy 30:12)**

Parallel Adult and Family Shiurim

Saturday 20 September, 09:15 - 10:15

Prepare for *Rosh Hashanah* with the first of our new parallel *shiurim*.

The 'adult' *shiur*, to which all members are welcome, will take place with Rabbi Josh Levy, offering text study based on the *parashat hashavua* (weekly portion).

New for this year – once a month, running in parallel with the adult *shiur*, Lynette Sunderland will offer a learning session for children on the same theme, so parents and children can discuss together what they have learned. This month both *shiurim* will take as their starting point the important verse in this week's portion – 'It (*Torah*) is not in heaven'.

Selichot

Saturday 20 September, from 20:00

This year, we will begin our *Selichot* observance with a film and discussion on a theme related to the High Holy Days. There will be light refreshments served as we transition into our reflective choral service.

The film will begin at 20:00 and the service will begin at 22:15.

**Special pre-Rosh Hashanah learning morning
for all ages**

Sunday 21 September, 10:30 - 12:30

Join us for a special *Rosh Hashanah* morning to prepare to welcome in 5775 - including songs, arts and craft, and cooking. With options for children of all ages and parallel adult sessions. The morning will also include a 'Big Bang Rosh Hashanah' rehearsal, with the opportunity to learn new melodies before *Rosh Hashanah* morning.

Rosh Hashanah

EREV ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY (Wednesday 24 September)

At the Sternberg Centre

18:30 Service (Marquee)

The Jewish Year begins with our service for *Erev Rosh Hashanah*. Join the clergy team as we use the new draft edition of our Days of Awe *Machzor* for the first time. **Copies of the book will be available at the service, so there is no need to bring your own *Machzor***, and there will be opportunities later in the High Holy Days to share your feedback.

All of our High Holy Days sermons this year will consider tradition and response, building Judaism now and for the future. This evening, the sermon will be given by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith.

ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY (Thursday 25 September)

Services and learning opportunities at the Sternberg Centre

10:15 Crèche (Room 1 - Manor House)

We offer a crèche for the youngest children, led by a staff member from Alyth kindergarten. In order to provide the correct numbers of carers in the crèche, places can only be offered to children whose parents have pre-booked their place through Bonnie Lemer on 020 8457 8784.

10:30 Marquee Service (Marquee)

Shacharit will be led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and members of the community. The sermon will be given by Cantor Cheryl Wunch. *Musaf* will be led by Rabbi Josh Levy.

10:45 Kollot
(Old Synagogue - Manor House)

Kollot is a sung service which takes place in the round, largely in Hebrew, and which encourages lay participation and communal singing. Led by Kollot members with our clergy. Kollot will join the Marquee service after the *Torah* service for the sermon and *Musaf*.

12:15 (approx) Israel Q+A
(Drawing Room - Manor House)

For all concerned for Israel, 5774 has been a difficult year. We are privileged this *Rosh Hashanah* to be joined by Hilik Bar, Secretary General of the Israeli Labour Party and Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. Join him for a special Q+A hosted by the Alyth clergy, as he shares his thoughts on the challenges and opportunities that 5775 might bring.

This session will end in time to join the congregation for the final blast of the *Shofar*.

**Services and activities for families and
children (age 0 to Year 6)
at Alyth**

Reception-Year 4 (accompanied by an adult)

10:30 Big Bang
(Beit Tefillah)

The Big Bang is Alyth's world famous, participative, musical *Tefillah* (prayer) experience for all the family. Join Rabbi Josh Levy and our musicians as we come together in prayer and song – a big and bold service with percussion, guitar and violin to inspire us all, like the blast of the *Shofar*!

To learn the new Big Bang melodies for this year, join us on Sunday 21 September at our special *Rosh Hashanah* learning morning.

Under 4s (accompanied by an adult)

**10:45 Rosh Hashanah Tots
(Youth Hall)**

Join Cantor Cheryl Wunch and our Kindergarten Head Teacher, Cindy Summer, for this fun and interactive *Rosh Hashanah* experience. There will be songs and crafts to keep all of our youngest Alyth members, and their families, engaged and excited about the New Year.

School Years 4-6

**10:45 Torah Theatre
(Kindergarten)**

Our monthly Torah Theatre workshop returns for *Rosh Hashanah*. This year, exploring the story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael using costumes, drama and discussion. No previous acting experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm! The workshop is especially suitable for those in School Years 4-6 (who do not need to be accompanied by an adult). With Amanda Noar of Impact Theatre, supported by Alyth *madrachim* (leaders).

All the family

**11:45 Rosh Hashanah Kiddush
(Leo Baeck Hall)**

Apples and honey, and time to relax with one another before heading for lunch.

**Activities for young people (Years 5-12)
at the Sternberg Centre**

School Years 5 & 6

**11:45 So why are we celebrating the New
Year NOW?
(Beit Limmud, Kitchen Side)**

Isn't it odd that we celebrate the new year in September?! Believe it or not, we are not the only ones to celebrate a new year at a peculiar time. Come to this session to explore some of the similarities and differences that exist within other cultures and their new years celebrations. From this, we will explore the idea of reflection and renewal that are central to *Rosh Hashanah*. With Josh Moritz.

School Years 7 & 8

10:30 So I'm not a kid anymore?

(Beit Limmud, Kitchen Side)

What does it mean to become a Jewish adult this year? An interactive session for young people, whether you are preparing for your *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, or simply getting used to secondary school life. The session will look at the above question, exploring changes, social responsibility and Jewish identity. With David Yehuda Stern and Galim *madrachim* (leaders).

School Years 9-13

10:30 Teen Talmud

(Drawing Room - Manor House)

Study, argument and discussion as we build the meaning of *Rosh Hashanah* with Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris, Principal of Leo Baeck College.

11:30 The world is your apple and honey

(Beit Limmud)

Hear from a panel of our younger members, who will speak about their achievements and experiences of the last year in social action, leadership and Jewish identity. After the panel discussion, there will be a guided reflection exercise, which will allow young people to think about their goals, aims and resolutions for the year ahead. With Alyth *madrachim* (leaders).

*From 10:30 - 11:30 and from 12:30 - 13:00 half of the Beit Limmud will be set up as a **Reflection Space** for young people outside the services to relax, reflect and focus on the year to come. The space includes an interactive exhibit that will allow young people to look backwards on the year gone, and forwards to the year to come.*

ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON

16:45 Tashlich Ramble

Meet at Totteridge and Whetstone underground station and walk the Dollis Brook path to Windsor playing fields where we will meet for our *Tashlich* service. The path is flat and it is easy walking. Please let Viv know if you are joining the walk at viv@alyth.org.uk.

17:30 Tashlich

At Dollis Brook at the bottom of Windsor Road, Finchley N3.

A ceremony symbolising the casting off of our sins into flowing water. Led by Viv Bellos and Josh Moritz.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY (Thursday 25 September)

At Alyth

18:30 Erev Second Day Service

The new draft edition of our Days of Awe prayer book includes new prayers and readings for the second evening of *Rosh Hashanah*. The service will be led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith using the new *Machzor* draft for the first time. **No need to bring your own *Machzor* as copies of the service booklet will be available for everyone.**

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY (Friday 26 September)

At Alyth

10:15 Classical Service (Beit Tefillah)

We join together for prayer, *Torah* and *Shofar*. Led by Rabbi Josh Levy and Cantor Cheryl Wunch.

Please note the slightly earlier start time for this service to accommodate parking restrictions.

**11:00 - 12:00 Atideinu Family Service
(Youth Hall)**

Led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and Josh Moritz. A combination of song, prayer, stories and hearing the *Shofar* blast. There will be separate activities for younger and older children to experience the *Torah* portion.

The Ten Days of *Teshuvah*

10 DAYS SERVICES

**Friday 26 September - Shabbat Shuvah
18:30 Erev Shabbat Service**

**Saturday 27 September - Shabbat Shuvah
10:30 Classical Service**

Led by Rabbi Maurice Michaels

10:30 Kollot

Our regular, twice monthly, sung and chanted service which takes place in the round and encourages diverse voices. Kollot includes a special supervised area for children, and all are welcome. Led by Rabbi Josh Levy. To join the Kollot mailing list email david@davidhbrown.co.uk.

Sunday 28 September

11:00 Remembrance Service at Cheshunt

One of the customs that has survived the centuries is that of visiting the cemetery between the beginning of the month of *Elul* and *Yom Kippur*. We know that sometimes it's difficult to find the right words and thoughts on such occasions and so we invite you to join Rabbi Maurice Michaels for a Remembrance Service at Cheshunt Cemetery on Sunday 28th September at 11:00.

If you require transport, or can offer a lift to someone else, please contact Lynette on **020 8457 8793** no later than **Wednesday 24 September**.

10 DAYS LEARNING

Shabbat Shuvah Shiur: the Avodah Service

Saturday 27 September, 09:15 - 10:15

The *Avodah* service on *Yom Kippur* is one of the most dramatic pieces of liturgical choreography in the Jewish calendar. But should we even be including it in our prayers? Join Rabbi Josh Levy (for whom it is one of the highlights of the year) as we explore it together.

Reflections: Ashamnu and Al Chet

Sunday 28 September, 10:15 - 11:45

How do these prayers, recited throughout *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur*, naming and confessing our sins, affect and reflect our lives? Join Lynette Sunderland, Director of Welfare and Life Cycle, and Naomi Cotten, Alyth member and qualified Psychotherapist, to discuss and explore the different versions of these prayers, their meaning and how we respond to them, not only at this time of the year but in the days going forward.

How was it for you? Your feedback on the new Machzor

Tuesday 30 September, 20:00 - 21:30

How did you experience the new draft edition of Days of Awe at our *Rosh Hashanah* evening services? What worked well? What needs improvement? What should we consider when we create the morning service for *Rosh Hashanah* over the coming year? Please come to offer feedback to Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, who is chair of the *Machzor* editorial group, so that we can make the new Days of Awe prayer book excellent.

Gateway to Judaism: From Yom Kippur to Simchat Torah

Wednesday 01 October, 20:00 - 21:45

Join Rabbi Josh Levy and Jon Epstein as Alyth's Introduction to Judaism looks at *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. Perfect for anyone looking to ensure that their Jewish knowledge has firm foundations.

Yom Kippur Talmud Class

Thursday 2 October, 13:00 - 14:15

Join Rabbi Mark Goldsmith for a *Yom Kippur* themed session of our popular *Talmud* Class. What does Tractate *Yoma* (the special section on this fast) have to tell us about the greatest day of the Jewish year? Study in an atmosphere of friendly discovery where every question is welcome.

Unlock Your High Holy Days Voice

Thursday 2 October, 20:00 - 22:00

Join Viv Bellos and Cantor Cheryl Wunch who together will give you the technical know how and teach you some beautiful melodies to make your High Holy Days experience even more meaningful.

10 DAYS ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Great Alyth 'High Holy Days Bake Off'

Sunday 28 September, 12:30 - 14:30

(School Years 3 and 4)

This event will enable young people from across synagogue life to meet, bond and create new friendships within the synagogue community.

An afternoon that combines cooking, baking and competition with foods related to the High Holy Days! The afternoon will include team building exercises and challenges, and creating the dish that will wow the judges and win the secret prize! To find out more, contact Josh Moritz at joshm@alyth.org.uk.

Ten Days Tea

Wednesday 01 October, 16:00 - 17:00

(Reception - Year 6)

Join us for our Ten Days Tea – a festival tea for Primary School children to mark the transition between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. With arts, drama, songs, games and food – there will be something for everyone! Our new Wednesday Kef Zone will continue after the tea at 17:00.

Yom Kippur

KOL NIDRE

(Friday 3 October)

At the Sternberg Centre

The fast of *Yom Kippur* commences at 18:18

19:00 Kol Nidre

(Marquee)

With the sound of *Kol Nidre* we join together in prayer.

Then

Continuation of service

(Marquee)

The Classical Service in the Marquee. After the playing of *Kol Nidre* on the cello by Daniel Ledermann, the service will continue, led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith. The *Kol Nidre* sermon will be given by Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE.

Kollot Nidre

(Old Synagogue - Manor House)

After we have witnessed *Kol Nidre*, join Rabbi Josh Levy for a service which continues our liturgy for this evening in Kollot style. We will rejoin the Marquee service for the sermon.

Kabbalat Kol Nidre

(Drawing Room - Manor House)

Join Cantor Cheryl Wunch for this reflective, meditative service where we will explore the connections between *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Yom Kippur* through prayer, discussion, and song. We will rejoin the Marquee service for the sermon.

Promises: Made to be broken? (For Teens)

(Beit Limmud)

On *Yom Kippur* we reflect on the promises we have made to friends, family and to ourselves. During *Kol Nidre*, the opening service, we look to the year ahead and the vows and promises we have yet to make. In this session we will explore whether promises really mean anything today or if they are simply empty words?

YOM KIPPUR
(Saturday 4 October)
At the Sternberg Centre
10:15 - 14:00 Crèche
(Room 1 - Manor House)
See page 4 for details.

SHACHARIT
10:30 Shacharit - Morning Service
(Marquee)
Shacharit will be led by Cantor Cheryl Wunch. The Torah Service will be led by Rabbi Josh Levy who will also give the sermon. Our High Holy Days sermons this year will consider tradition and response, building Judaism now and for the future.
10:45 Kollot
(Beit Limmud)
Kollot is a sung service which takes place in the round, largely in Hebrew, and which encourages lay participation and communal singing. After *Shacharit*, Kollot will join the Marquee for the Torah Service and Sermon. Led by Kollot members with Rabbi Josh Levy.

Morning services and activities for families and children

Under 4s (accompanied by an adult)

10:30 Tiny Tots
(Drawing Room - Manor House)
This *Yom Kippur* themed session is run especially for the youngest members of our community and features songs, stories, prayer and activities. Led by David Yehuda Stern and Caroline Villiers.

Reception-Year 2 (accompanied by an adult)

10:30 Atideinu Family Service
(Old Synagogue - Manor House)
A service for *Yom Kippur* led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and members of the Alyth Youth Singers, including song, prayer and the reading of the Torah.

12:00 Jonah's 'Fishy Tail'
(Drawing Room - Manor House)

We all know that Jonah was swallowed by a whale - a large fish actually but let's not get technical - but there is much more to this story than just some aquatic sea creature! Find out why he was swallowed by a fish, how he survived, and the conclusion to his peculiar story. Led by David Yehuda Stern.

School Years 3-6

11:00 Terrifying Tefillah – getting it ready
(Room 2 - Manor House)

We have just one hour to prepare a scapegoat and a cruelty free chicken for the Terrifying Tefillah service. Come and help make Terrifying Tefillah as gory and realistic as possible. Led by Alyth *madrachim* (leaders).

12:00 Terrifying Tefillah for Yom Kippur
(Old Synagogue - Manor House)

A service for *Yom Kippur* led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith in the style of the Horrible Histories books and TV show. This service will be gory, featuring two tragic goats and a deeply unhappy chicken. We will get deep into the ancient traditions of *Yom Kippur* with stories, songs and prayer.

School Years 7-9

11:00 Bigger Fish to Fry
(Room of Prayer - Manor House 1st Floor)

Come and dive into the unusual story of Jonah and the 'whale' as we explore and reflect on some of its hidden treasures. Led by Sam Brunner.

School Years 10-13

12:00 Teen Talmud for Yom Kippur
(Room of Prayer - Manor House 1st Floor)

We all know that *Yom Kippur* is about atoning for our sins, but for some of us, it can be hard to really believe all of this stuff. Join Cantor Cheryl Wunch for a discussion about God and faith, and how to make *Yom Kippur* meaningful for you, no matter what you might believe right now.

MUSAF

13:30 approx Musaf Service and Avodah

(Marquee)

The dramatic service in which we remember the Temple service for *Yom Kippur*. Led by Rabbi Josh Levy.

13:30 Musaf Meditation

(Beit Limmud)

When the heart rests in a space of transition, it is close to its core and closer to the Divine. Vocal vowel meditation is a profound spiritual group practice, evoking a deep sense of peace and integrity. This practice will be followed by deep relaxation and rest meditation to allow stillness to infuse our inner *Yom Kippur* journey. Led by Mika Hadar-Borthwick teacher of Jewish techniques of meditation for over 30 years.

14:30 approx Continuation of Musaf Service

(Marquee)

Remembering our Jewish martyrs in a contemplative service with Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE and Viv Bellos.

14:30 Choice of study sessions:

1984 versus Divergent

(Beit Limmud)

In George Orwell's '1984' everything you do is judged by Big Brother. In Veronica Roth's 'Divergent' series your personal qualities are set when you are sixteen and heaven help you if you diverge from them. Which blockbuster dystopian world is least like the message of *Yom Kippur*? Which is closest to it? Could we live with either?

A discussion with Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, guided by texts from the books and Jewish literature, and from our personal experiences.

A Journey through our Musical Seasons

(Drawing Room - Manor House)

Nusach (chanting melodies) is a unique language that gives us musical signposts throughout our year. Join Cantor Cheryl Wunch as we explore the

different melodies that Jews traditionally use to signify different holidays and festivals. No musical experience or knowledge is necessary.

Building fences and opening doors: Status in Jewish tradition

(Old Synagogue Annex - Manor House)

How do we decide who is Jewish and who is not? What requirements should we place on those who want to join the Jewish people? Is inherited status a fundamentally racist concept in a modern religion? Join Rabbi Josh Levy to explore the challenges of status in modern Progressive Judaism and in classical Jewish sources.

Rabbi Josh is leading the Assembly of Reform Rabbis Working Group on Inherited Status, and will be teaching a four week course on Jewish Status as part of the new Leo Baeck College Lehrhaus, launching in October 2014 (for more information http://bit.ly/LBC_Lehrhaus_2014-15).

MINCHAH

15:45 approx Minchah Service

(Marquee)

Our afternoon service in which we hear Torah and the Book of Jonah. Led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and Lynette Sunderland.

16:00 Crèche

(Room 1 - Manor House)

See page 4 for details.

16:00 Ruach Chadashah

(Drawing Room - Manor House)

A service built from creative readings in English collected for *Machzor Ruach Chadashah* which address the individual on *Yom Kippur*. Led by Julia Brown and Nicola Goldsmith.

**16:00 Minchah for Families
(Beit Limmud)**

What is *Yom Kippur* afternoon supposed to feel like? Often it can feel a bit tired or flat – especially if you are just sat at home.

In this one-hour service for the whole family with Rabbi Josh Levy and Cantor Cheryl Wunch it will feel musical and inspiring, including new and familiar melodies and an abridged version of the Book of Jonah.

YIZKOR

**17:15 approx Yizkor Service
(Marquee)**

Our memorial service to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Please note that there will be no admission during the *Yizkor* service once it has begun. The service will begin with the singing of Psalm 23 on page 624, and end with the mourners *Kaddish*. We ask that you please remain in the marquee until *Kaddish* has been recited.

Followed by the final sermon of *Yom Kippur*, given by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith

NEILAH

**18:15 approx Neilah Service
(Marquee)**

Our concluding service for *Yom Kippur* – as the Gates of Repentance draw to a close. Led by Rabbi Josh Levy and Cantor Cheryl Wunch.

**18:15 Kavanah Yoga for Neilah
(Drawing Room - Manor House)**

Join Maxine Levy to fuse the techniques of yoga with key texts and themes from the liturgy of the *Neilah* service, to exit *Yom Kippur* mindfully and spiritually. No special clothing or agility needed. For the body and soul. This session will end in time to join the service in the Marquee for the final blast of the *Shofar* and *Havdalah*.

**18:15 “Closing the Gates”
(Beit Limmud)**

For all young people

Yom Kippur is almost over but we still have some time before the gates close. In this session we ask you to bring a pinch of creativity as we picture our hopes for the coming year with art, talk and stories. Led by David Yehuda Stern, Sam Brunner and Rabbi Mark Goldsmith.

19:23 Havdalah and fast breaking

We will be making *Havdalah*, the concluding ceremony for *Yom Kippur*, in front of the *bimah* in our Marquee, led by our young people.

As in previous years, food and drink for breaking the fast will be available in the *Beit Limmud* building. In addition, a light supper will be available for those people who wish to sit and chat a while longer.

If you would like to join us, please contact Lynette on 020 8457 8793 or at lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Sukkot

Sukkah Building

Sunday 05 October, 11:00 - 13:00

For all ages

On *Sukkot* we build a temporary structure called a *Sukkah* to remember how the Israelites lived in the desert. Join the Alyth team for this very special *Sukkah* building morning. Please bring some greenery (anything from bamboo shoots, laurel leaves, to grape vines), fruit and vegetables to hang in the *Sukkah*.

Sukkot Tea

Wednesday 08 October, 16:00 - 17:00

For under 7s

The *Sukkot* Tea celebrates the festival of *Sukkot* – a festival of vitality, fruit and hospitality! Join us for a variety of activities from *Lulav* and *Etrog* making, to mini-*Sukkah* building, sing songs and *Sukkot*-themed games! There will be no Wednesday Kef Zone for this week.

Wednesday 08 October

18:30 Erev Sukkot Service

Thursday 09 October

10:15 Sukkot morning service

Choral service - a special service with choir and organ for *Sukkot* with full *Hallel* and waving of the *Lulav*. Including a sermon by Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner.

Please note the slightly earlier start time for this service to accommodate parking restrictions.

11:00 Atideinu Sukkot Family Service

Our family service for *Sukkot*, led by members of our clergy and Galim teams including song, prayer the reading of the Torah and plenty of *Lulav* shaking for everyone, with separate activities for younger and older children.

Sukkot Sleepout

Friday 10 October 18:30 - Saturday 11

October 12:30

For School Years 4 – 8

Our legendary Sukkot Sleepout returns – a sponsored sleepover raising money and awareness for Homeless Action in Barnet. Join us to celebrate the festival of *Sukkot* throughout the night with games, songs and activities all planned by the Galim team and *madrachim*. To register for the sleepout, email Sam Brunner at sam@alyth.org.uk.

Sukkot Family Brunch

Sunday 12 October, 12:30 - 14:00

For Reception – Year 2

Our 'Start the Year' afternoon is for all children and families in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to meet, eat and create new and lasting friendships in the community. The afternoon will enable parents to meet each other, and hear about the plurality of options available for your children, while giving the children a taste of what activities they can be involved with at Alyth. Older and younger siblings are more than welcome to join this family afternoon. For more information contact Josh Moritz at joshm@alyth.org.uk.

Simchat Torah

To join the Alyth Guitar Orchestra for our *Simchat Torah* processions, contact Rabbi Josh Levy

Wednesday 15 October

18:30 Erev Simchat Torah Service

Our service begins at 18:30, with separate activities for young people led by the Alyth Galim team before they come down to join us for the *hakkafof* (processions).

For young people:

Join us from 18:30 in the Youth Hall. Learn songs and create your own Torah accessories in preparation for joining the *hakkafof* (processions) in the main service in the Beit Tefillah. A special *Kiddush* for young people will take place after the *hakkafof*.

Thursday 16 October

10:15 Simchat Torah morning service

Please note the slightly earlier start time for this service to accommodate parking restrictions.

10:30 Atideinu Simchat Torah service

Our Classical and Family Services start separately before coming together for the *hakkafof* (processions) and blessing of our children.

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to:

Our *Kallat Torah*, Ruth Wellin, and to our *Chatan Bereshit*, John Cohen

PA Systems

This year our PA systems at Alyth and the Sternberg Centre will once again be provided and managed by Audiospark (www.audiospark.co.uk).



The address of the Synagogue is
Alyth Gardens, Temple Fortune, NW11 7EN.

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Sternberg Centre for Judaism is
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