

Around Alyth

March 2016



EREV PURIM **WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**

PURIM ZONES **17:00-18:00**

For Reception to Year 6 children, an afternoon of Purim activities with the Youth & Education Hub.

EARLY DINNER **18:00-18:30**

MEGILLAH WARS

RETURN OF THE JEWDI **18:30-19:30**

Come dressed for the occasion and be invited to read extracts from the Megillah, interwoven within our telling of a Persian Empire in a Galaxy Far Far Away.

LATE DINNER **19:30-20:00**

MA'ARIV AND MEGILLAH **READING** **20:00-21:00**

Our evening service including a full reading of the Megillah with our rabbis.

PURIM **THURSDAY 24 MARCH**

PURIM YOUNG AT HEART **DAY** **10:30-16:00**

Join us for a great day of companionship, activities and food! Singing with the Kindergarten, making hamantaschen, and all the regular Young at Heart activities including learning with the rabbis, Bridge, Scrabble and Rummikub and more. Three course lunch served. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

MEGILLAH READING **12:30**

A Megillah reading, lunch and learn in the welcoming environment of our weekly Talmud Class.



Reception - Year 2 Family Lunch

Sunday 6 March, 13:00-15:00

Join us for lunch and a sing along with the award winning Shira Kline, aka ShirLaLa. See inside for more details

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Please find all staff contact details on the back page





Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 4, 11, 18, 25 March, 18:30-19:30

The Shabbat Den

Friday 4 March, 16:15-16:45

Our Shabbat experience for pre-schoolers and their families with Chloe, our early-years educator and Rabbi Josh. Join us for song, stories and to meet new friends in Alyth's Shabbat Den.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday 05 March

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Libbi Wise**.

Tefillah Lab: Contemplative Tefillah

11:00-12:00

A special contemplative service, led by Student Rabbi Danny Newman. Danny is the founder of Jewish Spirituality organisation, HaMakom, and a regular leader in our meditation room activities.

Saturday 12 March

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Kollot, 10:30-12:00

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children.

Saturday 19 March

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Isabella Davis**.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Saturday 26 March

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Daniel Garai Ebner** and Bat Mitzvah of **Jasmin Morris**.

Kollot, 10:30-12:00

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children.

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays 6, 13, 20 March, 09:00-10:00

Our lay-led minyan followed by a bagel breakfast.

Evening Services

Evening services take place before meetings at 19:45. Please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Mark back from his three month sabbatical

Pesach dates for your diary

Sunday 17 April

- Community Pesach Morning (10:00-12:30)

Friday 22 April

- Erev Shabbat and Pesach Service (16:00)

Saturday 23 April

- First Day Pesach Morning Service (10:30)

- Atideinu Family Service (11:00)

- Pesach B'yachad: Communal Second Night Seder (18:00-21:00)

Thursday 28 April

- Erev Seventh Day Ma'ariv and Study (20:00-21:30)

Friday 29 April

- Seventh Day Pesach Morning Service (10:15)

- Family Activities (11:00-12:00)

For more information and to book places at the communal seder, see the special Pesach booklet.



Learn with us

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 30 March, 19:00-20:00

Taught by Alyth member Jan Roseman, who has been one of the UK's leading Synagogue-based Jewish educators for the last few decades. Take an hour a week in term time to learn to read Hebrew from scratch.

Judaism The Essentials: Mitzvot and Jewish Life

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45

A programme of short courses for those looking to consolidate the learning of a lifetime or coming to Judaism afresh. Run on Wednesday evenings in term time, with introductory sessions on the Jewish festivals interspersed throughout the course at appropriate times. Taught by Alyth's rabbis with Jon Epstein. Contact josh@alyth.org.uk to sign up.

02 Prayer 2

09 Shabbat

16 Purim

30 The Jewish Home and Kashrut

Talmud Class

Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 March, 13:00-14:15

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Taught by Rabbi Colin and on his return by Rabbi Mark. Contact mark@alyth.org.uk

Torah Shiur: A History of Ambitious Jewish Building Projects

Saturday 12 March, 09:15-10:15

Our portion, Pekudei, tells us the cost of creating the Mishkan, the desert temple of the Israelites. Rabbi Mark asks how substantial the Mishkan project was, and the extent to which ambitious building projects have benefitted the Jewish community down the ages.

Shabbat Shiur: How come it's Easter at Purim time?

Saturday 26 March, 09:15-10:15

How did the Jewish calendar come to look like it does? Join Rabbi Josh as we try to work out why Pesach and Easter are a month apart this year.

Special this month

Alyth Film Club: Gentleman's Agreement

Tuesday 15 March, 19:30-22:00

Journalist Phil Green (Gregory Peck) is researching a piece on discrimination against Jews. He decides to masquerade as a Jew and personally discovers the true depths of hatred, bigotry and prejudice. One of the first Hollywood films (1947) to make anti-semitism its central theme, it won 8 Oscar nominations for its director, Elia Kazan. Contact colin@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Parents Sessions: Jewish Texts

Fridays 4, 11, 18 March, 17:15-18:15

Taught by our rabbis, these sessions are specifically for parents whose children attend the Ruach programme. In these sessions we will look at the origin and content of Jewish texts and think about how we engage with them as modern Jews.

04 A Reduced History of Jewish texts: what's in them, and who wrote them? With Rabbi Josh

11 The Torah in an hour. With Rabbi Mark

18 Six different ways to read a Torah portion. With Rabbi Josh



Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

07 Roy Blass entertains

14 Les Spitz "Around the World with my Camera"

21 Rabbi Josh

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00

Exploring new repertoire while continuing to develop strengths in cantata and oratorio.

www.alythchoralsociety.org.

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze

Wednesdays 2, 16, 30 March, 13:30-15:30

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories.

Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:00

Peace, quiet, contemplation and meditation in our Alyth Meditation Room.

Mellow Yoga for All Ages

Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Contact Maxine Levy maxinelevy@mac.com or 07957 270899.

Thursday Bridge@Alyth

Thursdays, 14:00-16:30

Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 or Andrea on 020 7722 3993.

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays 05 & 19 March, 09:00-10:00

We are always happy to welcome new members who are interested in learning about the liturgy and music of our service. Please contact katie@alyth.org.uk if you are interested in joining the choir.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sundays 6 & 31 March, 19:00-22:00

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: Jewish Women in Art

Thursday 10 March, 14:30

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions.

This month we have a guided tour of the National Gallery. Tickets cost £5 and are limited. Please reserve with Jackie Goymour at honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 13 March, 08:30-13:00

We meet at Alyth at 08:15 and leaves at 08:30.

For registration and more information please email laurancemendoza@aol.com.

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

Friday 18 March, 19:30

Share a Shabbat meal and sing songs. Food is provided. For catering purposes please register, or to arrange transport contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 20 March, 15:00-17:00

Viv will guide you through the vocal and musical requirements to enable you to have a great time singing.

Contact viv@alyth.org.uk.

Avodah Meeting

Tuesday 29 March, 20:00-21:30

Avodah is our quarterly open forum in which we discuss Alyth's services. All are welcome. Please email bonnie@alyth.org.uk if you plan on attending and josh@alyth.org.uk if you have an agenda item.



Be with us

Special this month

New Music Evening

Wednesday 2 March, 20:00-21:30

An opportunity to learn and sing new liturgical music with Rabbi Josh and Katie Hainbach, our Head of Music and Arts. 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. You do not need to read sheet music to attend this event, which is suitable for everyone including choir members and all those who love to sing in shul. For more information, contact katie@alyth.org.uk or josh@alyth.org.uk.

Opera Outing

Saturday 12 March, 19:30

The trip to see the ETO production of Don Giovanni at Hackney Empire is now sold out. Contact viv@alyth.org.uk for future trips.

Alyth Choral Society: Spring Concert

Sunday 13 March, 17:00

The Choral Society and Children's Choir perform a variety of musical compositions. Tickets £12 (under 16s free) from www.alythchoralsociety.org.

Leo Baeck Education Centre and Alyth Youth Singers Concert

Sunday 20 March, 19:00-20:30

Join Leo Baeck Education Centre "Big Band" Youth Orchestra in Concert at Alyth performing a Purim medley, jazz, classical, and popular selections. They will be joined by AYS who will perform alongside members of Leo Baeck Orchestra and perform new repertoire as well as some classic AYS numbers.

Purim Young at Heart Day

Thursday 24 March, 10:30-16:00

Join us for a great day of companionship, activities and food! See the front page for more information. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Ramble

Friday 25 March, 10:00-16:00

An 8 mile ramble with no steep climbs through farms and beautiful watermeadows of River Beane. Meet at The Bell Pub, Benington, Herts, SG2 7LA. Sign up with viv@alyth.org.uk.

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 7, 14, 21 March, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. Contact Dennis Sher via the Synagogue Office to volunteer.

Together in Barnet Winter Shelter

Tuesday nights

We are part of this exciting project to provide a warm meal and place to sleep during the winter months. If you would like to cook a meal or help to move bedding from one venue the next please contact nightshester@alyth.org.uk.

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 12 March, 12:30-14:00

Join us for a Shabbat lunch with fantastic food, company and discussion. No charge (although donations are welcome). To book and arrange transport [contact Lynette](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

Chat 'n' Soup

Friday 25 March, 12:00-14:00

Come and enjoy a tasty bowl of soup, listen to music, read the papers and enjoy good company. Both our members and people from outside Alyth are welcome to join us. For more information contact lynette@alyth.org.uk. Chat 'n' Soup will run every 4th Friday of the month.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 27 March, 14:00-16:00

We welcome refugees recently arrived in the UK and offer them support and friendship in a warm and safe environment (*with the support of the Pears Foundation*). To volunteer please contact bonnie@alyth.org.uk.



Youth & Education Hub

Learn with us and Be with us

Please contact Sam Brunner for information about the provision for our younger members.

Youth & Education

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays 7, 14, 21 March, 09:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling.

On 14 March (10:30-11:00) we will have a special Baby Yoga session. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Year 7 Ulpan

Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 March, 17:30-18:30 or

Thursdays 3, 10, 17 March, 17:30-18:30

Our Year 7 provision replacing the Sunday morning class to learn Hebrew and develop Jewish knowledge.

Kef Zone

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 March, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

Advanced Hadracha

Thursday 24 March, 18:30-20:00

(School Years 10-13). Now that you've learnt the basics of Hadracha it is time to delve deeper into Jewish communal leadership and tackle challenging educational topics. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Choirs & Drama

PACT - Upbeat Drama

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 March, 17:00-17:30

(ages 4-7) If you like to sing, dance and act, then this musical theatre group is for you! Led by Jane Gordon from Upbeat Drama.

Alyth Children's Theatre

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 March, 17:00-18:30

Our children's theatre group for those in Years 3-7.

Alyth Youth Singers

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 March, 18:45-20:00

AYS, our youth choir for all post B'nei Mitzvah.

Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Studies GCSE (Year 10)

Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 31 March 18:30-20:00

Expand your Jewish knowledge and understanding.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 4, 11, 18 March, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 6, 13, 20 March, 10:00-12:45

Our Sunday morning learning programme is a nourishing space for young people to build, develop and explore their Jewish identity.

Kids Choir

Fridays 4, 11, 18 March, 17:30-18:00

For anyone aged 4-12 years old. Join us and sing regularly at the Erev Shabbat Service. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays 6, 13, 20 March, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.



Learn with us and Be with us Youth & Education Hub

Please contact Sam Brunner for information about the provision for our younger members.

Special this month

Family Lunch (Reception - Year 2)

Sunday 6 March, 13:00-15:00

Join us for lunch and a sing along with the amazing Shira Kline, aka ShirLaLa - an award winning New York based performer and music educator.

Shira travels across the country and internationally with her kiddie-rock band, delivering a dynamic, interactive programme of joy and spirit, story and song. We are lucky enough to have her with us all afternoon!

Theatre Trip (Year 10)

Tuesday 8 March, 18:00-22:00

Defying Gravity (whilst on a train) we will travel to town together to see the musical Wicked, a story of friendship, love and growing up as two young sorcerers fulfil their destinies. This trip is sold out, contact mike@alyth.org.uk for future trips.

Year 6 Social

Saturday 12 March, 18:00-22:00

Join the Y.E.H team at Hollywood Bowl for an evening of bowling, food and fun! A fantastic opportunity to enjoy your Saturday evening,

meet others in your year group and some of the madrichim who will guide you through your Bar or Bat Mitzvah journey.

Contact sam@alyth.org.uk for more information.

Baby and Toddler Yoga

Monday 14 March, 10:30-11:00

A special Baby and Toddler Tatty Bumpkin Yoga morning. Only 12 spaces are available, book with chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Year 7 Chavurah Supper

Friday 18 March, 19:30-21:30

An opportunity to join other families in their Bar or Bat Mitzvah journey for a communal dinner. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please bring a vegetarian or fish dish to share. Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

Sunday Morning Galim Bagel Lunch

Sunday 20 March, 12:45-14:00

A great chance to meet and chat with other families as well as the teachers and madrichim. Please reply to sam@alyth.org.uk.

Community News

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Barrie Dannenberg, brother of Doris Waxman
Ann Ebner, wife of Henry Ebner, mother of Jo, Mark and Sarah Ebner

Mandy Fisher, mother of Katie Kersen and Oliver Bobroff and daughter of Morella Kayman

Alison Fuller-Silkman, wife of Barry Silkman, mother of Keenia Silkman, sister of Louise Loon, Jackie Bull Gella Green, mother of Wendy Atkin

Anthony Harris, brother of Brian Harris

Isobelle Harris, mother of Suzy Harris and John Harris, sister of Conrad Wagner

Harold Jossel, father of Gary Plein

Andrew Lawty, brother of Tracey Kieve and Bradley Luff

Joseph Shub, father of Uri, Gilad, Asaf and Merav Shub

Mazel Tov to:

Ilana and Ben Jackman-Overlander on the birth of their daughter, Aziza, a sister for Zeb and Solly, a granddaughter for Mickey and Robert Jackman and Juliette and Michael Overlander.

Deborah and Daniel Russell on the birth of their son, Benjamin, a brother for Harry.

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Alyth Academy of Performing Arts present: Gentleman Prefer Blondes – The Musical

Sunday 1 May 2016, 15:00 & 19:00 and Monday 2 May 2016, 15:00 & 19:00

Adults: £10
Concessions: £8
12s – 18s: £3

Book with Sam on 020 8457 8796 or sam@alyth.org.uk

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