

# Around Alyth

April 2016

## Special Events for this Pesach at Alyth

### Let my people learn...

*Sunday 17 April, 10:00-12:30*

Join us for Alyth's third annual inter-generational community Pesach learning event, with activities for all ages and life stages. Includes study, cooking, singing, seder plate painting, and a variety of sessions to help prepare for the seder night. There will be sessions for children alone, intergenerational learning, and adult-only study. There will be a crèche for younger children. Please let us know if you are coming and need this facility.

*See the special flyer online for more details*

### Alyth Matzah Ramble

*Sunday 24 April, 10:30-16:00*

An 8 mile ramble taking in Three National Trust properties, splendid beech woodland and fine open views. Parking at the West Wycombe garden centre, HP14 3AP. Please bring Pesadik picnic for lunch and email [viv@alyth.org.uk](mailto:viv@alyth.org.uk) to register.

### Erev Seventh Day

*Thursday 28 April*

A choice of two opportunities to mark the beginning of the last day of Pesach

#### 1) Community Service and Study (20:00)

Join Rabbi Josh at the synagogue for Alyth's community Erev 7th Day Ma'ariv service and a short study session looking at some of his favourite Exodus themed midrashim.

#### 2) London Citizens Mayoral Assembly (18:30-21:30)

Join Rabbi Mark, London Citizens, and faith groups from around London at the Copperbox at the Olympic Park to hear from mayoral candidates Zac Goldsmith and Sadiq Khan about their plans to address the housing crisis and other issues. Alyth, FRS and FPS are running an Erev 7th Day Pesach Service as part of the evening, and AYS are part of the event programme. For a ticket to the event, and to request transport from, and back to, Alyth, please contact [bonnie@alyth.org.uk](mailto:bonnie@alyth.org.uk) or 020 8457 8784 by Monday 11 April.

## Pesach Services 5776

Erev Shabbat and Pesach Service  
*Friday 22 April, 16:00*

First Day Pesach Morning Service  
*Saturday 23 April, 10:30*

Atideinu Family Service  
*Saturday 23 April, 11:00*

Pesach B'yachad: Communal Second Night Seder  
*Saturday 23 April, 18:00-21:00*

Seventh Day Pesach Morning Service  
*Friday 29 April, 10:15 (please note early start time)*

Family Service  
*Friday 29 April, 11:00*

To pray. To learn.  
To live. Together

*Please find all staff contact details on the back page*





# Pray with us

## Weekday Services

### Sunday Shacharit

*Sundays 03, 10, 17, 24 April, 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](mailto:bonnie@alyth.org.uk) if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

## Erev Shabbat Services

### Kabbalat Shabbat Service

*Fridays 01, 08, 15, 29 April, 18:30-19:30*

### The Shabbat Den

*Friday 1 April, 16:15-16:45*

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

## Shabbat Morning Services

### *Saturday 02 April*

#### **Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Cameron Robbins**.

#### **Tefillah Lab: Imrei Finu V'hegyon Libeinu**

*10:30-12:00*

A combination of lots of singing to new and familiar melodies, plenty of silence, some chanting and a very informal Torah service. With Rabbi Josh.

### *Saturday 09 April*

#### **Kollot, 10:30-12:00**

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes a supervised area for children. This week, Kollot will be in the Beit Tefillah and includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Lior Solomons-Wise**, as well as host of other life-cycle celebrations.

### *Saturday 16 April*

#### **Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Sam Becker** and **Max Miller**. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman, founding rabbi of Kol Haneshama, a Reform community in Jerusalem.

#### **Big Bang, 11:00-12:00**

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

### *Saturday 30 April - Organ Donation Shabbat*

#### **Community Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

"You shall keep My laws, to live by them"

(Leviticus 18:5)

This verse from the week's portion, is the basis for the Jewish principle of Pikuach Nefesh – that the preservation of human life takes precedence over all else in Jewish tradition. To reflect this important idea, we are calling this Shabbat "Alyth's Organ Donation Shabbat". We are asking as many Alyth members as possible to ensure that they are on the NHS Organ Donor Register, and will provide the information you need to do so. In the shiur and in the sermon that morning, Rabbi Josh will look at the Jewish attitude to organ donation, and why willingness to donate is a fulfilment of a Jewish obligation. If you would like to share your experiences of organ donation over this Shabbat, please contact Rabbi Josh. The morning service will be for the whole community, drawing on elements of our Classical and our Kollot services. There will be no parallel service on this Shabbat morning.

## Shabbat Mincha Service

### *Saturday 02 April*

#### **Mincha Service & Havdallah**

*16:45*

A special mincha service led by Rabbi Josh, including the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Fraiman. The community are invited to join the Fraiman family for mincha, a short reception and havdallah.



# Learn with us

## Hebrew reading from Scratch

*Wednesdays 06 & 13 April, 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: Pesach

*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](mailto:josh@alyth.org.uk) to sign up.

**06** Pesach

**13** Learning Seder

## Talmud Class

*Thursdays 7, 21, 28 April, 13:00-14:15*

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. The session on 28 April will look at Talmud Pesachim – the section of the Talmud all about the festival of Pesach.

Taught by Rabbi Mark or Rabbi Colin. Contact [mark@alyth.org.uk](mailto:mark@alyth.org.uk).

## Special this month

### Alyth Film Club: Liberty Heights

*Tuesday 12 April, 19:30-22:00*

A semi-autobiographical comedy-drama. Baltimore 1954, the year of school desegregation. A 'nice Jewish family': the father runs a burlesque/strip club, works an illegal numbers racket and is jailed for prostitution and gambling. Two sons in their late teens in relationship: one with a girl from a WASP family; the other with an African American girl. Just an everyday story of suburban Jewish folk. Contact [colin@alyth.org.uk](mailto:colin@alyth.org.uk).

### Shabbat Shiur: The Power of Words to Hurt and Heal

*Saturday 16 April, 09:15-10:15*

Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman is the founding rabbi of Congregation Kol Haneshama, a Reform community in Jerusalem devoted to prayer, study and social action. He is a founding member of Rabbis for Human Rights and teaches at the Hebrew Union College.

### Let My People Learn...

*Sunday 17 April, 10:00-12:30*

A special learning morning for all ages. Please see the front for more information.

### Shabbat Shiur: Organ Donation Shabbat

*Saturday 30 April, 09:15-10:15*

Join Rabbi Josh for a special shiur to mark Alyth's Organ Donation Shabbat. See Pray with us for more details.

We wish all those going on the Talmud Trip to Israel from 7 - 14 April, *nesiah tovah*.

## European Union for Progressive Judaism – Biennial Conference London 2016

*Thursday 14 - Monday 18 April*

Alyth is delighted to welcome Progressive Jews from around Europe to London, for the biennial conference of the EUPJ. Go to [www.eupj.org](http://www.eupj.org) for more information.

Alyth members are welcome to attend the special EUPJ Shabbat morning service, which will taking place at LJS, with Shacharit led by Rabbi Josh.



# Be with us

## Weekly Activities

### Senior Club

*Mondays, 14:00-16:00*

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

**04** Music with Katie Hainbach

**11** Club outing

**18** Geoff Bowden "Noel and Ivor"

**25** Pesach with Lynette Sunderland

### Alyth Choral Society

*Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00*

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

[www.alythchoralsociety.org](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org).

### News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze

*Wednesdays 13 & 27 April, 13:30-15:30*

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories.

Contact [lynette@alyth.org.uk](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

*Wednesdays, 20:00-21:00*

Peace, quiet, contemplation and meditation in our Alyth Meditation Room. On Wednesday 27 April join Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy for a special hour of peace and reflection on the theme of becoming free.

### Mellow Yoga for All Ages

*Thursdays, 11:00-12:00*

Contact Maxine Levy [maxinelevy@mac.com](mailto: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 02 & 23 April, 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](mailto:katie@alyth.org.uk) if you are interested in joining the choir.

## Monthly Activities

### Sunday Bridge@Alyth

*Sunday 3 April, 19:00-22:00*

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

### Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: The Middle East Peace Process from an arm's length perspective

*Wednesday 06 April, 20:00-21:30*

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

This month our guest speaker is Lady Levy who accompanied Lord Levy when he was the Government's Middle East envoy. Book with Jackie Goymour at [honeyhill@btinternet.com](mailto:honeyhill@btinternet.com).

### Alyth Cycling Community

*Sunday 10 April, 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](mailto:laurancemendoza@aol.com).

### Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

*Friday 15 April, 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](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

### Coffee House Poetry Evening

*Wednesday 20 April, 20:00-21:30*

Bring your favourite poem to share and discuss over delicious coffee and cake in a convivial atmosphere. Contact [viv@alyth.org.uk](mailto:viv@alyth.org.uk).

Alyth Choral Society is seeking an honorary treasurer to take over from our current treasurer who is retiring. If you are interested in the position email [alythchoralsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:alythchoralsociety@hotmail.com). You need not be a singer to apply.



# Be with us

## Special this month

### **Bereaved Partners Support Group**

*Sunday 10 April, 15:00-17:00*

If you are suffering the loss of a partner or spouse, please join Lynette Sunderland and others in the same situation who can offer you support. Contact [lynette@alyth.org.uk](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

### **Interfaith Dialogue**

*Tuesday 12 April, 20:00-21:30*

Father Tony Convery and Rabbi Maurice will be looking at the origins of our liturgy and exploring similarities. At St Edward the Confessor Church.

### **Lunchtime Recital: Juliane Gallant**

*Tuesday 19 April, 13:00-14:00*

Juliane Gallant, Alyth's newly appointed accompanist presents a lunchtime recital with singers, including Katie Hainbach, our Head of Music and Arts. The recital will include works in English, German and Hebrew, by Benjamin Britten and Hugo Wolf. Juliane studied for a Masters of Performance in Piano Accompaniment at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She also holds degrees from the Conservatoire de musique, the University of Ottawa and the Université de Moncton.

### **Matzah Ramble**

*Sunday 24 April, 10:00-16:00*

See the front page for more information

### **Yom Hashoah**

*Wednesday 4 May, 20:00*

Join Rabbi Colin and Lynette Sunderland at our annual service to commemorate the Shoah. The ceremony will include testimonies and songs by AYS.

# Act with us

### **Monday Club**

*Mondays 04, 11, 18 April, 19:30-21:30*

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

### **Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees**

*Sunday 24 April, 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](mailto:bonnie@alyth.org.uk).

### **Alyth's Annual General Meeting**

*Sunday 15 May, 10:15-12:30*

Papers get emailed or posted out to every member by 22 April. Further copies of the papers and the full version of the statement can be downloaded from [www.alyth.org.uk](http://www.alyth.org.uk).

### **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. Please email our Vice 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.



# 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 04, 11, 18, 25 April, 09:30-11:30*

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

#### **Year 7 Ulpan**

*Returns on Tuesdays from 03 May and Thursdays from 05 May*

#### **Kef Zone**

*Returns on Wednesdays from 04 May*

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

#### **Jewish Studies GCSE (Year 10)**

*Thursdays 07, 14, 21, 28 April 18:30-20:00*

Expand your Jewish knowledge and understanding.

#### **Advanced Hadracha**

*Thursday 21 April, 18:30-20:00*

(School Years 10-13) This month we will be looking at creative t'fillah. Prayer can take many forms and it is important that you are gauging your congregation before you put pen to paper. Learn how to design your own service and get comfortable enough with the text in order to lead it. Contact [mike@alyth.org.uk](mailto:mike@alyth.org.uk).

#### **Ruach Erev Shabbat**

*Returns on Friday 06 May*

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

#### **Sunday Morning Galim**

*Returns on Sunday 01 May, 10:00-12:45*

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

### Choirs & Drama

#### **PACT - Upbeat Drama**

*Returns on Wednesday 04 May*

(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 13 & 20 April, 17:00-18:30*

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

#### **Alyth Youth Singers**

*Returns on Wednesday 04 May*

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

Contact [katie@alyth.org.uk](mailto:katie@alyth.org.uk).

#### **Kids Choir**

*Fridays 01, 08, 15, April, 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](mailto:katie@alyth.org.uk).

#### **Alyth Academy of Performing Arts**

*Sundays 03, 10, 17, 24 April, 18:00-21:00*

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

# Learn with us and Be with us Youth & Education Hub

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## Special this month

### Spring Days and Pesach Days

Wednesday 06 - Friday 08 April, 09:00-15:30

Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 April, 09:00-15:30

The camps are for reception to year 6 children and are going to full of really exciting activities!

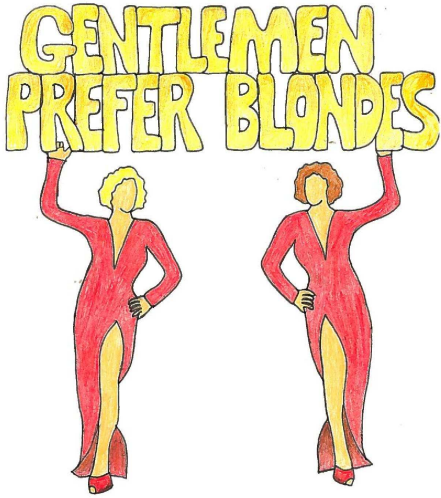
The theme of Spring and Pesach Days will be Magic so come and join us for movie magic, circus tricks, forest games and much more!

Contact [chloe@alyth.org.uk](mailto:chloe@alyth.org.uk).

### Kindergarten Art exhibition

Friday 15 April, 10:00-11:00

Alongside the Kindergarten's end of term Pesach concert, Chloe, from the Youth and Education Hub will be running an Art exhibition to display the work that the children have been making in Chloe's Creative Corner every Tuesday. Please join us for a glass of juice and a croissant and to see what your children have been creating over the past six weeks.



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

Sunday 1 May 2016, 15:00 & 19:00

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](mailto:sam@alyth.org.uk)

## Community News

### We regret to announce the deaths of:

Ruby Angel, mother of Daniel, Hilary and Anthony Angel.

Lilly Dubowitz, wife of Victor, mother of David, Michael, Gerald and Daniel Dubowitz.

Flora Gee, mother of Dena and Paul Gee.

Martyn Gerrard, husband of Rachel, father of Simon, Miriam and Saul, brother of Dexter Moscow.

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

### A warm welcome to our new members:

Sharon Becker

Stanley and Marion Davis

Charles Harris

Ray Hillman

Richard, Fiona, Sam and Milo Kaffel

Daphna Plaschkes, Michael Wise, Yael and Eva Plaschkes

Ziv Stadler



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