

Around Alyth

July & August 2016

Alyth doesn't close for the summer...

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And then after the summer...

NEW

Ellul at Alyth

A programme of learning and reflection for the final month of 5776

High Holy Days 5777 (2016) - Dates for your diary

Erev Rosh Hashanah	2 October	Erev Sukkot	16 October
1st Day Rosh Hashanah	3 October	1st Day Sukkot	17 October
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah	4 October		
Kol Nidre	11 October	Erev Simchat Torah	23 October
Yom Kippur	12 October	Simchat Torah	24 October

You will be sent your ticket and High Holy Days information booklet at the beginning of September. Please contact Bonnie if you have not received them by 13 September.

High Holy Days Appeal 5777

After seven years of inviting charities to submit applications for inclusion in our High Holy Days Appeal we have decided to try something new!

This year, our High Holy Days Appeal will back Alyth funds that support our core activities beyond our general income. The Appeal will include our Rabbis' Charitable (Jewish Participation) Fund, our Welfare Fund, and a new Social Action Fund which will support our diverse social justice projects.

Next Spring, around Pesach-time (with the exact date to be confirmed), we will hold a fun-filled community fundraising event to support a selection of external charities, and we will invite members to nominate charities for inclusion.

More information about the HHD Appeal will come with your HHD tickets and guide. If you have any questions about the two new-look appeals please email hhdappeal@alyth.org.uk.

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 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 July,
05, 12, 19, 26 August, 18:30-19:30*

The Shabbat Den

Friday 01 July & 05 August, 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 July

See below

Saturday 09 July

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Sacha Brozel**. The sermon will be given by **Rabbi Oded Mazor** from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa. There will be no parallel service this Shabbat.

Saturday 16 July

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Ava Harris**.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Saturday 23 July

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Saturday 30 July

Classical Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Healing Service, 10:30-12:00

A special service including prayer and inspirational texts to help us come to terms with challenges of all kinds. With Lynette Sunderland.

Saturday 06 August

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Saturday 13 August

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Saturday 20 August

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Josie Silverman**.

Saturday 27 August

Shabbat Morning Service, 10:30-12:15

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Eli Jay**.

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays, 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.

Special this month

Tefillah Lab: Early Start Musical Service

Saturday 02 July, 09:15-12:15

Join Rabbis Josh and Colin, and the Alyth Choir for a special Shabbat service starting at 09:15 in which we will 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. Rabbis Colin and Josh will both be giving the sermon.

Summer Send-off Service

Friday 08 July, 18:30-19:30

We are hugely excited that so many of our young members are going on youth movement Camps

or Israel Tours this summer. To mark their journey, we are pleased to hold our annual, special service with even more music than a regular Shabbat, including percussion. There will be a more restful parallel service, with the two coming together for the Aleinu. Both services will include an opportunity to hear from Rabbi Oded Mazor from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa.

Tisha B'Av Shacharit and Study

Sunday 14 August, 09:00-10:45

Our service and Megillat Eichah (Lamentations) reading for Tisha B'Av, followed by a Tisha B'Av themed "Monthly Midrash in the Morning". With Rabbi Mark.



Learn with us

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 06 & 13 July, 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

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 Rabbi Josh with Jon Epstein. Contact josh@alyth.org.uk to sign up.

03 July Trip to Hoop Lane Cemetery with Jon

Please note this is a special Sunday morning session, starting at 10:00

06 July Conversion and Issues of Jewish Status

13 July Jewish theology and Tisha B'Av

Talmud Class

Thursdays 07, 14, 21 July, 04, 11, 18, 25 August, 13:00-14:15

Our stimulating and friendly class which is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Join Rabbi Mark to grapple with the ideas of our classical Rabbis. Contact mark@alyth.org.uk.

MMM: Monthly Midrash in the Morning

Sundays 17 July & 14 August

Midrash is, technically, any act of rabbinic biblical interpretation, but it is most often used to mean the way that the rabbis created new ideas and stories around the biblical narratives.

In this monthly session join us over danish, fruit and tea and coffee as we look at some of the highlights of this rabbinic creativity.

Sunday 17 July 10:15-11:30 How the rabbis used midrash to explore theology, with Rabbi Josh.

Sunday 14 August How the rabbis reflected on their experience of loss through midrash, with Rabbi Mark (*part of our commemoration of Tisha B'Av, which will start at 09:00*).

Shabbat Morning Shiurim over the Summer

Aaron and the way to bring justice to this world

Saturday 09 July, 09:15-10:15

Three opinions from three Rabbis on the meaning of truth, peace and God's demand from us. Led by Rabbi Oded Mazor from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa.

Intermarriage: How the Bible and the Rabbis viewed it, and why it's different for us

Saturday 23 July, 09:15-10:15

In our Torah portion, Pinchas is rewarded for an act of zealotry against an Israelite man and a Midianite woman. What *was* the bible's problem with mixed-faith relationships, and how was intermarriage viewed in rabbinic literature? And how does modern Reform Judaism view intermarriage. Led by Rabbi Josh (who, with great joy, regularly officiates at celebrations after mixed-faith marriages!)

Masei: A man of 123 and a woman of 300

Saturday 06 August, 09:15-10:15

Masei is the final portion of the Book of Numbers. It records the death of Aaron among the journeys of the Israelites and tells us that only Moses, Joshua, and Caleb were left from those who set out from Egypt – but was there also a mysterious woman of over 300 years of age travelling with the Israelites? Join Rabbi Mark to piece together the hidden story of Serach bat Asher.

The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

Saturday 20 August, 09:15-10:15

A sugya is a discrete section of the Babylonian Talmud. In these sessions with Rabbi Josh, we look at sugyot which are especially important, insightful or entertaining, and which every educated Jew should know about.



Special this month

Alyth Film Club: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer

Tuesday 12 July, 19:30-22:00

It is 1948, the UN is about to establish new lines of demarcation in a truce in the War of Independence. Four members of the new Israeli army are charged to take possession of Hill 24 and hold it overnight. Through flashbacks we learn how each of the four came to be where they are today.

This was the first feature film produced in Israel and was the 1955 Israeli entry into the Cannes Film Festival.

Contact colin@alyth.org.uk.

The Jewish Tour of Northampton and Bedford

Tuesday 02 August, 9:00-18:00

Join Rabbi Mark, Viv Bellos and historian Marcus Roberts to learn about the rich medieval and modern Jewish history of these two South Midlands towns. Leaving from Alyth by private coach, we will enjoy a pub lunch and complete the day at the unique Panacea Museum, a museum of small religious sects, before returning to Alyth. Travel, admissions, learning and tea included in the cost of £26 per person; pub lunch cost is not included. Please book with bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

Avodah Meeting *Monday 11 July, 20:00-21:30*

Avodah is our quarterly open forum in which we discuss Alyth's services. All are welcome. 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

Building Consultation

Sunday 3 July, 10:15-11:15

Tuesday 26 July, 20:00-21:00

In advance of a possible planning application, we want to ensure that as many members as possible have the opportunity to see and discuss our proposed building plans which were shared at the AGM. Please contact josh@alyth.org.uk if you are planning on attending one of the meetings.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 4 July, 12:45-13:45

Join our Alyth Kindergarten and Jenny Kossew, who has over 20 years of experience working with and bringing joy to intergenerational groups. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth Choral Society: Summer Concert

Tuesday 5 July, 19:30-21:30

Alyth Choral Society will be performing Schubert & Co. Tickets are £12 & under 16s are free. www.alythchoralsociety.org.

The Great Jewish Bake Day

Wednesday 6 July, 16:00-18:00

For Alyth's contribution to this national event in aid of Jewish Care come and join Rabbi Mark, Sarah and Bonnie to create kichel (Jewish shortbread) and cupcakes made from ingredients from the Jewish cuisines of the world. Hands on baking and learning for all generations. Sign up with bonnie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784. Our creations will be sold prior to the service on 8th July to raise money for Jewish Care.

The Shirley Glatter Young@Heart Day

Thursday 11 August, 10:30-16:00

Join us for a day of fun filled activities including, bridge, scrabble, rummikub, singing, discussion, news & views, arts & crafts, a three course lunch, delicious tea and more.

Cost: £10 members £12 non-members. To book a place and request transport if needed contact Lynette 020 8457 8793.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-16:00

Weekly activity and tea for our senior members.

July

04 Paul Cavendish "Magic Show"

11 Barry Leigh entertains

18 Discussion with Helen

25 Roy Blass entertains

August

01 Alan Cohen "Lights and darks in the visual arts"

08 Jodie Beth Meyer entertains

15 Judy Karbritz "The Full Monty - warts and all"

22 Music with Herbie Goldberg

News, Views, Coffee & Schmooze

Wednesdays 06 & 20 July, 03, 17, 31 August, 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.

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 30 July & 27 August, 09:15-10:15

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

Sunday 03 July & 07 August, 19:30-22:00

For more information please contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Council Meeting

Tuesday 05 July, 20:00-22:00

If you would like to attend please email Noeleen Cohen at chair@alyth.org.uk.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group: Bring and Share Supper

Thursday 07 July, 20:00-21:30

Our monthly celebration of the new moon in which women gather for sharing, learning and discussions. At this month's session we will share our food and our ideas for future Rosh Chodesh meetings. Contact Jackie Goymour at honeyhill@btinternet.com.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sundays 10 July & 14 August, 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)

Fridays 22 July & 19 August, 19:30-21:30

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

Sundays 24 July & 21 August, 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.

Chat 'n' Soup

Friday 22 July, 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.

We wish all those going on the Ramble Weekend from 15 - 17 July, *nesiah tovah*.



Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 04, 11, 18 July, 19:30-21:30

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

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 09 July, 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@alyth.org.uk.

Shalom Supper

Friday 05 August, 19:30-21:30

Join members of JAMI and Jewish Care's Shalom Centre for a Shabbat evening dinner and entertainment (*with the support of the Hampstead Garden Trust*). Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sundays 31 July & 28 August, 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.

Alyth's High Holy Days Choir

We are recruiting singers for the 2016 High Holy Days Choir. There will be rehearsals on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons throughout September at Alyth in preparation for the October High Holy Days. If you are interested in singing (music reading not a requirement) and volunteering your voice to Alyth's High Holy Day services please contact Katie at katie@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8797.

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 July, 09:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chat for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. On 04 July (10:30-11:00) we will have a special Baby Yoga session. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Year 7 Ulpan

Tuesdays 05 July, 17:30-18:30

Our Year 7 provision to teach Hebrew and develop Jewish knowledge.

Kef Zone

Wednesday 06 July, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for all children in Primary School.

Advanced Hadracha

Thursday 07 July 18:30-20:00

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

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 01 & 08 July, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 03 & 10 July, 10:00-12:45

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

All programmes return at the beginning of September.

Special this month

Year 7 Chavurah Supper

Friday 1 July, 19:30-21:30

Join other families for a communal dinner. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

Summer Days

Monday 15 - Friday 19 August, 09:00-15:30

For those going into Reception to year 6.

Our fantastic summer holiday day scheme brings together all our members and is a chance to see friends from Alyth and to meet new people too!

Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

Summer Madness

Friday 26 - Tuesday 30 August

Our legendary, famous, epic summer camp for School years 3 - 8. A chance to experience four nights away in a safe and friendly environment.

Contact sam@alyth.org.uk.

***Nesiah tovah* to all those going away with Alyth or RSY-Netzer**

Ruach Parents Session

What do you want to ask about Israel? What can I answer?

Friday 08 July, 17:15-18:15

A discussion, led by Rabbi Oded Mazor from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, on the challenges of talking about Israel with our children, when we, as adults, struggle with answering our own questions.

Choirs & Drama

Primary Alyth Children's Theatre

Wednesday 06 July, 17:00-17:30

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

Alyth Children's Theatre

Wednesday 06 July, 17:00-18:30

ACT is our children's theatre group for those in Years 3-7.

Alyth Youth Singers

Wednesday 06 July, 18:45-20:00

AYS, our youth choir for all post B'nei Mitzvah. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Kids Choir

Fridays 1, 8 & 15 July, 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.

Community News

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Woolf (Len) Balcon, husband of Eleonor, father of Judith and Rebecca, brother of Janie Balcon.

Kathy Levinsohn, mother of Noeleen Cohen and Michael Levinsohn.

A warm welcome to our new members:

Joel, Deborah, Ella & Ruby Anderson
Myrna Cooper

Daniel Da Costa

Rachel Hyman

Joanna Ish-Horowicz & Sasha Renton

David Lewy

Robert, Sarah, Isaac, Lola & Jonah Morris

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