



Erev Purim (Wednesday 28 February)



This Purim, prepare to Be Our Guest for an evening of:

16:00 Purim Den

For pre-schoolers and their families with Rabbi Hannah and Chloe, our Early Years Educator. Join us for Purim themed songs and stories.

16:45 Early Dinner

17:15 Megillah Zones

For Reception to Year 6 children. An afternoon of Purim activities with the Youth and Education Hub.

18:00 Tea

18:30 Beauty & The Feast Show & Pot Luck Dinner

Our immersive theatre and dinner.

The Purim feast is a 'pot luck' dinner so come dressed for the occasion with a vegetarian, nut free dish.

Please email saskia@alyth.org.uk to let us know you are coming and how many of you there are so that there are enough seats at the feast.

20:45 Ma'ariv & Megillah

Our evening service with Rabbi Josh, including a full reading of the Megillah.

Purim (Thursday 1 March)

12:15-13:15 Megillah Reading

All are welcome for our full reading of the Megillat Esther for Purim, followed by a light lunch.

13:15-14:15 Special Talmud Class for Purim

Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Colin are together teaching our Talmud Class this week, but is it really Talmud? Can you tell the real Talmud from the fake Talmud?

Don't forget

JMI's Jewish Music Fair at Alyth (Sunday 18 February)

For more information go to www.jmi.org.uk/event/jmf2018 and book using the discount code "JC2018".

To pray. To learn.
To live. Together

Staff contact details can be found on the back page





Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 18:30-19:30

We begin Shabbat with our uplifting and inspirational intergenerational Erev Shabbat service. A unique combination of song, reflection, prayer and learning, often with guitar.

Weekday Services

Sunday Shacharit

Sundays, 9:00-10:00

Our lay-led minyan with bagel breakfast.

Evening Services

Take place before meetings at 19:45. Contact office@alyth.org.uk if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

Shabbat Morning Services

Our regular Shabbat morning service is a contemporary Reform service led by one of our Rabbis, normally accompanied by the volunteer choir and piano, with a combination of reading, chanting, song and reflection. There is also a parallel service most weeks that meets the diverse prayer needs of the community. From time to time these parallel services take place in the Beit Tefillah.

Saturday 3 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

An informal musical service with guitar, led by Rabbi Josh. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Marni Salem**.

Shabbat for the Tu B'Shvat Soul, 10:30-12:15

A Shabbat morning service using a selection from our prayers, poetry, silence, a contemplative reading of Torah, and the space to experience a special sense of rest on Shabbat. This month, we will reflect on the connection of Shabbat to our place in nature. Led by Rabbi Mark.

Sensory Shabbat, 11:00-12:00

Led by Rabbi Hannah. See following page.

Saturday 10 February

Choral Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. On this Shabbat our service will include choral pieces from our community's musical repertoire.

Kollot, 10:30-12:15

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes an area for children. This Kollot is led by Rabbi Hannah and Justin Wise, and welcomes a group from Haifa, with Rabbis Gabby Dagan and Na'ama Dafni-Kellen from Ohel Avraham at the Leo Baeck Education Center.

Saturday 17 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

An informal musical service led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Danny Gordon-Boyd**.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Mincha (Afternoon) Service, 17:00-18:00

Led by Rabbi Hannah. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Page.

Saturday 24 February

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Yoav Aran**.

Kollot, 10:30-12:15

Our informal, participatory minyan, mostly in Hebrew, chanted and sung. Includes an area for children. Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise. Including:

The Kollot Breakout approx 11:30 - 12:15

At the end of Shacharit on the fourth Shabbat of the month, younger members in the Kollot service are invited to go with Rabbi Hannah for an immersive Torah experience.



Services for Young Families

Shabbat Den

Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 16:15-16:45

For pre-schoolers and their families with Rabbi Hannah, Chloe, our Early Years Educator, and Tor, Head of the Kindergarten. Join us for songs, stories and to meet new friends in Alyth's Shabbat Den.

Sensory Shabbat

Saturday 3 February, 11:00-12:00

A Shabbat experience designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life.

Join Rabbi Hannah in this service where you and your baby can touch, see, smell, hear and taste your way through the service to create precious Shabbat memories and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Suitable for babies from birth to 2 years old (be mindful that this is a quiet sensory experience).

Seudah for Young Families

Saturday 10 February, 15:00-16:30

Join Rabbi Hannah, Chloe, our early years educator, and Mulan for a Shabbat Seudah for young families celebrating the Chinese New Year. Tell your fortune with homemade fortune cookies, defeat a fire breathing dragon, and decorate a lantern to bring you good luck for the year of the dog. Contact hannah@alyth.org.uk.

****NEW**** Baby Den

Friday 23 February, 10:30-11:30

Babies, toddlers and young children are naturally interested in music. On a Friday morning, wake up with Shoshi to sing songs, be with friends and bop to a Shabbat beat. Our new musical Baby Den, with Rabbi Hannah and Chloe, our Early Years Educator, is designed to help your little one develop creativity, co-ordination and concentration. And above all else it's FUN! The first half will be singing and the second half gives time for free play and a cup of tea or coffee for our grown ups.

Advanced Warning - Tefillah Jam

Saturday 3 March, 10:30-12:15

Bring your instruments, including your voices, as we sing and 'jam' our way through the Shabbat morning service, with a selection of new and familiar melodies. If you would like the sheet music or guitar chords in advance, contact Rabbi Josh at josh@alyth.org.uk

All are welcome to join this unique service, the only one of its kind (we think) in the world!

STOP PRESS

Department of Health Consultation on 'Opt-out' Organ Donation

Thursday 8 February, 20:00-21:30 (tbc)

The Department of Health is currently carrying out a national consultation on the Law on Organ Donation, a subject which is close to the hearts of many Alyth members.

To take part in the consultation visit <https://engage.dh.gov.uk/organdonation/13-2/>

We are currently in conversation with the Department of Health about hosting a consultation evening with one of the ministers from the department for the Jewish community at Alyth.

We have not yet received final confirmation, but this is likely to be on Thursday 8 February. Please see the weekly email or Shul Sheet for confirmation.

Contact josh@alyth.org.uk for more information about the consultation.



Learn with us

Regular Learning

Judaism - The Essentials:

Short Course on History

Wednesdays, 20:00-21:45

'Essentials' is our programme of short courses for all those who want to ensure that their Judaism has firm foundations. Taught by Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Hannah and Jon Epstein. For more information email josh@alyth.org.uk.

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Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 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.

Talmud Class

Thursdays, 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.

On Thursday 1 March join us for our Purim Special at 12:15 which will include a Megillah reading and lunch and learn.

Monthly Midrash in the Morning

Sunday 25 February, 10:30-11:30

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 examples of rabbinic creativity over Danish, fruit and coffee.

This month, we will look at midrash Sifre D'varim on the second paragraph of the shema, exploring how the rabbis understand this difficult passage.

Shabbat Shiurim

The Sapphire Pavement on Mount Sinai

Saturday 3 February, 9:15-10:15

Join Rabbi Mark at Mount Sinai as we study the Torah portion Yitro, when the Children of Israel reach the mountain, and make themselves ready to receive. We will join the experience through Kabbalistic and classical texts.

Is Amalek just misunderstood?

Saturday 24 February, 9:15-10:15

On this Shabbat Zachor we are reminded twice what Amalek did to us and commanded to blot out his name. But never do we read about what we did to Amalek. Join Rabbi Hannah to explore Midrash and Talmud and find out more about who Amalek was, and what we can learn from him about how to treat our enemies.

Also this month

What kind of a future is there for Israel? – Yair Zivan of Yesh Atid

Friday 2 February 17:15-18:15

Yair Zivan is the spokesperson for Yesh Atid, Israel's centrist political party. Previously he was the foreign press spokesman for Israel's President, Shimon Peres. Yair will be considering where Israel is going and the issues that drive the country today. He will also be giving the D'var Torah in our Kabbalat Shabbat service. Yair comes to Alyth through our partnership with UJIA.



Alyth Film Club: Enemies, A Love Story *Tuesday 13 February, 19:30-22:00*

Herman Broder, a Holocaust survivor living in NYC and struggling with depression after his ordeals in the war, makes his living by ghost writing for a rabbi. Herman is married to Yadviga but is also having an affair with Masha, a married woman. Things grow even more chaotic when Herman's first wife, Tamara, who he thought had died in the war, shows up in New York.

Based on the novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

- 5** Geoff Bowden "Solo Singers of the Swinging 60s"
- 12** Discussion with Helen
- 19** Ros Goldfarb "Shaare Zedek Hospital"
- 26** Katie Hainbach sings with Julianne on piano

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00

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

www.alythchoralsociety.org.

Soup, News, Views & Schmooze

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 12:45-15:00

Join Lynette to discuss topical issues and stories.

Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

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 for more information.

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays 10 & 17 February, 9:15-10:15

Our regular rehearsals for the Synagogue Choir.

If you would like to join us, we are delighted to welcome new singers who are interested in learning about the liturgy and music of our services. Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 4 February, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 5 February, 12:45-13:45

JOY brings some of our Kindergarten and Senior Club members together for intergenerational activities.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 11 February, 08:30-13:00

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

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

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

Friday 16 February, 19:30-21:30

Join us for a Shabbat dinner with fantastic food and company. No charge but donations are always welcome. For catering and transportation purposes please contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation:

Opening into Shabbat

Saturday 17 February 9:00-10:15

The third Shabbat of the month is the new time for Alyth's Jewish Mindfulness Meditation. On this Shabbat, join Rabbi Mark and Elaine Wight-Cole for an hour of contemplation, movement and learning to set you up for the day or for the Shabbat service. Together we will experience an hour of menuchah, Shabbat rest.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 25 February, 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.

Outing: Modigliani exhibition at the Tate Modern *Wednesday 7 March, 10:30 (incl. lunch)*

See some of the most memorable art of the 20th century at this comprehensive retrospective of Modigliani's work. With Viv Bellos and Rabbi Mark. Contact saskia@alyth.org.uk to book.



Also this month

Concert: Two Faiths, One Voice

Sunday 4 February, 18:00-19:30

Alyth choirs are joined by St Mary-at-Finchley Church choirs in a celebration of song. Free entry but donations are welcome. In aid of Homeless Action in Barnet. For more information please contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

JMI's Jewish Music Fair at Alyth

Sunday 18 February, 9:30-18:00

A fascinating day packed with Jewish music of all kinds and genres, from the very best musicians, academics, practitioners and leaders. For more information go to www.jmi.org.uk/event/jmf2018 and use the discount code "JC2018".

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. We are always looking for new volunteers for the Monday Club. Please contact Dennis Sher via the Synagogue Office to volunteer.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 25 February, 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 contact refugeedropin@alyth.org.uk.

Alyth & Golder's Green Parish Church Winter Night Shelter (Tuesday evenings)

With Homeless Action in Barnet we continue to provide shelter and a home cooked meal for a group of homeless people on Tuesday nights/Wednesday mornings.

Community News

A warm welcome to:

Bogdan Adamescu & Adriana Constantinescu, Gabriel, Dan and Sophie Adamescu.

Shirley Benn.

Colin Fisher & Carola Emrich-Fisher, Kaya & Miles Fisher.

Paul, Vicky, Kelly & David Joseph.

Simon, Rachel & Jorden Joseph.

Adiva, Lia & Ava Kalms.

Diana King.

James, Natalie, Mia & Sophie Kustow.

Angela Lando.

Richard, Bobby, Jesse & Sonny Nyman.

Mark Schuck.

Adele, Mark & Marni Skelton.

Sheila Solomon.

Alan & Nina Spivack.

We regret to announce the death of:

John Altmann, father of Alisa Zietzer and Daniel Altmann.

Lila Honey, mother of Celia Newgas and Leonard Honey.

John Jacobs, husband of Vanya and father of Simon, Esther, Gregory and Emma.

Ronnie Jacobs, husband of Eva, father of Mark and Karen and brother of Joan Burstyn.

Leo Lipinski, brother of Jonathan and Alan, father to Nicholas and Victoria and ex-husband of Linda Lipinski.

Charlotte Michaels, mother of Leslie Michaels, Tony Michaels and Juliette Overlander.

Gerard Nouchi, husband of Paule Nouchi and father of Laurent Nouchi and Carine Nouchi.

Robin Phillips, father of Lesley Grays and Alison Culshaw.

Jamie Rose Whitesman, cousin to Yael, Max, Peter and Sue Miller.

Ralph Sutton, husband of Adele Sutton, father of Elaine, Steve and Clive Sutton.



Youth & Education Hub

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

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 4 & 25 February, 10:00-12:45

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

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays 5, 19, 26 February, 9:30-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chats for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

C.R.E.A.T.E

Tuesdays 6 & 27 February, 18:30-20:00

(For all post B'nei Mitzvah)

Like art? Want to learn new art skills such as sewing, textiles, batique and much much more? Then come to the launch of our new arts provision with Chloe, who has a Foundation Diploma in art.

Kef Zone

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

A.C.E

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 17:00-18:15

(For Reception to Year 2)

Join Chloe who has a Foundation Diploma in art to learn new skills such as sewing, textiles and batique.

ACT (Alyth Children's Theatre)

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 17:00-18:30

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

AYS (Alyth Youth Singers)

Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 18:45-20:00

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

Contact katie@alyth.org.uk.

Year 9 Hadracha

Thursdays 1 & 8 February, 18:30-19:30

Our creative, fun and intensive leadership course for Year 9. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 2, 9, 23 February, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Alyth Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays 4 & 25 February, 18:00-21:00

Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

Also this month

Dagim Chavurah Supper

Friday 2 February, 18:30-21:30

For all Dagim children and parents! Come and join the SMG Dagim team for the Friday night service and a chavurah supper where you will get the chance to sit, eat and play amongst your Sunday morning friends, whilst enjoying a yummy dinner! The service begins at 18:30 and supper will start at 19:30. Please email chloe@alyth.org.uk if you would like to attend and let us know what vegetarian, nut free dish you will be bringing.

Feb Fun for Young Ones

Monday 12-Wednesday 14 February, 9:00-12:30

Calling all Early Years children! Join Chloe and the team for Alyth's very first half term camp for children aged 2-5 year olds. Feb Fun is a perfect way to spend the school holiday. The scheme has a safe and homely environment while giving us the flexibility to use our space in exciting and innovative ways. If you have any questions please contact sam@alyth.org.uk.



BEAUTY AND THE FEAST

PURIM - WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF:

16:00 PURIM DEN

For pre-schoolers and their families with Rabbi Hannah and Chloe, our Early Years Educator. Join us for Purim themed songs and stories.

16:45 EARLY DINNER

17:15 MEGILLAH ZONES

For Reception to Year 6 children. An afternoon of Purim activities with the Youth and Education Hub.

18:00 TEA

18:30 BEAUTY AND THE FEAST SHOW AND POTLUCK DINNER

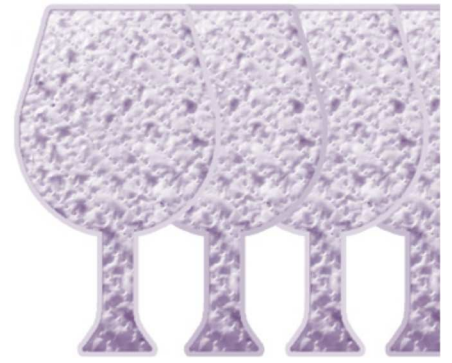
This Purim, prepare to Be Our Guest and help bring Alyth's immersive theatre dinner to life at Beauty & the Feast!

The Purim feast is a 'pot luck' dinner so come dressed for the occasion with a vegetarian, nut free dish.

Please email saskia@alyth.org.uk to let us know you are coming and how many of you there are so that there are enough seats at the feast.

20:45 MA'ARIV AND MEGILLAH

Our evening service including a full reading of the Megillah.



Pesach B'yachad

Communal Second Night Seder

We invite the whole “Family of Alyth” to join us for our Communal Seder, with song, spirit and all the warmth of Alyth. This Seder is suitable for all ages, and will include a break-out for children with our Youth and Education team.

Adults: £28 Children: £16
(up to 16)

Includes a fish or vegetarian meal.

**Saturday
31 March**

**18:00
to
21:00**

For further information please contact Saskia at office@alyth.org.uk or
020 8457 8784

Or book using the tear off slip overleaf



Communal Seder Reply Form



To book your place fill in and return to Saskia Kimmel, NWRS, Alyth Gardens, London, NW11 7EN **by Monday 19 March**. We will not be issuing tickets, but will send you confirmation by email (if you provide your email address) or by post. If you have not had confirmation by 23 March please contact Saskia, saskia@alyth.org.uk, 020 8457 8784, in case your application has gone astray.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Adults (@ £28 per adult) No: _____ Amount: £ _____

Children (@ £16 per child) No: _____ Amount: £ _____

Total attending: No: _____ Total Amount*: £ _____

* We accept payment by cheque (payable to "NWRS"), cash, debit card or credit card

Alyth believes that all of our activities should be made available to everyone, regardless of their financial situation.

Please contact one of the rabbis if you need help to be able to attend the Seder.

Names of the people for whom you are purchasing tickets, if you are purchasing more than one ticket ,and also the ages of any children.

Person 1: _____ Person 2: _____

Person 3: _____ Person 4: _____

Person 5: _____ Person 6: _____

If any of your party requires vegetarian food or has other dietary requirements, please give details here:

Please give us the name(s) of people you would like to sit with:

Payment by debit / credit card (Mastercard or Visa only)

Name on Card: _____ Type of Card: Debit / Credit

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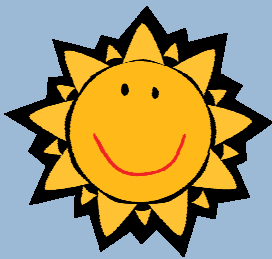


Feb Fun for Young Ones

12 - 14 February

Calling all early years children!

Join Chloe and the team for Alyth's very first half term camp for children aged 2 - 5!



Spring Days

9 - 13 April

Come and join in the fun!

For those in current School Years Reception to Year 3 and Years 4 - 6

If you have any questions about Feb Fun for Young Ones or Spring Days, please give Sam a call on 020 8457 8796 or email sam@alyth.org.uk

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