April 2018

Celebrate Israel at 70 with Alyth

A week of celebration

Monthly Midrash in the Morning Sunday 15 April, 10:30-11:30

Join Rabbi Josh as we look at midrashim on the Land of Israel. See "Learn with us" for more info.

Erev Yom Hazikaron Ceremony Tuesday 17 April, 20:00-21:00

Every year Alyth commemorates those who have died in Israel's wars or through acts of terrorism. Created with Israeli members of Alyth, the memorial ceremony includes poetry and remembrance.

Yom Ha'atzmaut at Alyth Wednesday 18 April, 19:00-21:30

A community evening of Israeli dance, culture, food and music to celebrate Israel's 70th birthday here at Alyth.

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For young families Celebrate Israel's birthday with food and fun. Together we will prepare our Israeli feast and then eat it for a delicious Shabbat tea!

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Hear from seven members of Alyth also turning 70 this year how their relationship with Israel has developed during their lives.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Zones Wednesday 18 April, 16:00-17:00

For Primary School children Learn to make hummus, get your face painted, create Israeli window hangings and learn some Israeli dances.

Young@Heart Day - Israel Special Thursday 19 April, 10:30-16:00

In addition to our usual activities of scrabble, singing and arts & crafts we will also review papers of today and from 1948! See "Be with us" for more info.

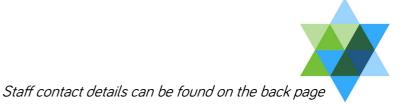
Brunch: The future of Progressive Judaism in Israel Sunday 22 April, 10:30-11:30

In association with Pro Zion, Alyth is delighted to welcome Yaron Shavitz, former chair of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Yom Ha'atzmaut: The Zionist Federation's Independence Day Festival Thursday 19 April, 18:30

Alyth is proud to be a partner in the Zionist Federation's Independence Day Festival - Europe's biggest festival celebrating Israel's birthday. Purchase your tickets at www.zionist.org.uk/event/yh70 using the discount code "ZFYH70Alyth" for a 10% discount.

To pray. To learn. To live. Together



Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 April, 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.

Shabbat Morning Services

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.

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 7 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15 Led by Rabbi Hannah and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Herman. To mark World Health Day, the sermon will be given by Sir Michael Marmot, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London.

Tefillah Laboratory: Imrei Finu, *10:30-12:15* Led by Rabbi Josh, Imrei Finu ("The words of our mouths") is a guitar-led service with lots of singing to new and familiar melodies, silence, and an informal Torah service.

Saturday 14 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Joshua Stadler**.

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.

Saturday 21 April

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Amelia Morris**.

Shabbat for the Soul, *10:30-12:00* 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. Led by Rabbi Mark.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Saturday 28 April Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Hannah and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Jake Grayson Lee**.

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.

Jewish Identity and Values Service, 10:30 Maia Naylor is celebrating her Bat Mitzvah in a unique way at Alyth. Together with Rabbi Mark, Maia is leading a Shabbat service based around questions of Jewish identity and values, which she has asked members of her family around the world. The service includes video testimony and discussion, along with Shabbat prayer, song and reading of Torah.

Sing with us Friday 27 April, 17:30-18:15

Join us for an hour of singing new and familiar melodies, exploring harmonies and preparing our voices for Shabbat. With Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Hannah and Katie Hainbach.



Services for Young Families

Baby Den

Fridays 13, 20, 27 April, 10:30-11:30 On a Friday morning, wake up with Shoshi to sing For pre-schoolers and their families with songs, be with friends and bop to a Shabbat beat. Our musical Baby Den, with Rabbi Hannah and Chloe, our Early Years Educator, is designed to help your little one develop creativity, coordination and concentration. And above all else it's FUN!

Shabbat Den

Fridays 13, 20, 27 April, 16:15-16:45 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.

Seventh Day Pesach (Erev and Day)

Erev Seventh Day Study Service:

Getting our feet wet - Singing a song of victory and deliverance

Thursday 5 April, 20:00-21:30

Join Rabbi Colin to see how Jewish sources have looked at crossing the Sea of Reeds and why we remember the Exodus at least 3 times a day.

Seventh Day Services

Friday 6 April,

Choral Service (10:15-12:30)

A special festival service. Led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir. Please note the early start time. Family Service (11:00-12:00)

An involving and musical service led by Mike Mendoza and Sam Brunner.

Sensory Service (11:00-12:00)

A Pesach experience designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life. Led by Rabbi Hannah this is suitable for babies from birth to 2 years old (be mindful that this is a quiet sensory experience).

Pesach Tea & Den (15:00-16:30)

A special Pesach and Shabbat Den experience! Come and bake some delicious Pesach treats, whilst the grownups chat over a cinnamon ball and a cuppa, before joining Rabbi Hannah, Sam and Shoshi for stories, songs and friends at Pesach Den.

Avodah

Tuesday 24 April, 20:00-21:30

Avodah is our quarterly open forum in which we discuss Alyth's services. All are welcome. Email saskia@alyth.org.uk if you plan to attend or to give apologies and josh@alyth.org.uk if you have an agenda item.

Yom Hashoah Ceremony

Wednesday 11 April 20:00-21:30

Join Rabbi Mark and Katie Hainbach for our annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Beginning with the lighting of a memorial candle by all present, followed by a short ma'ariv service, the evening will continue with readings and testimonies from Inge Hyman and Ivan Shaw.

Learn with us

Regular Learning

Judaism - The Essentials

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.

25 Prayer 1: What's it for, the building blocks of the liturgy

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesday 25 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.

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.

Alyth Film Club: The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick

Tuesday 10 April, 19:30-22:00 In preparation for his Bar Mitzvah, a Jewish boy from a small Manitoba community with an overbearing family tries to navigate his comingof-age with his family's condescension and bigotry using his sarcastic, Jewish humour. The town's rabbi dies, and a sub-plot develops in which Max's father and grandfather are saddled with a traditional Hassidic rabbi who sticks out like a sore thumb among the otherwise assimilated Jewish community. To make matters more difficult, he likes a Catholic girl, whom he later competes with in a piano competition. The quirky, fun-loving rabbi tries to help him with his problems.

Shabbat Morning Shiur: The Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know

Saturday 28 April, 9:15-10:15

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.

Learn with us: Israel

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Monthly Midrash in the Morning

Sunday 15 April, 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: Midrashim on the Jewish people's connection to the Land of Israel.

Brunch: The future of Progressive Judaism in Israel

Sunday 22 April, 10:30-11:30

In association with Pro Zion, Alyth is delighted to welcome Yaron Shavitz, former chair of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. Join Rabbi Hannah to discuss what role Progressive Judaism has in Israel and what is it's future.

Be with us

Weekly Activities Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

- 9 Ruth Sheer "Kimberley the Diamond City"
- 16 Sidney Austin entertains
- 23 Helen Fry "The Secret Listeners who bugged the Nazis"
- **30** Roy Blass entertains

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesdays, 20:00-22:00 Exploring new repertoire while continuing to develop strengths in cantata and oratorio. www.alythchoralsociety.org.

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 7 & 21 April, 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 8 April, 19:00-22:00 Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 8 April, 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 20 April, 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 please contact lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation: Opening into Shabbat

Saturday 21 April 9:00-10:15

On this Shabbat, join Rabbi Mark and Maxine Levy for a stress free, restful 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. This Shabbat HaChodesh, the first of Jewish springtime, we will be reflecting on renewal in nature and ourselves.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 22 April, 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.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 23 April, 12:45-13:45 JOY brings some of our Kindergarten and Senior Club members together for intergenerational activities.

World Health Day at Alyth

To mark World Health Day, the sermon on Saturday 7 April will be given by **Sir Michael Marmot**, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London. Michael has led research groups on health inequalities for over 35 years and was chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health which produced the report "Closing the Gap in a Generation".

Be with us: Israel

Yom Ha'atzmaut at Alyth

Wednesday 18 April, 19:00-21:30 A community evening of Israeli dance, culture, food and music to celebrate Israel's 70th birthday here at Alyth. The evening will include:

Israel - Wellspring of Culture

Rabbi Mark will be sharing film, music, art, poetry and writing from today's Israel.

Israel - Creativity in Jewish music

Over the past decade Israel has become the home of creative liturgical Jewish music. Join Rabbi Josh to learn, sing and enjoy.

Rikudiya - beyond the Hora

All over Israel people come together to dance late into the night! Today's Israeli dance is a fusion of all the vibrant cultures of the country. Join Rabbi Hannah to experience Rikudiya and dance.

No admission charge but donations towards the cost of refreshments and in aid of the Israel Religious Action Centre are welcome.

The Shirley Glatter Young@Heart Day - Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut

Thursday 19 April, 10:30-16:00

Join us for a day of Israeli fun filled activities. In addition to our usual activities of scrabble, rummikub, singing, arts & crafts, a three course lunch and delicious tea, we will also review papers of today and from 1948! Cost: £10 members £12 non-members. To book a place and request transport if needed contact Lynette on 020 8457 8793.

Israel's 70th Independence Day Festival

Thursday 19 April, 18:30

Alyth is proud to be a partner in the Zionist Federation's Independence Day Festival. Join Alyth at Europe's biggest festival celebrating Israel's birthday. The event will feature Hadag Nahash, Ehud Banai, Israeli dancers, school choirs and Israeili food. Enjoy a warm welcome at our hospitality stall. Purchase your tickets at www.zionist.org.uk/event/yh70 using the discount code "ZFYH70Alyth" for a 10% discount.

Also this month

Alyth Choral Society Concert: Springtime with the Romantics

Sunday 15 April, 19:00-21:00

ACS perform Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann. Tickets can be purchased from www.alythchoralsociety.org and cost £15 Adults, £11 ACS Friends, under 18s free.

New Table Talk

Thursday 26 April, 19:30-22:00

The first in a series of evenings celebrating different cultures and their foods. Join Rabbi Hannah and Lynette to celebrate Bukharian culture and cooking. Lilian Cordell's cookbook "Miriam's Table" celebrates her late mother's traditional dishes. Together we will hear about Bukharian culture, have a cooking demonstration and get to taste Bukharian delicacies throughout the evening. There are limited places so you have to book in advance with saskia@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784. Cost £10 per person.

Local Elections: Meet the Candidates

Sunday 29 April, 10:00-12:00

Candidates from all of the parties contesting the Borough of Barnet Local Elections, taking place on 3 May, will be at Alyth for an election hustings. Rabbi Mark will chair this hustings, which Alyth is running jointly with the London Jewish Forum. What are the local issues that matter to you? What should happen in the Borough to meet the needs of the nearly 400,000 people who live within its borders? All questions are welcome - come along and ask!

Save the date Tefillah Lab: Musical Heritage Service Saturday 5 May, 10:30

Alyth's music has evolved over our 85 years. A major contributor to our music has been Louis Lewandoski (1821-1894), choir master of the Neue Synagogue, Berlin. This service, led by Rabbi Mark and Viv Bellos, will feature members of the Alyth Choir bringing Lewandowski's beautiful liturgical music to life in prayer.

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays 16, 23, 30, 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 29 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 contact refugeedropin@alyth.org.uk.

Youth & Education Hub

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

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 20 & 27 April, 16:15-19:30 Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 15, 22, 29 April, 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 Academy of Performing Arts

Sundays 15, 22, 29 April, 18:00-21:00 Our drama group for 13-18 year olds.

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays 16, 23, 30 April, 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.AT.E

Tuesday 24 April, 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? For more information about our arts provision with Chloe, who has a Foundation Diploma in art, contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Kef Zone

Wednesday 25 April, 16:00-17:00 Our weekly club for Primary School children.

A.C.E

Wednesdays 18 & 25 April, 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 18 & 25 April, 17:00-18:30 ACT is our children's theatre group for those in Years 3-7.

Advanced Hadracha

Thursdays 19 & 26 April, 18:30-20:00 This series of sessions aims to deepen your knowledge & skill set as madrichim, in order to have those more challenging conversations surrounding Judaism. We will hear from a variety of professional educators and work together to broaden our views on life and everything in it... For more information & session details, please contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Also this month

Spring Days

Monday 9 - Friday 13 April, 9:00-15:30 **For Reception to School Year 6**

Come and join Chloe and the Spring Days team for a week of cooking, playing games, making art, meeting new friends, going on a surprise trip and having LOADS of fun! The theme of this year's camp is "senses" so come and join us for a sensory extravaganza! Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Outing: Year 9 Bowling

Thursday 12 April, 17:45-20:30 Join your friends and make new ones, alongside Mike & Chloe, as we bowl the night away! There are limited spaces so contact mike@alyth.org.uk ASAP to secure yours.

Mentor Training

Monday 16 April, 17:00-20:00 A glimpse into the future leadership opportunities that you can become part of at Alyth. All those who have had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah since December are invited to train with us and give back to their community by guiding those young people who are on their B'nei Mitzvah journeys. Contact mike@alyth.org.uk.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Zones

Wednesday 18 April, 16:00-17:00 **For Primary School children**

Come and join Chloe and the Kef Zone team for Yom Ha'atzmaut Zones where you can learn to make hummus, get your face painted, and create Israeli window hangings. We will learn some Israeli dances together before enjoying a delicious Israeli feast.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Seudah

Saturday 21 April, 15:00-16:30

For young families

Dress in blue and white for our Yom Ha'atzmaut Seudah party! Join Rabbi Hannah and Chloe to celebrate Israel's birthday with food and fun. Together we will prepare our Israeli feast and then eat it for a delicious Shabbat tea!



13-17 August 2018

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For all those going into Reception - School Year 6

> 27-31 August 2018

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For current School Years 3-5 and 6-8

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Community News

We regret to announce the death of:

Heinz Angress, father of Sonia Davies.

Vivienne Bentley, mother of Liz Kershaw, Naomi Benham-Whyte and Gillian Bentley, sister of Jeanette Steinhart, Stafford Fertleman and Leonard Fertleman.

Sheila Breslaw, wife of Jeffrey, mother of James, Richard and the late Nicholas Breslaw.

Melville Faber, brother of Jill Myers.

Debbie Ginsberg, niece of Gail Flesch

Keith Paiba, brother of Michael Paiba.

Roy Segal, husband of Fru Segal, father of Karen Tuhrim and Mark Segal and brother of Anita Zehavi.

Stanley Solomons, Brother in law of Brenda Solomons, Uncle of Davina Solomons-Wise, Ruth Davis, Deborah Solomons and Tamara Solomons.

Kay Weissand, mother of David Weissand and the late Gina Weissand.



Springtime

with the Romantics

Sunday 15 April 2018 at 7.00pm Alyth, NWRS , Alyth Gardens, NW11 7EN

Brahms, Mendelssohn Schubert, Schumann

Lieder and Choruses: Alyth Choral Society Conductor: Robin Osterley Piano: Robyn Koh and Patrick Bridgman

Tickets £15.00 ACS Friends £11.00, under 18s free. (Refreshments included) Tickets from www.alythchoralsociety.org Email: alythchoralsociety@gmail.com



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