

Around Alyth

June 2018



Welcoming Rabbi Hannah Friday 8 June, from 17:30

Rabbi Hannah has made a great impact in the eight months since she began at Alyth, but she has not yet had an official welcome to the community.

Join us for some or all of a special evening, including Pimms and Ice Cream on the forecourt from 17:30, a special Erev Shabbat service including a formal welcome (18:30-19:45) followed by a Chavurah supper and a 'camp fire'.

The Chavurah supper is a 'pot luck' dinner so please bring with a vegetarian, nut free dish, and let saskia@alyth.org.uk know you are coming and how many of you there will be.



Early Start Service, Volunteer Celebration and Guest Sermon

Saturday 2 June, 9:30-12:15

Join us for a special 'early start' service, also including a celebration of Alyth's many volunteers. The sermon will be given by a senior diplomat from the Israeli Embassy.



Alyth Children's Theatre Presents: The ACT Showcase

Sunday 1 July, 13:30 - 15:00

Sit back and enjoy the show as the ensemble ACT cast perform scenes from famous shows and musicals. Contact saskia@alyth.org.uk for tickets (£5 per ticket).

Build with us - It would be great if...

As we move into the next phase of our building plans, we invite you to come and share your dreams of what the building could look and feel like, as we work with our designers and architect. Join us for four focussed opportunities to share - each beginning with the phrase, "It would be great if..."

- 3 June 10:30 - 11:30** It would be great if the **welcome area and entrance...**
- 3 June 11:45 - 12:45** It would be great if the **teaching spaces and library...**
- 10 June 10:30 - 11:30** It would be great if the **kitchen...**
- 10 June 11:45 - 12:45** It would be great if the **lighting/heating, ventilation and loos...**

To let us know you are coming, or to share your thoughts, contact Rabbi Josh at josh@alyth.org.uk

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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June, 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

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

Saturday 2 June

Early Start Service, Celebration of Alyth's Volunteers and Guest Sermon, 9:30-12:15

Join Rabbis Josh and Mark, Katie and the Alyth Choir, starting at 9:30 as we take extra time over the early part of the morning service. During the Torah service, we will be honouring volunteers who work on behalf of Alyth and the wider community. See the Volunteers Shabbat box for more information.

The sermon will be given by a senior diplomat from the Israeli Embassy.

Sensory Shabbat, 11:00-12:00

A Shabbat experience designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life. See "Services for Young Families" for more information.

Saturday 9 June

Musical Heritage Service, 10:30-12:15

A special service with Rabbi Mark, Viv Bellos and members of the Alyth Choir bringing Louis Lewandowski's beautiful liturgical music to life in prayer.

Kolot, 10:30-12:15

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

Mincha (Afternoon) Service, 17:00-18:15

Led by Rabbi Mark. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of Noah Perry.

Saturday 16 June

Big Bang, 11:00-12:15

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience. This month the service will be in the Beit Tefillah, led by Rabbi Hannah and the Big Bang musicians, and includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Joseph Coury-Reid**.

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Taking place in the Youth Hall.

Saturday 23 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Coby Granek**.

Kolot, 10:30-12:15

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

Saturday 30 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Mark and the Alyth choir. Includes the B'nei Mitzvah of **Toby Crawcour** and **Oliver Dyson**.

Healing Service, 10:30-12:15

A special service led by Lynette Sunderland including prayer and inspirational texts to help us to come to terms with different challenges.

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.

Early Start Service and Celebration of Alyth's Volunteers

Saturday 2 June, 9:30-12:15

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, we invite all those who have contributed their time to the life of the Alyth community to join a special Shabbat service.

The sermon will be given by a senior diplomat from the Israeli Embassy.

Join Rabbis Josh and Mark, Katie and the Alyth Choir, starting at 9:30 as we take extra time over the early part of the morning service. At 10:20 we will pause for some silence (or a cup of coffee and cake) as we welcome the rest of the community, and prepare for the continuation of the service at 10:30. You are welcome to join the service at either 9:30 or 10:30 (or any time in between!)

During the service, we will be honouring volunteers who work on behalf of Alyth and the wider community.

Following the service, we invite synagogue volunteers to share a meal together, along with our regular Bayit Cham lunch group. Please bring a nut free dessert to share.

Contact saskia@alyth.org.uk to book your place at lunch. For more details or to find out more about volunteering please contact Lynette at lynette@alyth.org.uk.

Services for Young Families

Baby Den *Part of Intergenerational Week*

Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June, 10:30-11:30

On a Friday morning, wake up with Shoshi to sing 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, co-ordination and concentration. And above all else it's FUN!

Shabbat Den *Part of Intergenerational Week*

Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June, 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 2 June, 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).

Intergenerational Wizard of Oz Seudah

Part of Intergenerational Week

Saturday 16 June, 15:00-16:30

Bring your grandparents along the yellow brick road to join Rabbi Hannah and Chloe for Shabbat Seudah full of surprises for all generations. Find your courage, your heart, and your brain, before eating a delicious Shabbat tea and finding your way back home.

Sing with us

Friday 1 June, 17:30-18:15

Saturday 23 June, 9:30-10:15

Join us as we sing new and familiar melodies, exploring harmonies and preparing our voices for our Shabbat services. With Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Hannah and Katie Hainbach.

Learn with us

Regular Learning

Judaism - The Essentials: Life Cycle

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.

- 6 The role of Women in Jewish Tradition
- 13 Conversion and Status
- 20 Birth and Childhood
- 27 Marriage

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays, 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.

Shabbat Shiur:

How come some Jews smoke?

Saturday 9 June, 9:15-10:15

Judaism is a risk averse religion, with a strong ethic of responsibility for our bodies – so why is smoking not forbidden? Or is it?

Join Rabbi Josh for a special shiur looking at the issue of smoking in halachah.

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: Sixty-Six (2006)

Tuesday 12 June, 19:30-22:00

30 July 1966 is Bernie Rubens's Bar Mitzvah. But his parents are preoccupied with the family business going mechullah; who will come, anyway, because England is playing Germany in the World Cup Final; his older brother is verbally and physically aggressive; his uncle has an accident and a house fire cause more mayhem in the family. Can anything else happen to ruin Bernie's big day?

Torah Shiur:

Balaam - words from the mystic East

Saturday 30 June, 9:15-10:15

Join Rabbi Mark to study what our Kabbalistic texts made of Balaam's prophecy in this week's Torah portion Balak.

How did the words of a non-Jewish prophet from Iraq inform Jewish mysticism?

Finchleystrasse - A special invitation to the German Embassy

Thursday 21 June, 16:15-17:45

The German Embassy and the Ben Uri Gallery have created a unique exhibition of the art of Jewish refugees from Germany who settled in Great Britain from 1933-45, many around Finchley Road, meeting at the Cosmo Café. Alyth members are invited to a special, free of charge, view of this exhibition at the Embassy (34 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8PX) led by the curator and Rabbi Mark. You can make your own way there (nearest station is Hyde Park Corner) or there are 11 seats on the Alyth Minibus leaving from Alyth at 15:00. Please book with saskia@alyth.org.uk.

Chagigah 2018

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June

Chagigah is Reform Judaism's biennial celebration and includes sessions and services led by Alyth's rabbis. Book at www.reformjudaism.org.uk/chaigah.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

4 Roy Blass entertains

11 Matthew Falk "Advocacy in Barnet"

18 Lynne Bradley "Jews in the Musicals"

25 "The Right Mix"

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 13 & 27 June, 12:45-15:00

Discuss topical issues and stories over a bowl of soup. 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

Saturday 9 June, 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.

High Holy Days Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 June 18:30-20:00

Sunday 3 June 18:30-20:00

Regular rehearsals in the lead up to the High Holy Days. We are always happy to welcome new singers to make our High Holy Days joyful.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 3 June, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 10 June, 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 15 June, 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 16 June, 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.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 18 June, 12:45-13:45

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

High Holy Day Machzorim

Do you have copies of the 1985 High Holy Day Machzor that you no longer need?

On Yom Kippur, many members do not have a copy and we do not want to buy more with the publication of a new machzor on the horizon.

Please bring spare copies to Alyth and place in the special box at reception.

Rabbi Josh on Sabbatical

Every three years, Alyth rabbis take a sabbatical of three months to study, write and recharge.

Rabbi Josh will be taking the second part of his current sabbatical from the end of June to the end of August.

We wish him well over the summer months.



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 24 June, 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.

Shalom Supper

Friday 1 June, 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 Suburb Trust).

To book and/or to arrange transport please call Saskia on 020 8457 8784.

Bayit Cham Lunch

Saturday 2 June, 12:30-21:30

In June, our regular Shabbat lunch will be joined by our Volunteer Lunch (see above). To book and/or to arrange transport please contact saskia@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

Community News

A warm welcome to our new members:

Kima Cardy & Jonathan Baer

Lisa Dalton, Erik Brink & Jonah Brink Dalton

Sharleen Fleisig, Karl Harris & Leonardo Harris

Mark Greenfield, Donna Sherrington & Robin Greenfield

Katie Hainbach & Tom Morss

Hannah Kingston & Marc Bear

Nicholas & Denitsa Newman

Robert Rees, Georgia Kaufman, Rubin & Archie Rees

Sally Sampson

Lindsay, Jamie, Dylan, Casey, Adam & Benjamin & Sloan

Natalie, Russell, Sacha & Eden Sloan

Leora, Adam & Jack Wilson

Helga Zitcer

Mazel Tov to:

Katie Hainbach and Tom Morss on their recent wedding.

David and Caroline Cole on the birth of their son Daniel Max.

We regret to announce the death of:

Paul Grant, son of Phillipa Grant, brother of Stephen Grant, Mark Grant, Helene Amis, Robert Grant and Craig Grant.

Sharon Atalay, wife of Ennis Atalay, daughter of Pamela and Lionel Green, and sister of David Green, Paul Green, Michelle Margolis, Richard Green and Nigel Green.

Brian Levi, husband of Sandra Levi, father of Antony Levi, Nicole Ooffman, Elliott Levi, Michael Levi and brother of Sheila Swindon.

Joyce Littaur, wife of David Littaur and mother of Gavin Littaur and Glen Fox.

Jacqueline Magrill, mother of Tricia Brummer and Claire Goldstein, and grandmother of Jessica Rosenfield.

Isis Rivlin, mother of Chen, Tal, Dan and Ram Rivlin.

Harry Ross, father of Odette Pyzer and David Ross.

Alfred Silvertown, father of Adrian and Jonathan Silvertown.

Leah Yaeger, mother of Phillipa Bradley, Sheila Margo and Raymond Yaeger.



Youth & Education Hub

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

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 10, 17, 24 June, 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 11, 18, 25 June, 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 12 & 26 June, 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

Part of Intergenerational Week

Wednesdays, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

A.C.E

Wednesdays, 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, 17:00-18:30

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

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 8, 15, 22, 29 June 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Special this month

Ruach Parents Session

Fridays 15, 22, 29 June, 17:15-18:15

Taught by our rabbis, these sessions are specifically for parents of young people in our Ruach programme.

Each term includes three sessions looking at different aspects of Jewish life. This term we look at Jewish texts and how to read them.

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

22 Six different ways to read a Torah portion. With Rabbi Hannah

29 "The Whole Torah in an Hour - how it all fits together With Rabbi Mark

Year 7 Chavurah Dinner

Friday 22 June, 18:30-21:30

Join us for the Kabbalat Shabbat service and then the Year 7 Chavurah Dinner; a "pot luck" dinner, where everyone provides a vegetarian or fish (nut free) main course or dessert, and we all sit down together and enjoy dinner.

This is for all families in Year 7 and is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and make the most of this meaningful journey.

Contact sam@alyth.org.uk to let her know you are attending.

Intergenerational Week at Alyth (Monday 11 - Sunday 17 June)

Throughout the week we are inviting children, parents and grandparents to join us at some of our regular activities as we celebrate Intergenerational Week. There will be special activities at:

Kef Zone (Wednesday 13 June, 16:00-17:00)

Baby Den (Friday 15 June, 10:30-11:30)

Shabbat Den (Friday 15 June, 16:15-16:45)

Wizard of Oz Seudah (Saturday 16 June, 15:00-16:30)

Sunday Morning Galim (Sunday 17 June, 10:00-12:45)

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