

Shavuot Overview: Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June

Join us for Shavuot 5779, as we enjoy a full programme of activities over two days for Erev Shavuot and Shavuot morning. For more details see inside...

Erev Shavuot

15:00-16:30 Young Families' Shavuot Seudah (pre-school-year 2)

17:00-19:00 Shavuot Families' Escape Room (years 3-6)

20:00-00:15 Tikkun Leil Shavuot (includes Havdalah and Service at 22:30)

Shavuot Morning

07:15-08:15 Early Morning Heath-Boddedut Service on the Heath Extension

08:45-09:15 Breakfast 09:15-10:15 Shavuot Shiur

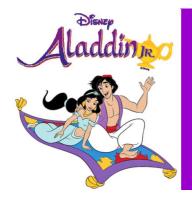
Choice of three services (and a breakout)

10:30 Musical Service with the Alyth Band

10:30 Choral Service

11:15 Shavuot Sensory Service

11:00 Shavuot Breakout



Alyth Children's Theatre Presents: Aladdin

Saturday 29 June, 19:00 and Sunday 30 June, 15:00 & 19:00

Come and book your place on the ACT magic carpet and enjoy their performance of Aladdin! Sing along to all your favourite show songs!

Tickets: £10/adult, £8/concession and £3/child still at school can be brought from saskia@alyth.org.uk.

Contact sam@alyth.org.uk if you want to join next year's cast.

Introducing Rabbi Gabby Dagan



We are delighted that Rabbi Gabby Dagan will be spending time at Alyth over the summer months. Gabby was born in 1968 in the development town of Hatzor Ha-Gelilit in the north of Israel to a traditional Moroccan-Iranian Orthodox family. He was educated in the Orthodox track of the Israeli education system and in a B'nei Akiva Yeshivah. Following his army service as a Religious Affairs Officer, he left the Orthodox way of life and enrolled in secular studies at Haifa University. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College (HUC) and for the past eleven years has served as a rabbi at the Ohel Avraham synagogue. Rabbi Gabby is also a member of the Leo Baeck Education Center management team, and serves as the rabbi of the junior high and high school. He is passionate about combining text, music and spiritual growth as ways of building vibrant Jewish communities.

To pray. To learn. To live. Together

Pray with us

Erev Shabbat Service (Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 18:30-19:30)

We begin Shabbat with our uplifting and inspirational, intergenerational Erev Shabbat service. A unique combination of song, reflection, prayer & learning. For special services see the following page.

Shabbat Morning Services

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

Saturday 1 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Jakob May**.

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".

Saturday 8 June

Choral Service, 10:30-12:15

Led by Rabbi Hannah with the Alyth choir.

Kollot, 10:30-12:15

Our informal, participatory minyan. Includes an area for children so that parents can enjoy the opportunity to pray. Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise.

Saturday 15 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A Kollot style service, led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise.

Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Zalie Wise**. The sermon will be given by Marie van der Zyl, President of the Board of Deputies.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

Alyth's famous musical Shabbat experience. This month led by Rabbi Hannah and the Big Bang musicians.

Saturday 22 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A special musical service with a guitar. Led by Rabbi Josh and the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Sam Hermer**.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Galit Kedem Cohen.

Stripped-back Shacharit, 10:30-12:15

A more formal Shacharit with Rabbi Hannah. Joining the community in the Beit Tefillah for the Torah Service and sermon.

Service Breakout, approx 11:30-12:15

Younger members are invited to go with Mike Mendoza for an immersive Torah experience during the Torah Service in the Beit Tefillah.

Saturday 29 June

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A Kollot style service, led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Ella Kahn-Harris**.

Service for Wellbeing, 10:30-12:15

Join Rabbi Hannah as we take time for ourselves to relax, breathe and explore, during our Shabbat morning service, our mental and physical wellbeing through tuneful prayer.

Weekday Services Sunday Shacharit

Sundays, 9:00-10:00

Our lay-led minyan with bagel breakfast.

Weekday Evening Services

Contact office@alyth.org.uk if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.

Shavuot Morning Services

Sunday 9 June

07:15 Early Morning Heath-Boddedut Service on the Heath Extension

Join Rabbi Hannah and our JMM team on Hampstead Heath Extension for an hour of prayer, meditation and Chasidic tales. Meet at the corner of Hampstead Way and Wildwood Road at 7:00-7:15 and walk to a quiet part of the Heath Extension.

- 08:45 Breakfast at Alyth
- **O9:15** Shavuot Shiur: Was Torah given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai? See Shavuot Learning.

Choice of three services (and a breakout)

- Musical Service with the Alyth Band (starting 10:30)
- Choral Service (starting 10:30)
- Shavuot Sensory Service (starting 11:15)
- Shavuot Breakout (starting at approx. 11:00)

Organised free play, guiding you through the essence and meaning of our feast of weeks!

Services for Young Families

Baby Den

Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 10:30-11:30

Wake up with Shoshi on a Friday morning 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

Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 16:15-16:45
For pre-schoolers and their families with
Rabbi Hannah and Chloe. Join us for songs,
stories and to meet new friends at Alyth's
Shabbat Den.

Sensory Shabbat

Saturday 1 June, 11:00-12:00

Our Shabbat experience designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life. Join Rabbi Hannah and Chloe in this service where you and your baby can touch, see, smell, hear and taste your way through the service. Suitable for babies from birth to 2 years. Be mindful that this is a quiet experience.

JMM in June

JMM on a Shabbat Morning

Saturday 15 June, 09:15-10:15

An hour of contemplation, movement and learning to set you up for Shabbat. With Mika Hadar-Borthwick

Erev Shabbat Meditation: A breath of Shabbat

Friday 21 June, 17:15-18:15

Welcoming Shabbat with gentle movement, mindful breath and vocal meditation. With Maxine Levy and Rabbi Josh

Shavuot Learning

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June

Erev Shavuot Saturday 8 June

15:00-16:30 Young Families' Shavuot Seudah (pre-school - year 2)

Help us to create beautiful flower garlands, make yummy edible Torah scrolls and explore our sensory Shavuot flower garden! With Chloe and Tor.

17:00-19:00 Shavuot Families' Escape Room (years 3 - 6)

Moses and the Israelites need your help escaping the wilderness to find their way to Mount Sinai and receive the Torah, BUT time is running out! Can you help us crack the codes and escape the room in time for Shavuot? Join Mike and the Youth team for our families' escape room.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Newsnight

From **20:00** join us for a choice of sessions looking at issues in news around the world from a Jewish perspective. Including...

- What does Judaism have to say about the Conservative leadership election (and leadership in general)?
- What are the limits of teshuvah, and how does this apply to returning ISIS fighters?
- What's the Jewish response to climate change?
- What does Judaism have to say about the nature of democracy?

And much more...

At 22:30 we will come together for Havdalah and for our evening service for Shavuot

Then at 23:15 (after Newsnight) a choice of late-night TV themed sessions...

- Later... (please bring instruments)
- The Great British Cheesecake Off (the technical challenge)
- Gardeners World for Shavuot (the opportunity to get creative)
- Biblical catchphrase (say what you see...)

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening

Shavuot Morning Learning Sunday 9 June

09:15 Shavuot Shiur:

Was Torah given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai?

Central to Orthodox Judaism is the belief that two sets of laws, the Written and Oral Torah, were given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai in one moment of revelation.

Central to Reform Judaism is a belief in Progressive Revelation over time, and that our earlier texts were—at least partly—written by human beings.

What is the evidence? Together we will examine some of the textual sources cited in support of both views. With Rabbi Josh.

Learn with us

Weekly 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 Hannah, Rabbi Josh and Jon Epstein.

Email hannah@alyth.org.uk or josh@alyth.org.uk for more information.

- **5** Preparing for Shavuot
- 12 The role of Women in Jewish tradition
- 19 Conversion and Status
- 26 Lifecycle: Birth and childhood

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 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.

Pardes

Thursdays, 13:00-14:15

The imagery of a garden has often been used in Jewish tradition to describe our textual tradition. Join Rabbi Colin as we explore the garden together. Each week will start with a different text from within our rich library. Thereafter, who knows where the journey will take us?

Shiurim

Shavuot Shiur

Sunday 9 June, 9:15-10:15 With Rabbi Josh See Shavuot page for more details.

12 Spies: The Sequel with Rabbi Galit Kedem Cohen

Saturday 22 June, 9:15-10:15

Join our special guest for a shiur revisiting Israel in 2019 in the footsteps of the spies.

Also this month

Film Club: The Chosen (1981)

Tuesday 11 June, 19:30-22:00

Brooklyn 1944. Two Jewish boys become close friends because of a rogue baseball. One, from a Chasidic background, is the son of the Rebbe of the group and in line to succeed him. The other, from a Conservative background, is the son of a Professor of Jewish studies at University and a Zionist. Issues of the importance of tradition and parental expectations emerge as their lives intertwine, against the background of the struggle for the establishment of Israel. Starring Rod Steiger and Maximilian Schell. With Rabbi Colin.

Trip: Jewish History in the British Museum

Sunday 16 June, 10:30-12:00

Some of the most important extra-biblical artefacts from the ancient near-East can be seen in the heart of London. In this annual 'Essentials' trip, open to all, we use the evidence found in the British Museum to piece together ancient Jewish history. Book with saskia@alyth.org.uk.

'Monthly Midrash' in the Morning: The Story of... Caleb

Sunday 16 June, 10:30-11:30

Join Rabbi Hannah for this monthly session studying the midrashic back story of biblical characters over coffee and Danish.

This month: Caleb and his family.

Jewish Influence in Spain

Monday 17 June, 20:00-22:00

In anticipation of the Alyth Andalusian Trip in October, we are delighted to welcome Dr Jeremy Schonfield and Dr Hilary Pomeroy to talk about aspects of Spanish culture. Jeremy will talk about Hebrew poetry in medieval Spain and will look at some of the familiar poetical liturgy in our prayerbook. Hilary will give an illustrated overview of the impact of the rich vibrant culture of al-Andalus on the visual, material, culinary and musical culture of Sephardi Jews. All welcome. Please book in with saskia@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784.

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

3 Club Outing

10 Age UK - Scam awareness

17 Lynne Bradley "High Society"

24 "The Fab Boys"

Alyth Choral Society

Tuesday 4 June, 20:00-22:00

Exploring new repertoire while continuing to develop strengths in cantata and oratorio. www.alythchoralsociety.org. *Returns in Sept.*

Soup, News, Views & Schmooze

Wednesdays 5 & 19 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 13, 20, 27 June, 14:00-16:30 Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 for more information.

Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 1 June, 9:15-10:15

Our regular rehearsals for the Synagogue Choir. We are always happy to welcome new singers to make our High Holy Days joyful and there are regular rehearsals in the lead up to the services. Whilst Katie is on maternity leave, please contact the office if you need to speak with someone about our music programme or choirs.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 2 June, 19:00-22:00 Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 16 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.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Saturday 15 June, 9:15-10:15 Friday 21 June, 17:15-18:15

Join the JMM team for a stress free, restful hour of contemplation, movement and learning to set you up for Shabbat. Together we will experience an hour of menuchah, Shabbat rest.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 17 June, 12:45-13:45

JOY brings some of our Kindergarten and older members together for intergenerational activities. Please join us.

Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together)

Friday 21 June, 18:30-21:30

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.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 16 June, 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.

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.

Talk with us...
Tefillah

Tuesday 18 June, 20:00-21:30

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

Also this Month

Alyth Choral Society Concert

Sunday 2 June, 18:30-21:00 Opera through the ages. From Purcell to Gershwin, Tickets include refreshments, £15 and under 16s free. Buy tickets online from www.alythchoralsociety.org.

Ramble

Sunday 23 June, 14:15-17:00 Meet at the bottom of Windsor Road, N3. A gentle walk up the Dollis Brook to Totteridge, tea in Whetstone and return to Windsor Road. All welcome, sensible walking shoes required. Please book in by emailing viv@alyth.org.uk.

Act with us

Shalom Supper

Friday 7 June, 19:30-21:30 Join members of Jami and Jewish Care's Shalom Centre for a Shabbat evening dinner and and safe environment. (With the support of the entertainment.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 30 June, 14:00-16:00 We welcome refugees recently arrived in the UK and offer them support and friendship in a warm Pears Foundation).

Special Guest, Rabbi Galit Cohen Kedem (Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June)

Rabbi Galit Cohen Kedem, ordained in 2014, is the founder and Rabbi of a new Reform congregation in the city of Holon just south of Tel Aviv, named Kodesh VeChol. This young congregation, composed mostly of young families, also founded the first Reform affiliated kindergarten and TALI school in the city.

We are delighted to be welcoming Galit over the weekend of 21-23 June, when she will give the D'var Torah and Sermon in our Shabbat services, and will teach our Shabbat morning shiur.

Community News

We regret to announce the death of:

Anthony Newman, father of Gavin and Owen Newman, partner of Amanda Goldman. Barbara Olins, mother of Charles and Adam Olins.

Geoffrey Sadow, step-father of Dee Eimer. Patience Thal, mother of Bryan Thal, grandmother of Jenni and Matti Thal.

Mazel tov to:

Joe Grabiner and Emily Wolfson on their recent engagement.

Laura Miller and Paul Joel on their recent engagement.

We welcome new members:

Alberto, Sabine & Harry Cohen. Richard Bartfield & Victor Kaufman. Karen, Jonah, Leo & Sam Gubbay. Daniel, Sophie, Samuel, Esther & Leah Levy. Michael, Nicole, Noa, Mia & Lily Levy. Basil & Jasmine Miller. Daniel, Dana, Emily & Ethan Sijes.

We are delighted to welcome:

Sophie Peterman to the Alyth staff team. Sophie will be joining our Youth and Education team at the end of the June.

Congratulations to Katie (our Head of Music) and Tom on the birth of their baby girl, Leia.

Katie is now on maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome Juliane Gallant, our regular accompanist, as our Choir Leader for Shabbat mornings and the High Holy Days during this period.

Youth & Education Hub

Please contact Sam Heller (sam@alyth.org.uk) for information about the provision for our younger members.

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 16, 23, 30 June, 10:00-12:30 Our Sunday morning learning programme is a nourishing space for young people to build, develop and explore their Jewish identity.

Madrichub

Sundays 16 & 30 June, 13:00-15:00

The centre of madrichim enrichment at Alyth. All leaders Year 9+ are welcome to join the Youth & Ed. Team for Sunday fun and social, followed by a group cook-in and lunch! Meet Israelis your age and enjoy the community together.

Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays, 10:00-11:30

Toys, singing and refreshments for the children; coffee and chats for carers! £3 per child, £1 for a sibling. With Chloe and Rabbi Hannah.

Contact chloe@alyth.org.uk.

Kef Zone

*Thursdays, 16:00-17:00*Our weekly club for Primary School children.

Hebrew Club

Thursdays, 17:00-18:15

A new Hebrew Club for Ivrit speakers in Reception to School Year 3. Learn and practise speaking Hebrew through games, arts and crafts, drama and so much more. Please contact sam@alyth.org.uk for more information. This club is £50 per term and includes all resources.

A.C.E

Thursdays, 17:00-18:15

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

ACT (Alyth Children's Theatre)

Thursdays, 17:00-18:15 ACT is our children's theatre group.

Year 7 Hebrew

Thursdays, 18:15-19:15

For all those who want to continue their Hebrew practice in the run up to their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Also this month

Year 7 Chavurah Dinner

Friday 28 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.

Ruach Parents Sessions To correspond with the third term at Ruach, these sessions, taught by our rabbis, will look at responsibility and relationship. These sessions are for parents whose children attend the Ruach programme as participants or as mentors.

14 What should I wear on a Shabbat morning?

With Rabbi Hannah.

28 How do Reform Jews make decisions?

With Rabbi Josh.





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OPERA THROUGH THE AGES

Purcell to Gershwin

SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019

6.30pm FOR DRINKS and NIBBLES
7.00pm concert
at Alyth Synagogue, Alyth Gardens NW11 7EN

Alyth Choral Society & Soloists

Conductor: Robin Osterley

Accompanist: Kelvin Thomson

Tickets include refreshments: £15.00, under 16 free info. from alythchoralsociety@gmail.com buy on-line at www.alythchoralsociety.org







An Evening with Howard Jacobson in conversation with Gerald Jacobs

Tuesday 9 July, 20:00-22:00



Join us for an evening with Howard Jacobson as he talks about his new book, "Live a Little".

The conversation will be hosted by Gerald Jacobs, Literary Editor of the Jewish Chronicle.

There will be an opportunity on the night to buy a signed copy of his book.

Tickets are £10 (all proceeds to the Alyth Building Project) from saskia@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8784

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