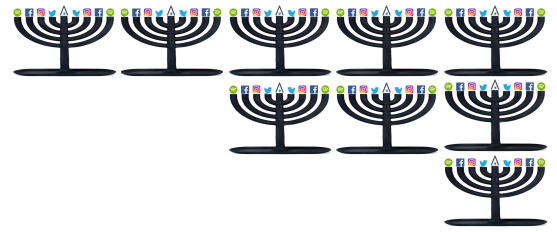


# Around Alyth

December 2019



## Multi-Faith Hustings

for the Finchley and Golders Green  
Parliamentary Constituency

Wednesday 4 December, 20:00-21:45



Interfaith Matters

Alyth, in conjunction with Golders Green Parish Church and Interfaith Matters, is delighted to host a special multi-faith hustings for the Finchley and Golders Green Constituency.

All of the candidates for the Finchley and Golders Green Parliamentary seat will be with us. Mike Freer (Conservatives), Ross Houston (Labour) and Luciana Berger (Liberal Democrats) have all confirmed their attendance.

**We are now fully booked. Please email [saskia@alyth.org.uk](mailto:saskia@alyth.org.uk) to add your name to the waiting list. We will have to turn away people on the evening who have not received confirmation that they have a seat.**



## Chanukah at Alyth

As Chanukah this year falls over the holiday week, we will not be running a communal lighting every evening.

On each night we will release a special Alyth Vlog to accompany you through the festival: Go to [www.facebook.com/alyth](https://www.facebook.com/alyth) each night to see that evening's instalment.

### NIGHT 1: Sunday 22 December: Chanukah Babayit (18:00-20:00)

A special Babayit to welcome in Chanukah together, modelled on our regular Erev Shabbat Babayit for Israeli families, hosted by an Israeli member of our community. As this event is not at Alyth, it is subject to numbers. If you would like to begin Chanukah with other Israeli Alyth members, email [saskia@alyth.org.uk](mailto:saskia@alyth.org.uk) by Friday 6 December.

### NIGHT 2: Monday 23 December: Sensory in Pyjamas (16:00-17:00)

Join Rabbi Hannah for this special Chanukah experience for your little ones. Come for a relaxing, stimulating and fun Chanukah and make sure to wear your pyjamas! We will be singing special Chanukah songs, dancing to the Chanukah beat, and lighting the candles with our Sensory and Den friends.

### NIGHT 6: Friday 27 December: Erev Shabbat

*Candle lighting as part of Shabbat Chanukah Erev Shabbat service.*

### Chanukah B'yachad (18:30-21:30)

Join us for a Shabbat and Chanukah dinner with fantastic food and company. No charge but donations are always welcome.

For catering and transportation please contact [lynette@alyth.org.uk](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).



# Pray with us

## 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 and piano, sometimes with a guitar; always 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.*

### **Saturday 7 December:**

#### **Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

A choral service, led by Rabbi Hannah with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Albert Selby** and Bat Mitzvah of **Skye McDowall-Smith**.

#### **Tefillah Lab: Study Service, 10:30**

Join Student Rabbi Dr Tali Artman for a special study service from Eretz Yisrael in the late antiquity period. We will use Genizah fragments and modern research to guide us through the service.

As well as training for the rabbinate, Tali is also an associate lecturer at the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge and teaches Rabbinic Literature at Leo Baeck College.

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### **Saturday 14 December**

#### **Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

A choral service, led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir.

Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Louis Levy-Barnett**.

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## Erev Shabbat Services

*(Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27, 18:30-19:30)*

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

### **Saturday 14 December (cont)**

#### **Kollot, 10:30-12:15**

Our informal, unaccompanied, participatory minyan. Led by Justin Wise.

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### **Saturday 21 December**

#### **Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

Led by Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner with Justin Wise. The service will be accompanied by guitar. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Dina Liebling-Blitz**. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Laura.

#### **Big Bang, 11:00-12:00**

This month led by Rabbi Hannah and the Big Bang musicians.

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### **Saturday 28 December**

#### **Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15**

A choral service, led by Student Rabbi Nicola Feuchtwang with the Alyth choir.

## Weekday Services

### **Sunday Shacharit**

*Sundays, 9:00-10:00*

Our lay-led minyan with bagel breakfast.

### **Weekday Evening Services**

Contact [office@alyth.org.uk](mailto:office@alyth.org.uk) if you would like evening prayers for the purpose of saying Kaddish.



## Shabbat Services for Young Families

### Baby Den

*Fridays 6 & 20 December, 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 their creativity, co-ordination and concentration. And above all else it's FUN!

### Shabbat Den

*Fridays 6 & 20 December, 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.

***Please note: Baby and Shabbat Den are not taking place every week in December.***

### Young Family Seudah

*Saturday 7 December, 15:00-16:30*

Following the release of the second Frozen movie, come and watch the original film with Rabbi Hannah and Chloe. Smash your way through icicles to find hidden treasure with Anna, use ice paints to create your own magical kingdom with Elsa, and build your very own snowman with Olaf. We will eat our delicious Shabbat tea and do all our activities whilst singing along to Frozen.

## Do you have a child in Year 5 who will celebrate Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2022/23?

Do you have a child in Year 5? If so, you should have received a letter inviting you to a preliminary meeting on Sunday 8 December (11:00-12:00) to talk to us about the allocation of a date for your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2022/2023.

**If you have not received this letter please contact [beth@alyth.org.uk](mailto:beth@alyth.org.uk) as a matter of urgency.**

## Act with us

### Monday Club

*Mondays 2 & 9, 19:30-21:30*

We are pleased to announce the return of the Monday Club, our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. Please go the website to see what volunteering opportunities are available and how you can be involved. *Returns on 6 January.*

### Shalom Supper

*Friday 6 December, 19:30-21:30*

Join members of Jami and Jewish Care's Shalom Centre for a Shabbat evening dinner and entertainment.

## Limmud 2019

Be inspired by hundreds of sessions led by Jewish educators from around the world. If you are aged under 35, Alyth can help you to go with an Alyth Limmud Bursary of up to 75% of the costs. Contact Rabbi Josh or Rabbi Hannah for support.

# Learn with us

## Weekly Learning

### Judaism: The Essentials

*Tuesdays, 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](mailto:hannah@alyth.org.uk) or [josh@alyth.org.uk](mailto:josh@alyth.org.uk) for more information.

- 3 Post Talmudic textual development.
- 10 The Synagogue
- 17 Chanukah

*Essentials returns on 7 January with the beginning of our short course on Jewish History. All are welcome.*

### Hebrew reading from Scratch

*Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 December, 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: with Student Rabbi Tali Artman

*Thursdays 5, 12, 19 December, 13:00-14:15*

Our weekly text-based study group. Student Rabbi Dr Tali Artman will be teaching the class throughout December. Together we will explore martyrdom through reading Babylonian Talmud Avodah Zarah.

## Shabbat Shiur

### Sugyot Every Reform Jew Should Know: Shabbat 20b-24a: The meanings of light

*Saturday 14 December, 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. In this session we will look at a sugya about light on Shabbat and Chanukah. *Please note that Rabbi Josh also taught this text at Pardes on 28 November.*

## Alyth Film Club

### Julia (1977)

*Tuesday 17 December, 19:30-22:00*

Julia (we don't know her family name) and Lillian Hellman are close friends from late 1920s schooldays. Julia trains as a doctor; Lillian becomes a playwright. Julia asks Hellman to smuggle money into Nazi Germany to help fund her anti-Nazi activity. Hellman claimed the episode actually happened. Directed by Fred Zinnemann, starring Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave & Jason Robards. (Redgrave and Robards both received Oscars for their roles).

## Alyth's Weekend Away 2020

27-29 March 2020

Pray with us, learn with us, be with us...

laugh with us, relax with us, create with us, ramble with us, play table tennis with us, quiz with us, eat chocolate with us, meditate with us, read the newspapers with us, stay up late with us, design with us, revise in a quiet corner with us, drink coffee with us, connect with us, study Talmud with us, drink with us, dance with us, watch films with us, play with us, hide and seek with us, chill with us, play games with us, sing with us, make new friends with us, make memories with us...

The Weekend Away is for everyone in the community at every age and stage. There are activities and services, and opportunities to socialise and have fun. Go to [www.alyth.org.uk/weekendaway](http://www.alyth.org.uk/weekendaway) to find out why the Alyth Weekend Away is the perfect weekend away for you!

# Be with us

## Weekly Activities

### Senior Club

*Mondays, 14:00-15:30*

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

- 2** Paul Cavendish "Cavendish Magic"
- 9** Steve Wax "Neurobics"
- 16** Louise Heilbron "Jackie Tabick, the first woman Rabbi in the UK"
- 23** Channukah Party

### Alyth Choral Society

*Tuesday 3 December, 20:00-22:00*

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

[www.alythchoralsociety.org](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org).

*Returns on 7 January.*

### Soup, News, Views & Schmooze

*Wednesdays 4 & 18 December, 12:45-15:00*

Discuss topical issues and stories over a bowl of soup. Contact [lynette@alyth.org.uk](mailto:lynette@alyth.org.uk).

### Mellow Yoga for All Ages

*Thursdays 5, 12, 19 December, 11:00-12:00*

Contact Maxine Levy [maxinelevy@mac.com](mailto:maxinelevy@mac.com).

### Thursday Bridge@Alyth

*Thursdays 5, 12, 19 December, 14:00-16:30*

Please contact Sheila or Michael on 020 8455 9878 for more information.

### Synagogue Choir Rehearsal

*Saturday 7 December, 9:15-10:15*

Regular rehearsals for the Synagogue Choir.

We are happy to welcome new singers to join and make our services joyful.

*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 1 December, 19:00-22:00*

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

### Alyth Cycling Community

*Sunday 8 December, 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](mailto:laurancemendoza@aol.com).

### JOY - Joining Old and Young

*Monday 9 December, 12:45-13:45*

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

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation on a Shabbat Morning

*Saturday 21 December, 9:15-10:15*

An hour of contemplation, movement and learning to set you up for Shabbat.

## Boxing Day Ramble: Colne Valley & Bayhurst Wood Thursday 26 December, 10:00-15:00

A 7 mile walk through the ancient Forest of Middlesex, Denham Country Park and the Grand Union Canal.

Lunch at The Swan Inn Denham.

Please email [viv@alyth.org.uk](mailto:viv@alyth.org.uk) to book and for the starting location.

## Alyth Choral Society Concert: Elijah Sunday 8 December, 18:30

The Alyth Choral Society perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah".

Tickets cost £18 (including refreshments) from [alythchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:alythchoralsociety@gmail.com).

Go to [www.alythchoralsociety.org](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org) for more information.



# Youth & Education Hub

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

## Fridays

### Ruach Erev Shabbat

Friday 6 December, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Returns on 10 January.

## Sundays

### Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 1 & 8 December, 10:00-12:30

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

### Academy of Performing Arts at Alyth

Sundays 1 & 8 December, 18:00-20:00

Academy is our long standing drama provision on Sunday evenings for School Year 8 and older. Please note the new timings for 2019-2020.

## Madrichub

Sunday 1 December, 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

Sunday programmes return on 12 January.

## Mondays

### Alyth Toddler Group

Mondays 2, 9, 16 December, 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](mailto:chloe@alyth.org.uk).

Returns on 6 January.

## CREATE

Monday 2 December, 17:30-19:30

Craft with Chloe, our educator, who has a Foundation Diploma and experience in the arts. This programme is a great opportunity to learn new skills. During the course we will learn an array of skills, including how to use a sewing machine, life drawing skills, how to make jewellery, fashion drawing and much much more. The programme is once a month for School Year 8 and older.

Returns on 6 January.

## Thursdays

### Kef Zone

Thursdays 5 & 12 December, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

## A.C.E

Thursdays 5 & 12 December, 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 5 & 12 December, 17:00-18:15

ACT is our children's theatre group.

## Year 7 Hebrew

Thursdays 5 & 12 December, 18:15-19:15

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

## Pop Up AYS

Thursday 5 December, 17:30-18:15

In place of a weekly choir, in 2019-2020 we will be running 'Pop Up AYS' – short bursts of rehearsals in preparation for a series of concerts. These will include our regular singing commitments on Mitzvah Day, Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom HaShoah and an Erev Shabbat Service. You can join us for one, some or all of the pop-ups during the year.

Thursday programmes return on 9 January.

## Additional Youth & Education Hub activities this month

### Post University & Gap Year Fair

*Thursday 5 December, 18:30*

Join us for the Masa Israel Alyth Gap Year Fair on Thursday 5 December from 18:30-21:00.

Come and visit stands from organisations such as Shnat Netzer, Hebrew University, Israel Experience and many more.

To sign up, please contact [saskia@alyth.org.uk](mailto:saskia@alyth.org.uk).

### Hadracha Skills Weekend

*Friday 13 - Sunday 15 December*

A special winter residential camp, creating a home away from home for our wonderful madrichim.

Skills Weekend brings together Years 10-13 to development their leadership potential and bond as a leadership body. We have filled every bed space for a second year running. All attendees must have graduated Yr10 Hadracha. For more information contact [mike@alyth.org.uk](mailto:mike@alyth.org.uk).

## Events requiring pre booking in early 2020

### Alyth's Annual (Tu B'Shvat) Supper Quiz Sunday 9 February, 19:15-22:30

Celebrate Tu'Bshvat with us at our Annual Alyth Supper Quiz.

£26 per person (includes supper).

Tables of 10 - make up your own table or we can allocate you to a table.

To buy tickets call Saskia on 020 8457 8784 or email [saskia@alyth.org.uk](mailto:saskia@alyth.org.uk).

### Pre Pesach Trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition Tuesday 31 March, 10:00-14:00

Prepare for Pesach by immersing yourself in Ancient Egypt with Rabbi Josh and Viv Bellos.

We have a limited number of tickets, costing £22 per ticket. Please contact [saskia@alyth.org.uk](mailto:saskia@alyth.org.uk) to book your place.

We will meet at 10:00 at the entrance to the Saatchi Gallery (SW3 4RY). After the exhibition we will have lunch together for those who wish.

### English Touring Opera Outings February and March

In early 2020 we are organising two trips to see the English Touring Opera at the Hackney Empire.

**Saturday 29 February:** Cosi Fan Tutte-Mozart

**Saturday 7 March:** Julio Cesare-Handel

Please email [viv@alyth.org.uk](mailto:viv@alyth.org.uk) to book and for more information.

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