

Around Alyth

March 2020



Alyth | Build with us

**BUILD THE
FUTURE**

Notice of Special Meeting of Congregants (Monday 2 March, 20:00)

A Special Meeting to consider the future of our building will take place on Monday 2 March.

Go to www.alyth.org.uk/about-us/our-governance to see a table setting out the main options that have been considered and the route that the Trustees are recommending to enable us to move forward with this much needed work in the autumn of 2020, and also see the resolution to be proposed at the Special Meeting.

Following the incorporation of Alyth as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, our Articles of Association can be accessed at www.alyth.org.uk/about-us/our-governance or on the Charity Commission and Companies House websites. For a copy of our Rules, which are an internal document, please email adam@alyth.org.uk.

Purim at Alyth

Erev Purim - Monday 9 March Purim - Tuesday 10 March

Teen Purim Secret Cinema
(19:00-21:30)

For School Years 7-13.

Erev Purim Wine Masterclass
(19:00-21:30)

For Adults. A very special evening with the Israeli wine ambassador.

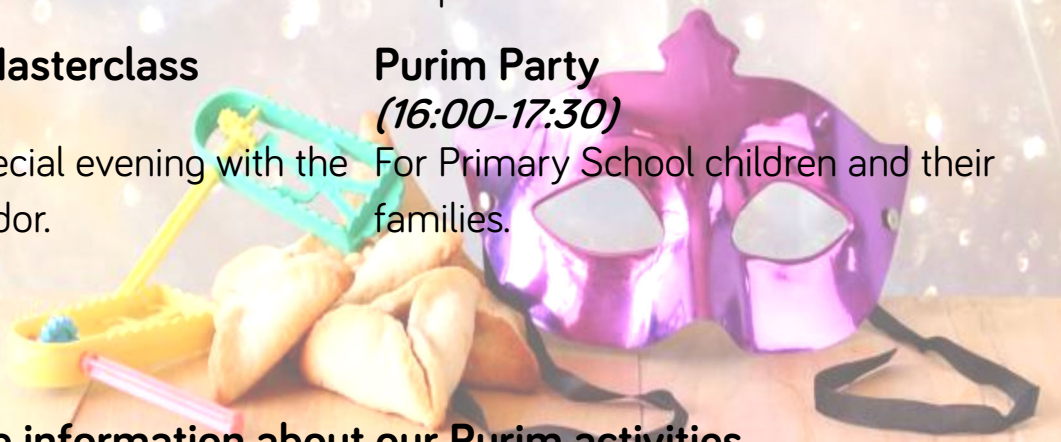
Purim Baby Den
(10:30-11:30)

For pre-school children and their families.

Purim Party
(16:00-17:30)

For Primary School children and their families.

See inside for more information about our Purim activities.



Alyth's Weekend Away
Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March

To book one of the last few remaining rooms available, please contact us by Friday 6 March.



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 March

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A choral service with piano. Led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Ron Laufer**. The sermon will be given by Student Rabbi Dr Tali Artman.

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 14 March

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A choral service, led by Rabbi Josh with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Gabriella Hilton**.

Kollot, 10:30-12:15

Our informal, unaccompanied, participatory minyan. Led by Rabbi Hannah and Justin Wise.

Saturday 21 March

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A choral service, led by Rabbi Hannah with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bat Mitzvah of **Katy Hermer**. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Dr Charles Middleburgh, Dean and Director of Jewish Studies at the Leo Baeck College.

Big Bang, 11:00-12:00

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

Saturday 28 March

Shabbat Service, 10:30-12:15

A choral service with piano. Led by Rabbi Hannah with the Alyth choir. Includes the Bar Mitzvah of **Alex Grant**.

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.

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.

**We are delighted to welcome back to Alyth this week,
Katie Hainbach after her maternity leave and Mike Mendoza after a short career break.**

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Pray with us!

Shabbat Services for Young Families

Baby Den

Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 March, 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 Beth, 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, 13, 20, 27 March, 16:15-17:00

For pre-schoolers and their families, with Rabbi Hannah and Beth. Join us for songs, stories and to meet new friends at Alyth's Shabbat Den.

Sensory Shabbat

Saturday 7 March, 11:00-12:00

Our 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. Suitable for babies from birth to 2 years. Be mindful that this is a quiet experience.

Act with us

Monday Club

Mondays, 19:30-21:30

Our weekly club for people with learning difficulties. Please go to the website to see what volunteering opportunities are available and how you can be involved.

Monthly Drop-in for Recent Refugees

Sunday 29 March, 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).

Alyth/Golders Green Parish Church Night Shelter

Tuesday nights from 17 March

This year, our Night Shelter (which is hosted together with our friends at Golders Green Parish Church) will be running on Tuesday nights from 17 March until 2 June 2020. We need volunteers for the overnight, breakfast and driving shifts.

If you are interested in knowing more about how the Night Shelter is run, please contact alythggnightshelter@gmail.com or call the office on 020 8457 8784 to give your contact details which will be passed on to the Volunteer Coordinators.

**LITTLE SHOP
of
HORRORS**



Academy of Performing Arts at Alyth presents a performance of "Little Shop of Horrors"

Performances on:

Saturday 2 May, 19:00

Sunday 3 May, 15:00 & 19:00

Book at www.alyth.org.uk/events

Tickets cost:

£10 (adults)

£8 (concessions)

£3 (under 18s)

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Create with us!

Purim at Alyth

Erev Purim Wine Masterclass

Monday 9 March, 19:00 - 21:30

For Adults

For adults: A lot of the Purim story happens over wine and feasting. This Purim, join us for an evening of food and Israeli wine tasting including a masterclass with Israeli wine ambassador, Tal Sunderland-Cohen. Tal Sunderland-Cohen is a consultant, lecturer and writer and author of the book 'Wine Trails of Israel'. Reading of the Megillah will be woven into the evening. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes food and wine. Register with saskia@alyth.org.uk.

Teen Purim Secret Cinema - Spiderman: Far From Home

Monday 9 March 2020, 19:00-21:30

For School Years 7-13

For School Years 7-13: Explore the themes of Purim with us in Spiderman's lab. Your code-breaking powers are needed to solve Mysterio's encrypted messages. You'll be given a passport that will let you travel to New York for a classic NY-style dinner (hot dogs anyone?), then bring you back to Europe with Peter Parker's high school class as they go on the field trip of a life time. All is not as it seems this Purim.

RSVP to sophie@alyth.org.uk to receive your part, plan your costume and come in disguise. Hero or villain? We'll find out... Please RSVP to yeh@alyth.org.uk so we know how many to cater for.

Purim Baby Den

Tuesday 10 March, 10:30

For pre-school children and their families

For Alyth's youngest members—don't forget your fancy dress. With Rabbi Hannah and Beth.

Purim Party

Tuesday 10 March, Starting 16:00

For Primary School children and their families

For Primary School children and their families: Join Rabbi Hannah, Sophie and Hannah for our mega Purim party. Drop in at 16:00 for face painting and art activities before the party begins at 16:30. We will have supper together and round off the fun with an immersive Megillah reading and lots of hamantashen. Fancy dress optional, but strongly encouraged. Please rsvp to yeh@alyth.org.uk so we know how many to cater for.

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Play with us!



Learn with us

Weekly Learning

Judaism: The Essentials - History

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

3 Preparing for Purim

17 The Jewish Home and Kashrut (with Lynette)

24 Introduction to Pesach

31 Pesach Learning Seder

Hebrew reading from Scratch

Tuesdays, 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. Each week will start with a different text from within our rich library. Thereafter, who knows where the journey will take us?

Shabbat Shiurim

Sugyot every Reform Jew should know

Saturday 7 March, 09:15-10:15

A sugya is a discrete section of the Talmud. In these shiurim we explore sugyot that are particularly interesting, entertaining or challenging. With Rabbi Josh.

Transforming Tefillah in Solomon's Temple

Saturday 21 March, 09:15-10:15

The traditional haftarah when the portions of Vayakhel and Pekudey are combined details the construction and consecration of Solomon's Temple. The moment is marked by the king with a spontaneous prayer, beginning the spiritual centrality of the Jerusalem Temple in Israelite religion. Join **Rabbi Dr Charles Middleburgh, Dean and Director of Jewish Studies at the Leo Baeck College**, to look at four related texts from the Tanakh and consider the important relationship between prayer and place.

Alyth Film Club: The Shop on the High Street (1965)

Tuesday 10 March, 19:30-22:00

Antonin Tono Brtko is a poor carpenter appointed by his Nazi brother-in-law to be 'Aryan controller' of an old Jewish widow's sewing shop in a Nazi-occupied Slovakian town in 1942. The widow, Rozalie, is near deaf, isolated and partially sighted. Barely even registering there is a war going on, she fails to fully realize the implications of the context in which she lives. Believing Tono is simply her new assistant, the two develop a tentative friendship that sees him maintaining that fiction as he attempts to protect her from the encroaching Nazi horror. With English subtitles.

Pre Pesach Trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition

Tuesday 31 March

Prepare for Pesach by immersing yourself in Ancient Egypt with Rabbi Josh and Viv Bellos. This trip is full. Please see future Around Alyths and weekly emails for similar outings.

Nisiah tovah and sing well to ACS during their Dublin trip from 20-22 March

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Learn with us!

Be with us

Weekly Activities

Senior Club

Mondays, 14:00-15:30

Weekly activity and tea for senior members.

2 Paul Ross entertains

9 Sidney Austin entertains

16 Melvyn Leach "Willy's story"

23 Judy Karbritz "Victor Borge"

30 Geoff Bowden "British popular singers of the 1950s"

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 4 & 18 March, 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

Saturday 14 March, 9:00-10:15

A special breakfast for choir members to speak about music in our services with our rabbis and welcoming back Katie.

Saturday 28 March, 9:15-10:15

A regular rehearsal for the Synagogue Choir.

Monthly Activities

Sunday Bridge@Alyth

Sunday 1 March, 19:00-22:00

Contact Clive on 020 8361 5711.

JOY - Joining Old and Young

Monday 16 March, 12:45-13:45

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

Alyth Cycling Community

Sunday 8 March, 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.

Singing for Pleasure

Sunday 8 March, 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.

Shabbat B'yachad (Shabbat Together)

Friday 20 March, 18:30-21:20

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

JMM on a Shabbat Morning

Saturday 21 March, 9:15-10:15

Buds of the flowers sprouting to spring. Contemplation, movement and learning to set you up for Shabbat. With Mika Hadar Borthwick.

Outing: English Touring Opera Saturday 7 March

A group of Alyth members are going to the Hackney Empire to see the English Touring Opera perform Julio Cesare-Handel. The trip is full but please email viv@alyth.org.uk for information about future outings.

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Make new friends with us!



Youth & Education Hub

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

Fridays

Ruach Erev Shabbat

Fridays 6, 13, 20 March, 16:15-19:30

Our Friday afternoon B'nei Mitzvah programme.

Sundays

Sunday Morning Galim

Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 March, 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, 15, 22 March, 18:00-20:00

Academy is our long standing drama provision on Sunday evenings for School Year 8 and older.

Mondays

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. Contact beth@alyth.org.uk.

CREATE

Monday 2 March, 17:30-19:30

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. With Hannah Kieve.

Thursdays

Kef Zone

Thursdays, 16:00-17:00

Our weekly club for Primary School children.

A.C.E

Thursdays, 17:00-18:15

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.

Year 6 bowling

Saturday 14 March, 17:00-19:00

Part of the B'nei Mitzvah process at Alyth is focused on social bonding. Therefore, we plan one tailored event in Year 6, a residential in Year 7 and an international trip in Year 8. Join us for the first social of the journey - the Year 6 bowling trip.

Email sophie@alyth.org.uk to sign up.

Additional Youth & Education Hub activities this month

Ruach Parents Session: Avodah

Friday 13 March, 17:15-18:15

To correspond with the 'Avodah' term at Ruach, this session, taught by Rabbi Josh and Rabbi Hannah, will look at aspects of our prayer lives. This session is specifically for parents whose children attend the Ruach programme.

Alyth's Weekend Away
(Friday 27 – Sunday 29 March)

Meditate with us!

Contact us

Rabbinic Team

Rabbi Josh	josh@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8799	Rabbi Hannah	hannah@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8790
Rabbi Colin	colin@alyth.org.uk 020 8455 6763		

Community Director

Adam Martin	adam@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8789
-------------	---

Head of Programming

Sam Heller	sam@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8796
------------	---

Head of Community Care & Life Cycle

Lynette Sunderland	lynette@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8793
--------------------	---

Head of Family Programming

Mike Mendoza	mike@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8788
--------------	---

Head of Music

Katie Hainbach	katie@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8797
----------------	---

Youth & Education

Sophie Peterman	sophie@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8791
-----------------	---

Youth & Education

Abi Symons	abi@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8782
------------	---

Youth & Education

Hannah Kieve	YEH@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8781
--------------	---

Fundraising & Development Co-ordinator

Sarah Langsford	sarah@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8787
-----------------	---

Community Administrator

Saskia Kimmel	saskia@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8784
---------------	---

Administrator

Beth Raphael	beth@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8788
--------------	---

Kindergarten: Head

Tor Alter	tor@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8792
-----------	---

Kindergarten: Administrator

Mita Khara	kgadmin@alyth.org.uk 020 8457 8792
------------	---

Chair

Russell Baum	chair@alyth.org.uk
--------------	--

President

Jon Epstein	president@alyth.org.uk
-------------	--

North Western Reform Synagogue

Alyth Gardens, London, NW11 7EN

T 020 8455 6763

F 020 8731 8175

E office@alyth.org.uk

Out of hours emergency care line

07726 631 808

Copy date: 10th of every month.

Please email comms@alyth.org.uk

www.alyth.org.uk

