



JUDAISM – THE ESSENTIALS

February – June 2020

Tuesday 25 February **Shabbat in Jewish Life**

The origins and significance of Shabbat, and what it means to 'keep' Shabbat as a Reform Jew.

Tuesday 3 March **Preparing for Purim**

A session preparing us for Purim, which is 9-10 March

There is no session on Tuesday 10 March. See Around Alyth for our Purim activities.

Tuesday 17 March **The Jewish Home and Kashrut**

What does it mean to have a Jewish home? What role does Kashrut play in our lives as Progressive Jews?

Tuesday 24 March **Introduction to Pesach**

Tuesday 31 March **Pesach Learning Seder**

Two sessions preparing us for Pesach.

There is no session on 7 or 14 April for the Pesach break.

Tuesday 21 April **The Shoah and Israel in Jewish Life**

This session falls between Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut. We will explore these days and the continuing role of the Holocaust and Israel in our Jewish lives.

There is no session on 28 April for Yom HaAtzmaut. See Around Alyth for details.

Tuesday 5 May **Prayer 1**

Tuesday 12 May **Prayer 2**

Two sessions looking at Prayer and the Liturgy. In the first we will look at the role of prayer in our lives, and the building blocks of the liturgy. In the second we will study key prayers from our services.

Tuesday 19 May **Preparing for Shavuot**

Preparing for the festival of Shavuot which is 28/29 May.

There is no session on 26 May.

See Around Alyth for our Shavuot services and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot on 28 May.

Tuesday 2 June **Jewish Ethics**

What does Judaism demand of us in our everyday lives? What does our tradition have to say about how we behave?