



#StaySafeWithAlyth

December  
2020

## Pray With Us

Please go to [www.alyth.org.uk/alythonline](http://www.alyth.org.uk/alythonline) for the service Zoom links  
The services can also be accessed by going to [www.youtube.com/c/AlythRS](http://www.youtube.com/c/AlythRS)

### Erev Shabbat Services - Online every Friday at 18:30

Join our clergy as they lead the Erev Shabbat service from the Beit Tefillah. Please remember that this service is online only. We invite you to have Shabbat candles and Kiddush ready in advance of the service so that we can join together in these moments from our homes.

### The Great Alyth Community Candle Lighting

On Erev Shabbat Chanukah, Friday 11 December, we will create a special moment of community wherever we are by joining together in lighting chanukiot in our homes over Zoom. Whether you have been joining us on Zoom every Friday night since March, watching over YouTube or only dipping in occasionally, we invite you to join us so that we have hundreds of chanukiot on our screens.

### Shabbat Morning Services - A mix of online and in person services

All services are online unless they use the "In-Person" title. The In-Person services are subject to strict distancing and protective measures to protect staff and members.

#### *Saturday 5 December*

##### **Early Start Bat Mitzvah Service, 9:00**

An in-person service including the Bat Mitzvah of Milly Blank. Led by Rabbi Josh in the Youth Hall.

##### **Shabbat Morning Online Service, 10:30**

Led by Rabbi Hannah from the Beit Tefillah.

##### **Imrei finu online, 10:30**

Imrei Finu is a special, spiritual prayer experience, including lots of singing to new and familiar melodies, davening and space for personal prayer. With Rabbi Josh and Cantor Tamara.

#### *Saturday 12 December*

##### **Early Start Bat Mitzvah Service, 9:00**

An in-person service including the Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Woolf. Led by Cantor Tamara in the Youth Hall.

##### **Shabbat Chanukah Online Service, 10:30**

Led by Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Elliott and Katie Hainbach from the Beit Tefillah. A special choral service for Shabbat Chanukah, accompanied by piano with special recordings by the choir.

##### **Kollot Online, 10:30**

Our informal participatory minyan. With Rabbi Hannah, Cantor Tamara and Justin Wise.

##### **Sensory Havdalah Live, 16:30**

See over the page for more information.

#### *Saturday 19 December*

##### **Early Start Bar Mitzvah Service, 9:00**

An in-person service including the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Darmon. Led by Rabbi Elliott in the Youth Hall.

##### **Shabbat Morning Online Service, 10:30**

Led by Rabbi Elliott and Katie Hainbach from the Beit Tefillah with piano accompaniment.

##### **Big Bang In-Person, 11:00**

Our musical family service returns, led by Rabbi Hannah, Cantor Tamara and the Big Bang musicians. There is limited space in this service, which must be pre-booked. [Click here](#) to sign up.

#### *Saturday 26 December*

##### **Early Start In-Person Service, 9:00**

In-person Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Elliott. [Click here](#) to sign up.

##### **Shabbat Morning Online Service, 10:30**

Led by Rabbi Elliott, Rabbi Colin and Katie Hainbach from the Beit Tefillah.

#### *Saturday 2 January*

##### **Early Start In-Person Service, 9:00**

In-person Shabbat morning service Rabbi Hannah. [Click here](#) to sign up.

##### **Shabbat Morning Online Service, 10:30**

Led by Rabbi Hannah and Student Rabbi Nicola Feuchtwang from the Beit Tefillah.

# Services during the week

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## Monday Shacharit In-Person

*Mondays 7, 14, 21 December (8:30)*

Small in-person Shacharit Services every Monday in the synagogue sukkah or Youth Hall with Cantor Tamara or Rabbi Elliott.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

## Wednesday Ma'ariv Online

*Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23 December (20:00)*

Join us for a mid-week evening service led by Alyth members.

## Thursday Shacharit Online

*Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 December (8:30)*

Online Shacharit Services every Thursday with Cantor Tamara or Rabbi Elliott.

## Sunday Shacharit

*Sundays 6, 13, 20, 27 December (9:00)*

Our lay-led minyan with bagel breakfast (please provide your own bagels...) Led by our lay members from their homes.

## Rosh Chodesh Shacharit Online

*Wednesday 16 December (8:30)*

A special service for Rosh Chodesh including the singing of Hallel.

## Sing with us

**Friday 11 December, 17:30-18:00**

Prepare for Shabbat Chanukah with half an hour of singing of old and new melodies.

## Pray With Us for Young Families

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## Baby Den In-Person

*Fridays 4, 11, 18 December (10:30)*

Chug-a-lug into Shabbat with Rabbi Hannah. Sing your favourite Baby Den songs, dance to a shabbat beat and wave to some familiar faces. For families with Young Children.

## Pre-Shabbat Story Time In-Person

*Fridays 4, 11, 18 December (16:30)*

Those pre-school in age are invited to join us for a pre shabbat story to help bring in shabbat.

## Sensory Chanukah Havdalah In-Person

*Saturday 12 December (16:30)*

Havdalah is one of our most Sensory experiences. We see the flickering candle flame, smell the sweet spices and taste the wine. Join Rabbi Hannah for this special Sensory Havdalah experience where our youngest members can wave goodbye to Shabbat and prepare to start the week new. Feel free to come in your PJs or onesies! This service will be indoors and subject to strict distancing and protective measures to protect staff and members.

Please [click here](#) to sign up to our In-Person family services.

## The Great Alyth Community Candle Lighting

A special moment of community togetherness online

We may still be physically distant from one another, but that doesn't mean that we can't all come together. On **Erev Shabbat Chanukah, Friday 11 December at 18:30** we will create a special moment of community wherever we are by joining together in lighting chanukiot in our homes over Zoom.

Whether you have been joining us on Zoom every Friday night since March, watching over YouTube or only dipping in occasionally, we invite you to join us so that we have hundreds of chanukiot on our screens, creating a moment of community unique to 2020, that we will all remember for years to come.

## Chanukah Minibus Tours

Alyth comes to you this Chanukah

Following the success of our Simchat Torah hakkafah, the Alyth minibus will be making 5 local journeys throughout the week of Chanukah bringing the Alyth team to you. Wave down the bus to say hello, collect your doughnut and a little drink for the adults. The minibus will be driving a route around the following areas between **17:30-18:30**.

Go to [www.alyth.org.uk/alythchanukah](http://www.alyth.org.uk/alythchanukah) for the minibus route and approximate timings.

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| Thursday 10  | - Finchley                          |
| Monday 14    | - Hampstead Garden Suburb           |
| Tuesday 15   | - Muswell Hill and Crouch End       |
| Wednesday 16 | - Golders Green and South Hampstead |
| Thursday 17  | - Hendon and Mill Hill              |



If you are coming out to meet the Alyth bus, please remember the rule of six if you see other Alyth members.

## In-Person Lighting on the Forecourt

Come to Alyth to join us as we light the Chanukiah

Join us for in-person chanukiah lightings of our special new outdoor chanukiah, made for us by Alyth member David Baker. These will take place on **Thursday 10, Monday 14, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 December from 19:00** and must be pre-booked by [clicking here](#).

These services will be on the forecourt and subject to strict distancing and protective measures to protect staff and members. Please make sure that you wear appropriate clothing. Doughnuts and drinks will be served.



## Other Special Chanukah Activities

### Pray With Us

#### Shabbat Chanukah

Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December

Please see Pray With Us pages for more details.

### Learn With Us (Youth and Education)

#### Community Doughnut Bake-Off

Sunday 13 December, 10:00-11:30

Join the Mike & Sophie online for a "no-fry" doughnut baking challenge. We'll explore why these tasty treats are symbolic at this time of year and have a little time for some fun and games as well!

*Ingredients & Tools: Doughnut Pan OR Cupcake Tray, Aluminium Foil, 120g Plain Flour, 70g Sugar, Baking Powder, Salt, Unsalted Butter, 1 Egg, Skimmed Milk, Vanilla Extract, 80g Powdered Sugar.*

#### Madrichim Chanukah Mystery

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### Learn With Us

#### The Great British Reboot

Monday 14 December, 20:00-21:00

We are delighted to welcome Alex Brummer, City Editor of the Daily Mail and regular Jewish Chronical columnist. Alex's new book, published this month explores how our current moment can lead to prosperity and a flourishing economy. Join us for an optimistic end to a challenging year. Hosted by Rabbi Josh.

### Be With Us

#### News, Views & Schmooze Chanukah Special

Wednesday 16 December, 11:00-12:00

Join us for an hour of schmooze to discuss what is going on in the world around us. Led by volunteers from the Soup and Schmooze group.

### Last Night Chanukah Concert

Thursday 17 December, 20:00-21:00

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# ALYTH CHEVRUTA PROJECT

Launching Thursday 3 December - Running in January and February 2021

Beginning in January 2021, we invite you to join us in a special learning project for the whole community. Chevruta is a classical form of Jewish study, in which two people grapple with a text together. The Talmud declares, "Two students learning together sharpen one another". Throughout January and February 2021, in the lead-up to Purim, the Alyth Chevruta Project will set -up and support study in pairs of Tractate Megillah of the Mishnah.

### Why Chevruta?

Chevruta is the perfect study for our complicated times as it can be done flexibly at a convenient time, in-person or online, and keeping to the rule of six. It is also a great introduction to text study as it can be done in partnership with someone with similar experience and at your own pace.

### How will it work?

Every Friday, starting on 1 January, participants will be sent a study pack containing texts, questions and supporting material to study in chevruta. Every following Thursday from 19:00-20:00, a member of the clergy team will host a review session looking at the material, and answering questions coming out of the week of study.

### How do I find a study partner?

If you have a partner in mind, please approach them directly, and let us know about your pair by [clicking here](#). You can also form a group of three if you would prefer.

We can also find you a suitable study partner from within the community, based on your study experience and how and when you are available to study. Please [click here](#) to complete the online form. **Please make sure that you register by Friday 18 December.**

### How do I find out more?

The Alyth Chevruta Project launches on Thursday 3 December with a special introductory session with Rabbi Josh and Rabbi Elliott from 19:00. The session will introduce the idea of chevruta, and tips to make it work, as well as introducing Mishnah Megillah.

# THE GREAT BRITISH REBOOT

Monday 14 December, 20:00-21:00

We are delighted to welcome Alex Brummer, a multi-award winning journalist who has been City Editor and economic commentator for the Daily Mail for the last 20 years. Previous to this, Alex was associate editor, financial editor, foreign editor and Washington Bureau Chief for the Guardian where he worked for 26 years.

His new book 'The Great British Reboot' is an optimistic vision of how Britain can lift itself out of the gloom and doom of Brexit and Covid and adapt to a more global future. It looks at what the country is good at, how it can become better and how to repair social divisions and weaknesses in the nation's and corporate governance.

Join us for an optimistic end to a challenging year. Hosted by Rabbi Josh.

# REGULAR LEARNING WITH ALYTH

## Weekly Learning

### Hebrew reading from Scratch

*Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 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.

### E-ssentials

*Tuesdays, 20:00-21:00*

Our regular introduction to Judaism class taught by our clergy with Jon Epstein.

**1** The Synagogue

**8** Chanukah

On Tuesday 15 December, members of the Essentials class are invited to join us at Alyth for a special Chanukah lighting in-person. A chance to meet in-person those with whom you've been studying online over the past months.

Essentials restarts after a short break on Tuesday 5 January with our short course on Jewish History.

### Pardes

*Thursdays 3, 10, 17 December, 13:00-14:00*

The opportunity to study with other members of the clergy team. Thursday 3 December with Cantor Tamara, Thursday 10 December with Rabbi Hannah and a special session for Chanukah on Thursday 17 December with Rabbi Colin.

Pardes restarts after a short break on Thursday 7 January for a new short course with Rabbi Elliott.

### Biblical Hebrew

*Sundays 13 & 20 December, 11:00-12:00*

A programme for those with high level hebrew reading ability. Email [edwardjgold@hotmail.com](mailto:edwardjgold@hotmail.com) if you would like to join this class so that you can be sent the link and materials in advance.

## Shabbat Shiurim

*Saturdays 5 & 19 December, 9:15-10:15*

Our fortnightly Shabbat morning shiur, currently taught online.

Saturday 5 December - Special Guest: Professor Adam Sutcliffe

### What Are Jews For? The 'Mission of Israel' in the History of Reform Judaism

Some Jews today tend to emphasise their similarity with others and are often a bit uneasy with the idea of being a "chosen people". The nineteenth century Reform rabbis saw things differently.

Developing the idea of the 'mission of Israel' as a cornerstone of their theology.

Rabbi Elliott is joined by Professor Adam Sutcliffe (Department of History, King's College London, and author of the book 'What Are Jews For? History, Peoplehood and Purpose') will trace the history of this idea, from nineteenth-century Germany and the United States through to its more muted place in today's Jewish world.

Saturday 19 December

### Joseph was well built and handsome - what difference does it make how people look in the bible?

Joseph is one of a number of biblical characters whose physical appearance is commented on in the bible. Join Cantor Tamara as she explores these different descriptions and the role looks play in our biblical stories. Why does it seem to matter so much to the authors of our narrative?

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### Regular Activities

#### Craft, Chat and Cuppa!

*Mondays, 15:00-16:00*

This 'club' is for anyone who would like to try any sort of hand craft.

#### Alyth Choral Society

*Tuesday 1 December, 20:00-22:00*

For Choral Society Members only. Go to [www.alythchoralsociety.org](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org) for more information

#### News, Views & Schmooze

*Wednesdays 2, 16, 30 December, 11:00-12:00*

Join us for an hour of schmooze to discuss what is going on in the world around us. Led by volunteers from the Soup and Schmooze group.

#### Mellow Chair Yoga for All Ages

*Thursdays 3, 10, 17 December, 11:00-12:00*

Our special Chair Yoga and Meditation with Maxine, open to all ages wishing to enhance overall mental and physical wellbeing.

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#### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

*Fridays 4 & 18 December, 17:15-18:15*

*Saturday 12 December, 9:15-10:15*

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation helps us to open our hearts and find peace through our spiritual heritage, especially in these challenging times.

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### Monthly Activities

#### Alyth Book Club

*Monday 2 December, 18:30-19:30*

This month's book is Reuben Sachs by Amy Levy. Join Rabbi Colin and Katie for our monthly Book Club discussion.

#### Singing for Pleasure

*Sunday 6 December, 15:00-16:00*

Join Viv and sing songs from the shows, Israeli folksongs, songs from the 60s and much, much more. No need to audition, read music or feel intimidated.

#### Choir Rehearsal and Breakfast

*Saturday 12 December, 9:15-10:15*

A special online choir rehearsal including breakfasts from your home.

## General Meeting of Congregants to approve Subscriptions for 2021

Sunday 13 December, 10:30

We invite you to join us on Zoom for a General Meeting of Congregants. The Notice of Meeting, Agenda & resolution for approval, Budget front page and proposed subscriptions can be seen at [alyth.org.uk/agm](http://alyth.org.uk/agm).





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## Learn With Us - Youth and Education

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### Year 10 Hadracha (In-Person)

*Tuesdays 8, 15 December (17:30-18:30)*

Our leadership training course covering teamwork, programme development, leading songs/games, role modelling, public speaking and much more! This is a great way to reconnect with your Alyth peers and build a future with your community.

### Alyth Sunday Mornings

*Sunday 6 December (10:00-11:00)*

SMG covers a wide range of topics, challenging our young members to question and form their own understanding of Jewish practice; through games, arts and crafts, discussion and more. This half term, join our team of educators and madrichim, as we explore the circles of Tikkun, with activities for our young people to digest the Jewish concept of being kind to ourselves, our community, and the world.

To find out more or to enrol, please contact [mike@alyth.org.uk](mailto:mike@alyth.org.uk).

### Ruach

*Fridays 4 & 11 December (17:00-18:15)*

This half-term, we will once again be bringing Ruach 1- 4 all together on Zoom for our Friday evening programme. Join Mike & Sophie and our team of madrichim, who will help you to engage with Torah and offer breakout spaces during the sessions to connect with your Ruach cohort.

Families of students in Ruach 4 please note: as we are currently unable to deliver an in-person mentoring programme, Mike will also be in contact with students individually in the month of their ceremony to arrange support for the writing of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Prayer.

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