Shabbat Va-yikra / Zachor 9 Adar Sheni 5782 / 11-12 March 2022

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service Led by Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Hannah and Rabbi Elliott.

Shabbat Morning

09:45 Choir Warm Up Preparing for our Shabbat morning service

10:30 Shabbat Morning Service (in the Beit Tefillah)

Led by Rabbi Elliott with the synagogue choir. Our Torah portions are Leviticus 1: 1-17, read by Asa Taub and Deuteronomy 25: 17-19, read by Rabbi Elliott. The sermon will be given by Rabbi Elliott

10:30 Kollot (in the new meeting and prayer space)

Our informal, unaccompanied, participatory minyan. Led by Rabbi Josh and Justin Wise, with the Torah reading and Dvar Torah by members of the community.

This week: Purim 5782

We are delighted that we will be able to join together in person for Purim, both on Erev Purim and during the day.

We need to know if you are coming in person - please use the link on the email or website.

Wednesday 16 March

18:00 OY! Story

Get in touch with your inner child - whatever your age. Join us for fun, film and food. Come dressed as a toy or favourite character from a cartoon or animated film. Join us for a light 'pre show' dinner and entertainment before we see if Buzz can make his way back to the ark, kicking back and watching 'OY! Story' together. There will be cinema snacks (and alcohol for adults) provided.

20:00 Break for refreshments

20:15 Ma'ariv and late night Megillah reading

Thursday 17 March

13:00 Purim Pardes

A special in person Purim Pardes with megillah reading and light lunch. For catering purposes, please let sam@alyth.org.uk know if you are coming.

16:00 ThursWAY Purim Party

Join us for a special Purim party and tea, where we will also be celebrating a regular ThursWayer's birthday. Come dressed in your best fancy dress, ready for an afternoon of excitement and fun! For catering purposes, please let ella@alyth.org.uk know you are coming.

Shabbat morning services over the next two weeks

Shabbat 19 March

- 09:15 Shabbat shiur
- 10:30 'Kollot style' Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Wise
- 11:00 Family services focus group, with Shacharit and brunch

Shabbat 26 March

- 09:15 Choir rehearsal
- 10:30 'Big Bang' Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah of Arthur Blendis
- 10:30 Choral Shabbat Morning Service

Shabbat at Alyth

Throughout Jewish history, Shabbat has been at the heart of Jewish life, a distinctive and special time, different from the working week. At Alyth, we strive to uphold this holiness of Shabbat, with learning and multiple services to meet the needs of the community.

Please help us to ensure that everyone is able to pray and participate by thinking about the needs of those around you. To help us to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, please switch off your mobile phone, and do not take photographs or smoke on the premises on Shabbat. When we want to show appreciation during a service, it is traditional not to applaud but to shout 'yasher koach' or 'sh'koach', which means 'strength to you.' Please refrain from applauding but join in this greeting.

On Shabbat, as through the week, we rely on the contribution of many of our members. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this Shabbat special.

Erev Shabbat Supplement

Yah Ribbon

Words: Rabbi Yisrael Najara

יַה רְבּוֹן עַלַם וְעַלְמַיָּא. אַנָתָ הוּא מַלְכָּא מֵלֵך מַלְכַיָא: עוֹבַד גְּבוּרְתֵּךְ וְתָמְהַיָּא. שֵׁפִּיר קָדָמַךְ לְהַחֵוַיָה:

Music: Josh Warshawsky

Sovereign of the world and timeless master, You rule above all rulers we obey. Many deeds of Your might, and Your wonders, it delights You to display.

Yah ribbon, yah ribbon alam, valmaya, ant hu malka ant hu malka melech malchaya x2 Yah ribbon alam, valmava, ant hu malka melech malchava

Ovad g'vurteich v'timhaya, shappir kodamach l'hachavayah x2

Yism'chu Ha-shamavim

Words: Psalm 96:11

ישמחו השמים ותגל הארץ ירעם הים ומלאו:

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth delight, let the sea thunder in its fullness. Yism'chu ha-shamayim v'tageil ha-arets, yir'am ha-yam um'lo'o.

Ya'aloz Sadai

Words: Psalm 96:12

יַעַלז שדי וכל־אַשר־בּוֹ אז יִרְנָנוּ כּל־עַצִי־יַעָר:

Music: Yoel Sykes and Navot ben Barak

Let the field be glad and all within it, let all trees of the forest sing out Ya'aloz sadai v'chol asher bo, az y'rann'nu kol atsei ya'ar.

Blessing on lighting Shabbat candles

בַּרוּךָ אַתַּה יהוה אֱלֹהֶינוּ מֵלֵךְ הַעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בִּמָצוֹתֵיו. וְצָוַנוּ לְהָדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שָׁבַּת:

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, whose commandments make us holy, and who commands us to light the Sabbath candles.

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidd'shanu b'mitsvotav, v'tsivvanu l'hadlik neir shel shabbat.

Ufros Aleinu/Lo Yissa Goy

Words: Evening liturgy / Isaiah 2:4

ופרש עלינו סכת שלומד.

Spread over us the shelter of Your peace Uf'ros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha

לא־ישא גוי אל־גוי חרב ולא־ילמדו עוד מלחמה:

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; never again shall they train for war Lo yissa goy el-goy cherev v'lo yilm'du od milchamah

בַּרוּךָ אַתַּה יהוה. הַפּוֹרֵשׁ סְכַת שֵׁלוֹם עַלֵינוּ וְעַל־עַמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֶל וְעַל־כַּל־הַעוֹלָם:

Blessed are You God, spreading the shelter of peace over us, over Your people Israel, and over all the world.

Baruch attah Adonai, ha-poreis sukkat shalom aleinu val ammo yisra'el, val kol ha-olam

Nachman of Bratslav's Praver for Peace

Likutei Tefillot Volume 2.53:1

יהי רצון מלפניד יהוה אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שתבטל מלחמות ושפיכות דמים מן העולם ותמשיך שלום גדול ונפלא בעולם ולא ישאו עוד גוי אל גוי חרב ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה: רק יַכּּירוּ ויַדעוּ כּל יוֹשבי תַבל האַמת לָאמתוֹ אַשר לא באנוּ לזה העולם בשביל ריב וּמחַלקָת וּלֹא בִּשְׁבִיל שָׁנָאַה וְקָנָאָה וְקָנָטוּר וּשָׁפִּיכוּת דַמִים רַק בַּאנוּ לַעוֹלָם כָּדֵי לְהַכִּיר וְלַדַעַת אוֹתָד תִּתִבַּרַךְ לַנֵצַח:

May it be Your will, Eternal God, that war and bloodshed be abolished from the world, that a great and wondrous peace rule forever; that never again shall nation lift up sword against nation, and never again shall they train for war.

But may all who dwell on the earth recognize and understand the basic truth: that we have not come into this world for strife and division, nor for hate and jealousy, contrariness and bloodshed; but we have come into this world to recognize and know You, may You be blessed forever.

Lo Alecha

Words: Pirkei Avot 2:21

Music: Jeff Klepper

לא עליד המלאכה לגמור ולא אתה בן־חורין להבטל ממנה.

It is not your duty to finish the work but you are not free to neglect it. Lo alecha ham'lacha ligmor, lo alecha ligmor; V'lo atah ben chorin, l'hi bateil mimenah, v'lo atah ben chorin

Leviticus 1: 1-17

^א וַיָּקָרָא אָל־מֹשָה וַיִדַבָּר יִיָ אָלַיו מֵאָהָל מוֹעָד לָאמֹר: ^ב דַבָּר אָל־בָּנֵי יִשְׂרָאָל וָאָמָרָתָ אַלָהֶם אַדַם כִּי־יַקָרִיב מִכָּם קַרְבָּן לֵייֵ מִן־הַבָּהָמָה מִן־הַבָּקָר וּמִן־הַצֹאן תַקָרִיבוּ אָת־ קַרְבַּנְכֵם: גֹ אָם־עֹלָה קָרְבָּנוֹ מִן־הַבָּקָר זָכָר תָּמִים יַקְרִיבֵנָוּ אֵל־פֵּתַח אֹהֵל מוֹעֵד יַקְרִיב אֹתוֹ לְרָצֹנוֹ לְפְנֵי יִיֵ: ד וְסַמֵך יָדוֹ עֵל רֹאשׁ הַעֹלָה וְנָרְצָה לוֹ לְכָפֵּר עַלָיו: ה וְשָׁחַט אָת־ בֶן הַבָּקָר לִפְנֵי יִיֵ וְהִקָרִיבוּ בְּנֵי אַהֵרן הַכֹּהַנִים אֵת־הַדָּם וְזָרָקוּ אֵת־הַדָּם עַל־הַמָזִבֵּת ַסַבִּיֹב אֲשֶׁר־פָּתֵח אָהֵל מוֹעֵד: ' וְהָפָשִׁיט אֶת־הַעֹלָה וְנָתַח אֹתָה לְנָתַחֵיהַ: ' וְנָתַנוּ בְּנֵי אָהָרן הַכּהָן אָש עַל־הַמָּזְבָּח וערכוּ עַצִים עַל־הָאָש: " וערכוּ בְּנֵי אָהָרן הַכָּהָנִים אָת הנתחים את־הראש ואת־הפדר על־העצים אשר על־האש אשר על־המזבח: מ וקרבו וּכִרַעָּיו יִרְחַץ בַּמָיֵם וְהִקְטִיר הַכֹּהֵן אֵת־הַכּּל הַמִּזְבָּחָה עֹלָה אָשֵׁה בִיחַ־נִיחוֹחַ לַיֵי:

¹ The Eternal called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying: ² Speak to the Israelite people, and say to them: When any of you presents an offering of cattle to the Eternal, he shall choose his offering from the herd or from the flock.³ If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall make the offering a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, for acceptance in his behalf before the Eternal.⁴ He shall lay his hand upon the head of the burnt offering, that it may be acceptable in his behalf, in explation for him. ⁵ The bull shall be slaughtered before the Eternal; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall offer the blood, dashing the blood against all sides of the altar which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.⁶ The burnt offering shall be flayed and cut up into sections. ⁷ The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and lay out wood upon the fire; ⁸ and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall lay out the sections, with the head and the suet, on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar.⁹ Its entrails and legs shall be washed with water, and the priest shall turn the whole into smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odour to the Eternal.

ּ וָאָם־מָן־הַצֹּאָן קַרְבָּנוֹ מָן־הַכִּשָׂבִים אוֹ מָן־הָעָזָים לְעָלָה זָכָר תַּמִים יַקָריבִנּוּ: יֹא וִשָּׁחַט אֹתוֹ עַל יַרַךְ הַמִזְבֵח צַפֹּנָה לְפְנֵי יִי ווורקו בְּנֵי אָהֵרוֹ הַכֹּהַנִים אֶת־דַמוֹ עַל־הַמִזְבָּח סָבִיב: ^{יב} וְנָתַּח אֹתוֹ לְנְתָחִיו וְאֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ וְאֶת־פִּדְרוֹ וְעָרֵדְ הַכֹּהֵן אֹתָם עַל־הָעֵצִים אַשֵּׁר עַל־ הָאָשׁ אַשֶׁר עַל־הַמִזְבֵחַ: " וְהַקַרָב וְהַכָּרָעָיֵם יְרְחַץ בַּמָיָם וְהִקְרִיב הַכֹּהֵן אֶת־הַכֹּל וְהִקְטִיר הַמַזְבֶּחָה עלֵה הוֹא אָשֶה רֵיחַ נִיחחַ לַיַיַ: יד ואָם מִן־הַעוֹף עֹלָה קַרַבַּנוֹ לַיִיַ וְהִקְרִיב מִן־הַתּוֹים אוֹ מִן־בָּגֵי הַיּוֹנָה אֵת־קַרְבָּנוֹ: ^{טו} וְהִקְרִיבוֹ הַכּּהֵן אֵל־הַמִּזְבָּה וּמָלַק את־ראשו והקטיר המזבחה ונמצה דמו על קיר המזבח: מו והסיר את־מראתו בנצתה וָהָשָׁלִיךָ אֹתָה אָצֵל הַמִּזִבֵּחַ קֵּדְמָה אֵל־מִקוֹם הַדָּשֵׁן: " וִשָּׁפַע אֹתוֹ בִכָנָפָיו´ לָא יַבִדִּיל וְהִקְּטִיר אֹתוֹ הַכֹּהֵן הַמִזְבָּחָה עַל־הַעָצִים אַשֶׁר עַל־הָאָשׁ עֹלֵה הוּא אָשָה רֵיחַ נִיחֹח לַיַיַ:

of pleasing odour to the Eternal.

Torah portion for Shabbat Zachor Deuteronomy 25: 17-19

י זָכור אָת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לְךָ עֵמָלֵק בַּדֶרֶךְ בְּצֵאִתְכֶם מִמִּצְרָיֵם: יח אֲשֶׁר קָרָך בַּדֶרֶך וַיִזַנֵּב ַבְּדֶ כָּל־הַנֶּחֲשָׁלִים אַחֲרֶידְ וְאַתָּה עָיֵף וְיָגֵעַ וְלָא יָרֵא אֱלֹהִים: ^{יט} וְהָיָה בּהָנִיח יִיַ אֵלֹהֵידָ ו לְךֶ מְכָּל־אֹיְבָ׳ךּ מִסָּבִיב בָּאָׂרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְיָ־אֱלֹהֶיׁדְ נֹתֵן לְךָ נְחֵלָה לְרִשְׁתָּה תִּמְחֶה אֶת־זַכֶר עַמַלָק מַתַּחַת הַשַּׁמַיָם לא תִּשְׁכַּח:

¹⁷ Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt - ¹⁸ how, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear.¹⁹ Therefore, when the Eternal your God grants you safety from all your enemies around you, in the land that the Eternal your God is giving you as a hereditary portion, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget.

Torah portion for Shabbat Va-yikra

¹⁰ If his offering for a burnt offering is from the flock, of sheep or of goats, he shall make his offering a male without blemish.¹¹ It shall be slaughtered before the Eternal on the north side of the altar, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall dash its blood against all sides of the altar. 12 When it has been cut up into sections, the priest shall lay them out, with the head and the suet, on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar.¹³ The entrails and the legs shall be washed with water; the priest shall offer up and turn the whole into smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering by fire, of pleasing odour to the Eternal.

¹⁴ If his offering to the Eternal is a burnt offering of birds, he shall choose his offering from turtledoves or pigeons.¹⁵ The priest shall bring it to the altar, pinch off its head, and turn it into smoke on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out against the side of the altar. 16 He shall remove its crop with its contents and cast it into the place of the ashes, at the east side of the altar.¹⁷ The priest shall tear it open by its wings, without severing it, and turn it into smoke on the altar, upon the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering by fire,

Haftarah for Shabbat Zachor 1 Samuel 30: 1-18

¹ By the time David and his men arrived in Ziklag, on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid into the Negev and against Ziklag; they had stormed Ziklag and burned it down.² They had taken the women in it captive, low-born and high-born alike; they did not kill any, but carried them off and went their way.³ When David and his men came to the town and found it burned down, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive, ⁴ David and the troops with him broke into tears, until they had no strength left for weeping.⁵ David's two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail wife of Nabal from Carmel.

⁶ David was in great danger, for the troops threatened to stone him; for all the troops were embittered on account of their sons and daughters. But David sought strength in the Eternal his God. ⁷ David said to the priest Abiathar son of Ahimelech, "Bring the ephod up to me." When Abiathar brought up the ephod to David, ⁸ David inquired of the Eternal, "Shall I pursue those raiders? Will I overtake them?" And God answered him, "Pursue, for you shall overtake and you shall rescue."

⁹ So David and the six hundred men with him set out, and they came to the Wadi Besor, where a halt was made by those who were to be left behind. ¹⁰ David continued the pursuit with four hundred men; two hundred men had halted, too faint to cross the Wadi Besor. ¹¹ They came upon an Egyptian in the open country and brought him to David. They gave him food to eat and water to drink; ¹² he was also given a piece of pressed fig cake and two cakes of raisins. He ate and regained his strength, for he had eaten no food and drunk no water for three days and three nights. ¹⁵ Then David asked him, "To whom do you belong and where are you from?" "I am an Egyptian boy," he answered, "The slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I fell ill three days ago. ¹⁴ We had raided the Negev of the Cherethites, and of Judah, and the Negev of Caleb; we also burned down Ziklag."

¹⁵ And David said to him, "Can you lead me down to that band?" He replied, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into my master's hands, and I will lead you down to that band." ¹⁶ So he led him down, and there they were, scattered all over the ground, eating and drinking and making merry because of all the vast spoil they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. ¹⁷ David attacked them from before dawn until the evening of the next day; none of them escaped, except four hundred young men who mounted camels and got away. ¹⁸ David rescued everything the Amalekites had taken; David also rescued his two wives.

Kollot Haftarah for Shabbat Zachor Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer 44

Rabbi Yochanan ben Nuri said: All the mighty deeds and wonders which the Holy One did for Israel in Egypt and at the Reed Sea. Yet they repeatedly tested God. They even slandered the Holy One, saying "God has forsaken us in this wilderness, and the Divine Presence is not in our midst", as it says IS THE ETERNAL PRESENT AMONG US OR NOT? (Exodus 17:7).

Rabbi Yishmael said: What is written after this verse? THEN CAME AMALEK AND FOUGHT WITH ISRAEL AT REPHIDIM (Exodus 17:8). Amalek came against them to fight with them and to disrupt them...

Rabbi Pinchas said: Forty years later, Moses wanted to remind Israel, and say to them, "Do you remember what you said in the wilderness, when you asked IS THE ETERNAL PRESENT AMONG US OR NOT?" But Moses said, "If I say this to Israel, I will put them to shame and "anyone who puts their fellow to shame will have no portion in the world to come". Rather, I will say to them that Amalek did such and such, and they will understand about what came before".

A parable. To what can this be compared? To a king who had a garden and a dog chained at the entrance to the garden. The king sat in his upper room, watching and looking at all that happened in the garden. A friend of the king entered to steal (fruit) from the garden, and he made the dog angry, and it tore his clothes. The king said, "If I say to my friend, 'Why did you go into my garden?' I will put him to shame. Rather I will say to him, 'Did you see that mad dog, how it tore your clothes?"

Similarly Moses said: Behold, I will tell Israel the story of Amalek, and they will immediately understand what is written before it. Therefore Moses said REMEMBER WHAT AMALEK DID TO YOU (Deuteronomy 25:17).

Community News

Alyth is built on a foundation of mutual care, in which we share one another's joys and sorrows, and accompany one another through our life journeys.

On this Shabbat, we celebrate with:

Asa Taub, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Carlton Fileen, father of Justin Fileen, grandmother of Lily and Saul **Geoffrey Karet**, father of Nicki Efrat, Jo Wise and Alan Karet and brother to Elaine Moss

We join with those marking the anniversary of the death of a loved one:

Joshua Benjamin Allen, son of Victoria Collins Eugene Anson, father of Harriet Hodes Ann Cohn, mother of Martin Cohen Constance Colson, mother of Naomi Inwald Lilly Dubowitz, wife of Victor Dubowitz Fay Gray, mother of Janine Clements and Denise Birley Lionel Green, husband of Pamela Green Henry Honey, father of Celia Newgas Cecilia Janove, mother of David Janove Ronald Mendoza, father of Laurance Mendoza Sam Rifkin, father of Judy Townley Jack Rose, father of Grahame Rose Florence Stanley, mother of Shirley Freeling Sophie Stanton, mother of Kenneth Stanton Richard Toeman, father of Paul Toeman

We invite those who come to Shabbat in mourning to lead the community in the Mourners' Kaddish on page 316 of the siddur, supported by the *Sh'liach-* or *Sh'lichat-Tzibbur*.

Responding together to events in Ukraine

Support for organisations working in Ukraine

Crisis appeals have been launched by two organisations with which Alyth has connections. To donate to the World Jewish Relief appeal:

https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/ways-to-donate/appeals/1267-ukraine-crisis-appeal Details of the World Union of Progressive Judaism appeal can be found here: https://eupj.org/eupj-ukraine-emergency-support-fund/

Collection of goods for Ukraine

Goods For Good & HRIF Rescue Project – Ukraine are collecting goods to help refugees in the Ukraine and those crossing the borders into Poland and Romania.

Until Monday 14 March, we will have collection points at Alyth for the following items. Please ensure that all items are unopened and in date.

First Aid: Bandages, Cotton Wool, Antiseptic wipes, Plasters, First Aid kits, Paracetamol; Aspirin, Antibacterial hand gel

Hygiene Goods: Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Shower gel, Deodorants, Nappies, Packs of Tissues, Soap Dispensers.

Preparing to host Ukrainian Refugees

There is a proposal among congregations in the UK that we be prepared to host Ukrainian refugees if that help is needed. If you would potentially be willing to host a Ukrainian refugee or refugee family in your home please let us know by emailing Sam at sam@alyth.org.uk. There are no concrete plans in place yet, but by letting us know in this way we will be able to respond quickly if needed.

Contact Us

Please contact us if Alyth can help you in any way.

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