



## Annual Meeting of Congregants of Alyth Synagogue

19:30 on Monday 30 January 2023

### Biographies of Nominees:

Trustees Standing for Election	
	<p><b>ILANA PIZER MASON</b></p> <p>As an Alyth member for more than ten years, I am excited for the opportunity to join the Alyth trustees. I grew up within the Reform movement and was active in RSY-Netzer as a participant, youth leader and movement worker. I currently work as interim Consultant Midwife for Public Health and Education at a local London hospital where I work closely with colleagues and the local community to ensure families are given opportunities and support to get the best start. Through work, I understand the needs of the wider community and the importance of strong links to enrich our lives - something which a community such as Alyth plays a vital part.</p> <p>I have two children, one becoming Bar Mitzvah in March, and I have enjoyed watching him build friendships and learn at Alyth.</p> <p>I hope my experience and passion working with community, sharing knowledge and learning together can be used in a positive way for Alyth.</p>
	<p><b>IAN HOWE</b></p> <p>Alyth and its community have played a major part in my life over the last 20 years or so, which has seen the celebrations of my marriage; my conversion to Judaism; two Bat Mitzvot and a Bar Mitzvah.</p> <p>I am married to Amanda. We have three children who all started their education at Alyth Kindergarten and continue today to be active within Alyth and the RSY-Netzer youth movement.</p> <p>I believe it is now the right time for me to give further support to Alyth who has nurtured and guided my Family and me for so long.</p> <p>During my career in the Advertising &amp; Marketing industry I have led diverse teams across all disciplines and have sat on various Management and Leadership Boards. In my current role, I provide businesses with hands-on advice and consultancy services to help realise their strategic visions by developing customer relationships and brand-building engagement programs. My experience has been gained across the Financial, Retail, Hospitality and Charity sectors.</p> <p>It would be a privilege to serve as a Trustee and be able to share some of my experience and points of view with other Members of the Board.</p>

## Vice President for Election



### **JANINE GRAY CLEMENTS**

Janine has been associated with Alyth for nearly 60 years and was a founder member of the Children's Choir. At 13, Janine was one of the first girls to not have a Bat Mitzvah as part of the shul's Shavuot service and achieved equal status with the boys in the congregation. Janine was a madricha to the younger members of Alyth and was Chair of the youth group. From a young age, Alyth empowered her to develop a strong moral code and an enquiring and questioning interest in texts, practice and tikkun olam.

Janine has been involved in many other areas of Alyth life. She slept rough to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless; directed Alyth Academy's first production; and served on the Synagogue Council for many years. When Director of the Jewish AIDS Trust, she taught young people skills in order that they would make safe and informed choices in relationships.

In her 50s, Janine learned how to blow the shofar. An ongoing responsibility which Janine takes seriously. None more so than during the pandemic when in the presence of small congregation the mitzvah moved her profoundly and enabled her to reconnect with the Alyth community in an unexpected and profound way.

Janine has continued to sing in many of Alyth's choirs and is currently part of the synagogue choir and the Alyth Choral Society.

Janine has never held back, expressing views which others may find difficult to hear or to challenge the status quo. The childhood friends made at Alyth have travelled with Janine through many highs and lows. Alyth has become the family that she chose for herself. It is with joy, pride and immeasurable gratitude that Janine accepts the opportunity to be nominated to serve the community as Vice President and acknowledges the honour bestowed on her.