

Shabbat Chol Ha-mo’ed Pesach 19 Nisan 5784 / 26-27 April 2024

Erev Shabbat

18:30 Erev Shabbat Service (in the Beit Tefillah)

Led by Rabbi Elliott and Louis Graham.

Shabbat Morning

09:15 Choir Rehearsal (in the Kindergarten)

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

Led by Rabbi Elliott with The Alyth Choir.

The Torah will be read by Rabbi Josh and Sophie Peterman.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Elliott.

There will be an unsupervised kids corner in the Beit Tefillah.

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Additional Songs and Readings for Shabbat

Yah Ribbon

Words: Rabbi Yisrael Najara

Music: Josh Warshawsky

יְהִי רַבּוֹן עֲלֵם וְעֹלְמַיָּא. אֲנִתָּהּ הוּא מְלָכָא מְלִךְ מְלַכְיָא: עוֹבֵד גְבוּרְתֵךְ וְתַמְהִיָּא. שְׁפִיר קִדְמוֹךָ לְהַחְיָה:

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, v’almaya, ant hu malka ant hu malka melech malchaya x2

Yah ribbon alam, v’almaya, ant hu malka melech malchaya

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

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Sham’ah vatis’mach

Words: Psalm 97:8

Music: Daphna Rosenberg

שְׁמַעָה וְתִשְׁמַח, צִיּוֹן, וְתִגְלָנָה, בְּנוֹת יְהוּדָה

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Zion heard and rejoiced,

the daughters of Judah were glad.

Sham'ah vatismach sham'ah vatismach Tsiyyon Tsiyyon

Vatageilnah b'not Y'hudah

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Or Zarua

Words: Psalm 97:11

Music: Jeff Klepper

אור־זֶרַע לְצַדִּיק וּלְיִשְׁרַיִלָב שְׂמֵחָה:
A harvest of light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the constant heart
Or zaru’a la-tsaddik, ul’yishrei leiv simchah

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Blessing on lighting Shabbat candles

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלִךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל שְׁבֻת:

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.

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Nachman of Bratslav’s Prayer for Peace

Likutei Tefillot Volume 2, 53:1

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.

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A Prayer for the Release of Captives

God, our redeemer, who set us free from the slavery of Egypt, we turn to You to release all hostages and captives, all who are enslaved to others. We pray now in particular for all those taken hostage by Hamas. May You be with them at this time of trial. Give wisdom and strength to those who work for their release and bring about a speedy end to their suffering. May you support the families and friends who can only watch and wait in fear and anxiety. Help us to know what we too can do when prayers alone are not enough.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלִךְ הָעוֹלָם. מִתִּיר אֲסוּרִים:
Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, You free those who are bound.
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, matir asurim.

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Lo Alecha

Words: Pirkei Avot

Music: Jeff Klepper and Danny Freelande

לֹא עָלֶיךָ הַמְּלֶאכָה לְגִמּוֹר, וְלֹא אַתָּה בֶן חוֹרִין לְהַבְטִיל מִמֶּנָּה.

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It is not your duty to finish the work

but you are not free to neglect it.

Lo alecha ha'm'lachah ligmor,

v'lo atah ben chorin l'hibatel mimena.

Torah Portion for Shabbat Chol Ha-mo’ed Pesach Exodus 13:3-10

א וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם זְכוֹר אֶת־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר יִצְאֲתֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים כִּי בַחֲזֹק יָד הוּצֵיא יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה וְלֹא יֹאכַל חֶמֶץ: **ד** הַיּוֹם אַתֶּם יֹצְאִים בַּחֲדָשׁ הָאֶבִּיב: **ה** וְהָיָה כִּי־בִיֹּאֵךְ יְהוָה אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעַנִי וְהַחִתִּי וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַחִזִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְתָּיִךְ לֵאמֹר לְתַת לְךָ אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ וְעַבְדְּתָ אֶת־הָעַבְדָּה הַזֹּאת בַּחֲדָשׁ הַזֶּה: **ו** שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תֹּאכַל מִצַּת וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי חָג לַיהוָה: **ז** מִצּוֹת יֹאכַל אֵת שִׁבְעַת הַיָּמִים וְלֹא־יֵרָאֶה לְךָ חֶמֶץ וְלֹא־יֵרָאֶה לְךָ שְׂאֵר בְּכָל־גִּבְלֶךָ: **ח** וְהַגְדַּתְּ לְבְנֶךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בְּעֶבּוֹר זֶה עָשָׂה יְהוָה לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרַיִם: **ט** וְהָיָה לְךָ לְאוֹת עַל־יָדְךָ וּלְזִכְרוֹן בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ לְמַעַן תִּהְיֶה תּוֹרַת יְהוָה בְּפִיךָ כִּי בְיַד חֲזֹקָה הוּצֵאתָ יְהוָה מִמִּצְרַיִם: **י** וְשִׁמַּרְתָּ אֶת־הַחֻקָּה הַזֹּאת לְמוֹעֲדָה מִיָּמִים:

³ And Moses said to the people, “Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt, the house of bondage, how the Eternal freed you from it with a mighty hand: no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴ You go free on this day, in the month of Abib. ⁵ So, when the Eternal has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which was sworn to your fathers to be given you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall observe in this month the following practice: ⁶ “Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival of the Eternal. ⁷ Throughout the seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten; no leavened bread shall be found with you, and no leaven shall be found in all your territory. ⁸ And you shall explain to your child on that day, ‘It is because of what the Eternal did for me when I went free from Egypt.’” ⁹ “And this shall serve you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead—in order that the Teaching of the Eternal may be in your mouth—that with a mighty hand the Eternal freed you from Egypt. ¹⁰ You shall keep this institution at its set time from year to year.

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Deuteronomy 10:12-19

יב וַעֲתָה יִשְׂרָאֵל מַה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שְׂאֵל מֵעַמְּךָ כִּי אִם־לִירָאָה אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו וּלְאַהֲבָהוּ אֹתוֹ וְלַעֲבֹד אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשֶׁךָ: **יג** לְשֹׂמֵר אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה וְאֶת־חֻקֹּתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם לְטוֹב לְךָ: **יד** הֲוֹ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם וּשְׁמַיִ הַשָּׁמַיִם הָאָרֶץ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ: **טו** רַק בְּאַבְתָּיִךְ חֶשֶׁק יְהוָה לְאַהֲבָה אוֹתָם וַיִּבְחַר בְּזִרְעָם אַחֲרֵיהֶם בְּכֶם מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: **טז** וּמִלֹּתֶם אֵת עַרְלַת לְבַבְכֶם וְעַרְפְּכֶם לֹא תִקְשׁוּ עוֹד: **יז** כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֲדַנִּי הָאֲדֹנָיִם הָאֵל הַגָּדֹל הַגָּבוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִשָּׂא פָנָיִם וְלֹא יִקַּח שֹׁחַד: **יח** עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה וְאַהֲבֵ גֵר לְתַת לוֹ לְחֵם וּשְׂמֵלָה: **יט** וְאַהֲבַתֶּם אֶת־הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

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¹² And now, O Israel, what does your God the Eternal demand of you? Only this: to revere your God the Eternal, to walk only in divine paths, to love and to serve your God the Eternal with all your heart and soul, ¹³ keeping the Eternal's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today, for your good. ¹⁴ Mark, the heavens to their uttermost reaches belong to your God the Eternal, the earth and all that is on it! ¹⁵ Yet it was to your ancestors that the Eternal was drawn out of love for them, so that you, their lineal descendants, were chosen from among all peoples—as is now the case. ¹⁶ Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more. ¹⁷ For your God the Eternal is God supreme and Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no Favor and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing food and clothing. — ¹⁹ You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

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Haftarah Portion for Shabbat Chol Ha-mo’ed Pesach Song of Songs 2:1-13

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. Like a lily among thorns, so is my darling among the maidens. Like an apple tree among trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the youths. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my mouth. He brought me to the banquet room and his banner of love was over me. “Sustain me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love.” His left hand was under my head, his right arm embraced me. I adjure you, O maidens of Jerusalem, by gazelles or by hinds of the field: do not wake or rouse love until it please! Hark! My beloved! There he comes, leaping over mountains, bounding over hills. my beloved is like a gazelle or like a young stag. There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the window, peering through the lattice. My beloved spoke thus to me, “arise, my darling; my fair one, come away! For now the winter is past, the rains are over and gone.

The blossoms have appeared in the land, the time of pruning has come; the song of the turtledove is heard in our land. The green figs form on the fig tree, the vines in blossom give off fragrance. Arise, my darling; my fair one, come away!

“O my dove, in the cranny of the rocks, hidden by the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is comely.” catch us the foxes that ruin the vineyards – for our vineyard is in bloom.

My beloved is mine and I am his who browses among the lilies. When the day blows gently and the shadows flee, set out, my beloved, swift as a gazelle or a young stag, for the hills of spices!

Save the Dates

Yom Hashoah Commemoration Concert and Memorial Service Sunday 5 May (18:30)

Please join us for a very special evening as the Alyth Choral Society, conducted by Alison Smart Fisher, together with a Children’s Choir from Alyth and St Mary-at-Finchley Parish Church, perform “Annelies” by James Whitbourn. First commissioned by the Jewish Music Institute it is the story of Anne Frank. The performance will take us through a very moving vocal and visual journey. After the concert which starts at 18:30, there will be a short evening and memorial service at 20:15 in memory of all those who died during the Shoah. Spaces are limited and we advise you to book in as soon as possible on the Alyth website.

Remembering the Fallen, Hope for the Future

Marking Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut as a community Saturday 11 May (18:30)

This year Yom Hazikaron (the day on which we remember Israel’s fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism) and Yom Ha’atzma’ut (the day on which we celebrate Israel’s independence) will be particularly poignant and challenging for many in our community. At Alyth we want to ensure that as many of our members are able to participate in this act of communal remembrance in as many ways as possible.

18:30 Concert: from Composer-in-Residence, Cantor Natalie Young

We will begin our commemoration early on Saturday 11 May at 18:30 with a concert from Composer-in-Residence, Cantor Natalie Young

19:00 Communal meal

Following the concert, we will have a communal meal. Please let us know through the website if you will be attending so that we can cater appropriately.

19:30 Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut Ritual

Following the meal, there will be a special ritual that will incorporate music from Cantor Natalie Young, testimony from Israel, and the completion of a unique artwork that is being constructed by everyone in the community.

For more information, please collect a ‘Community Artwork’ instruction sheet from the foyer.

Yom Hazikaron Memorial Service

Sunday 12 May (19:30)

Rabbi Golan will be leading a more traditional ma’ariv and memorial service as Yom Hazikaron comes in on Sunday 12 May at 19:30.

Please join us for this very important and timely weekend of remembrance and hope.

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:

Louis Graham and Talia Glantz, on their recent engagement. Mazal tov to their parents, **Caronne and David Graham**, and **Marcelle and Barry Glantz**.
Daniel Greene, on the occasion of his 40th birthday.

We regret to announce the death of:

Sheila Solomon, aunt of Stephen Solomon, Heather Cox and Nicola Solomon.
David Janove, brother of Paul Janove.

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

Abraham Abrahamson, father of Jill Joseph
Serge Ajzensztejn, husband of Rosalie Ajzensztejn
Josephine Baker, sister of Leonard Baker
Judy Bewton, grandmother of Danielle Conn
Jill Bezalel, mother of Melanie Bezalel
Stanley Birne, father of David Birne
Douglas Blackman, brother of Mervyn Blackman
Betsy Cohen, mother of Rosalind Black and grandmother of Martin Black
Zelda Enlander, mother of Janice Friend
Sarah Esrock, mother of Evelyn Katz
Anne Evans, sister of Paul Jonas
Israel Field, father of Susan Pearl
Alan Foreman, father of Nicole Craig
Belle Gerber, mother of Deanna Francken
Debbie Ginsberg, niece of Gail Flesch
Raie Goldberg, grandmother of Mark Greenfield
Joy Goldman, sister of Rosalyn Higgins
John Haywood, father of Roger Haywood
Hazel Jacobs, mother of Jane Juran
Stanley Lazar, father of Gillian Lazar
Dennis Levinson, husband of Monica Levinson
Bruce Orman, husband of Patricia Orman
Paulette Rothschild, mother of Jeanne-Marie Stern
Sylvie Schrire, mother of Gail Flesch
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Rabbi Josh Levy (Emeritus)

Please take your siddurim and kiddush glasses to the collection table