

We know that there are Alyth members who need to drink or eat on Yom Kippur. Water and food are available in the Marquee foyer, Akiva School Kitchen and at Alyth in the Cecil Rosen Hall. First Aiders are situated in the ground floor Akiva medical room.

KOL NIDRE (Wednesday 1 October)

19:00 KOL NIDRE (Marquee)

We begin with our annual cello recital of Kol Nidre to help us to prepare for the day ahead. Please note that there will be no entry to the Marquee while the cello is being played by Daniel Ledermann. At 19:15, we will reopen the doors, before we rise together and remove our Sifrei Torah for the ritual of Kol Nidre.

19:30 KOL NIDRE SERMON (Marquee)

Given by **Rabbi Josh Levy** (Alyth's Emeritus Rabbi, Chief Executive of the Movement for Reform Judaism and Co-Lead of Progressive Judaism).

Followed by a choice of five options at approximately 20:00

20:00 CHORAL KOL NIDRE SERVICE (Marquee)

The service continues with the beautiful sound of the Alyth choir.

KOLLOT NIDRE (Akiva School Hall)

A Kollot style service containing familiar melodies sung together.

SOUL NIDRE (Manor House Drawing Room)

A more gentle, intimate and reflective service with songs and readings, and space for silence and contemplation, finishing in time to join the marquee for Avinu Malkeinu.

20:00 YOUTH HUB FOR PRE TEEN NIDRE (Akiva Classroom 2)

Activities with the Youth and Education Hub.

TEEN NIDRE (Akiva Classroom 1)

An activity for those post B'nei Mitzvah with Rabbi Hannah, Sophie Peterman and Abi Brunner.

YOM KIPPUR (Thursday 2 October)

Study Sessions

This year, all our Yom Kippur study sessions will focus on Avinu Malkeinu – the prayer that we say and the ideas it evokes. Each of our four study sessions will examine this core part of the High Holy Day liturgy and provoke us to think and use the prayer as a way of examining our own lives.

SHACHARIT AND TORAH SERVICES

AT THE STERNBERG CENTRE

10:30 CHORAL SHACHARIT SERVICE (Marquee)

Our choral service with the beautiful sound of the Alyth choir. There will be a supervised kids area for children so that parents can enjoy the opportunity to pray.

12:30 CHORAL TORAH SERVICE (Marquee)

The continuation of our choral service, including the Torah service.

The sermon will be given by Rabbi Elliott in both the Choral and Kollot services.

12:30 STUDY SESSION (Akiva 1st Floor Room)

Who is doing God's PR? Why we worry about God's reputation.

Led by Rabbi Elliott.

SHACHARIT AND TORAH SERVICES

AT ALYTH

10:00 KOLLOT SHACHARIT SERVICE (Alyth Beit Tefillah)

Our informal, unaccompanied, participatory service which takes place in the round, largely in Hebrew, and encourages communal singing. There will be a supervised kids area for children so that parents can enjoy the opportunity to pray. The Torah service will start at approx. 12:00, will be followed by a Musaf Avodah service, finishing in time to join the Martyrology Service at the Sternberg Centre.

WEATHER DEPENDING

Following the end of Kollot, join Alyth's "Green Team" for a walk over to the Sternberg Centre with other Alyth congregants.

FOR FAMILIES ON YOM KIPPUR MORNING

AT ALYTH

10:00 YOM KIPPUR SENSORY (Leo Baeck Hall)

Join Izzie, Han Wood and the dungareenees for a Yom Kippur experience designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life. Based on our Sensory Shabbat, you and your baby can touch, see, smell and hear your way through the service.

AT THE STERNBERG CENTRE

11:30 INTERGENERATIONAL INSTRUMENTAL SERVICE (Akiva School Hall)

Join us for a joyful musical Shacharit service for all generations. Led by Rabbi Hannah with a band of musicians, this service blends traditional Yom Kippur liturgy with familiar Shabbat melodies.

See below for details of our special Gesher Mincha service for all generations

YOUTH & EDUCATION HUB ACTIVITIES

ALYTH (KINDERGARTEN)

THE STERNBERG CENTRE (AKIVA CLASSROOMS 2 & 3)

Young people in Reception to School Year 8 are invited to join our Youth and Education Hub for a rolling programme of arts and crafts, music and much more.

Please note: All those in School Year 8 and younger will need to be signed in and out of the Hub space.

The Youth and Education Hub will accept responsibility for children when they are in the Hub space, but when children are around the site, they are the responsibility of their parents/carers.

FAMILY FOOD

One of the ground floor Akiva classrooms will be made available for families to eat their lunch if they wish to stay at the Sternberg Centre throughout the day.

AFTERNOON SERVICES AND SESSIONS

AT THE STERNBERG CENTRE

MUSAF AVODAH

13:30 CHORAL MUSAF AVODAH (Akiva School Hall)

Joining together in the Akiva School Hall to continue our Choral Service with the drama of the Avodah service.

13:30 SACRIFICE THROUGH MUSIC & ART (Akiva Classroom 1)

The alternative to temple sacrifice is worship of God. But when can that also feel like a sacrifice? And how can we prevent the loss of ourselves in the process of connection? Join Rabbi Hannah and Abi Brunner for a session of art, singing and study.

13:30 STUDY SESSION (Akiva 1st Floor Room)

How (if at all) should we address the Divine?

Led by Rabbi Nicola.

MUSAF MARTYROLOGY

14:30 MUSAF MARTYROLOGY (Akiva School Hall)

For this year's martyrology we will use a liturgy taken from the new Machzor, as we reflect on the history of our people and the needs of our time. Led by Rabbi Hannah and Cantor Sarah Grabiner.

14:30 WELL BEING SERVICE (Manor House Drawing Room)

Join Rabbi Elliott and Lynette Chazen as we focus on the start of a new year. Through readings and songs we will explore how we prioritise ourselves and think about those things that will hopefully bring balance and well being to our lives.

14:30 STUDY SESSION (Akiva 1st Floor Room)

Humility in an Age of Hubris

Led by Rabbi Professor Deborah Kahn-Harris.

MINCHA

16:00 MINCHA SERVICE (Marquee)

Our afternoon service, accompanied by the Alyth Choir, in which we hear Torah and the Book of Jonah.

16:00 MINCHA MEDITATION (Akiva Classroom 1)

Allow stillness to infuse your inner Yom Kippur journey through Jewish Mindfulness and Meditation. With Mika Hadar-Borthwick and the JMM team.

16:00 STUDY SESSION (Akiva 1st Floor Room)

The surprising Hope in Human Deedlessness

Led by Cantor Sarah Grabiner.

16:00 GESHER MINCHA (Akiva School Hall)

A special Yom Kippur version of our 'Gesher' family service for all generations, with a retelling of the Jonah story. This service will bring the familiar Shabbat melodies, alongside special High Holy Day tunes, making it accessible for your children. With Rabbi Hannah, Rabbi Elliott and the Gesher Guitarists.

YIZKOR AND NEILAH

17:30 YIZKOR SERVICE (Marquee)

Our memorial service begins with Psalm 23.

The service also includes the recitation of names of those who have died in the past year, and concludes with El Malei Rachamim and Kaddish. Please arrive in good time for the start of Yizkor. Entry into the marquee may not be allowed once the service has begun.

17:15 REFLECT WITH YEH (Akiva Classroom 2 & 3)

Reflect together on 5785 and prepare for 5786. Take some time to write to your future self, reflect through arts and crafts, or relax by watching a film. We will join the service in the Marquee for the final Avinu Malkeinu and Shofar Blast.

18:15 SERMON & NEILAH SERVICE (Marquee)

Our concluding service for Yom Kippur with the Alyth choir and clergy. The final sermon of Yom Kippur will be given by **Rabbi Nicola**.

19:23 HAVDALAH AND BREAKING THE FAST

We will be making Havdalah in front of the Marquee. Honey cake and challah will also be available for those who wish to break the fast together.

Nachman of Bratslav's Prayer for Peace

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.

A Prayer for the Release of Captives

God of Abraham, the first who risked his life for the release of captives. God of Moses, Miriam and Aaron, whose words and actions brought us out of slavery. God of Elijah, who was comforted through his deep despair, by Your still small voice. Be with those everywhere who are enslaved and captive. We wait and pray in hope that they will be returned to their loved ones. In this time of uncertainty, grant strength and resilience to them and their families. Give wisdom, courage and conviction to all those working to bring them home. Help us to understand what we too can do to support those in distress.

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Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam matir asurim.

Blessed are you our Living God, who frees captives.

Sukkot

Young Adult Sukkah Build: Cocktails and Canopies

Saturday 4 October, 18:00-20:00

For catering purposes, please email sam@alyth.org.uk to let us know if you are attending.

Erev Sukkot Service

Monday 6 October, 18:30

A gentle Erev Sukkot service. Including an opportunity, for those who are unable to attend in the morning service, to shake the Lulav.

Sukkot First Day Services

Tuesday 7 October, 10:15

Intergenerational Guitar-led Service (10:00)

A guitar led Shacharit service for all generations. Including separate Torah breakouts for adults and children at 11:00.

Choral Service (10:15)

An opportunity to sing together from our choral repertoire, including Hallel.

Sensory Sukkot (11:00)

A special Sukkot Sensory designed to stimulate your babies' senses in the first years of their life.

Sukkot Baby Den

Friday 10 October, 10:30

A special Sukkot version of our weekly service for our youngest members.

The 34th Alyth Sukkot Sleepout

Friday 10 – Saturday 11 October

One of the highlights of the Youth and Education year. Including its own morning service, starting at 9:00 which everyone is welcome to attend.

Simchat Torah

We know that Simchat Torah will be hard for many in our community. We hope to dance and celebrate as we always do, but there will also be points reflective points in the service. As well as a family break-out, there will also be a parallel space for quiet reflection and study.

Erev Simchat Torah Services

Monday 13 October, 18:30

Including hakafot and Israeli dancing. With a supervised kid's corner so that our youngest members can be with us before and during the dancing.

Suitable for all the Alyth community, including a space for those who do not want to dance during the hakafot.

Simchat Torah Morning Services

Tuesday 14 October, 10:15

A special service journeying from sadness to joy, from mourning to dancing. We will begin with a Shacharit and Yizkor before we dance with our scrolls.

There will be a parallel space for our younger members who will join the community for the hakafot. For those who do not wish to dance, there will be a reflective space available during the hakafot.

Followed by an extended Kiddush.

Mazal Tov to our Chatan Torah, Jason Kosky, and our Kallat B'reishit, Tracey Kieve.

Volunteer Opportunities

Alyth Refugee Choir & Drop In: Both the monthly choir and drop in urgently need volunteers to help set up and support the events in order to keep running.

Minibus Hosts and Drivers: Collect (and return) members to services, the Alyth Social and Monday Club.

As well as many other opportunities including assisting members of the **Monday Club; welcoming**, being on **security** or **wardening** our Shabbat services; keeping our **garden** tidy; **visiting** members; cooking or sleeping over at the **Night Shelter**; and many more. Contact lynette@alyth.org.uk for more information.

Security Notice

At this time of heightened security, please follow these guidelines:

- Keep gates and doors closed at all times
- Be alert for suspicious people and activities, and report anything that you see
- Avoid congregating outside communal buildings
- Do not leave any personal belongings, especially bags, unattended

Film Screening: Holding Liat

Sunday 5 October, 19:00-21:00

Holding Liat is a powerful documentary about Liat Atzili's family's struggle for her release from captivity in Gaza, and the aftermath of 7 October from the perspectives of people committed to humanity and peace. Winner of Best Documentary at the 2025 Berlin International Film Festival. The film will be screened in partnership with NIF, followed by a discussion with the film makers. Please sign up via the website so that we know how many people to set for.

New Lecture Series in November

Thursdays From 6 November 20:00

We are delighted to be bringing you a series of lectures throughout November.

Our first lecture will be on Thursday 6 November with actor Elliot Levey who has just completed his run in the stage adaptation of Giant in the West End, playing Tom Maschler, Roald Dahl's Jewish publisher, a role which won him an Olivier. Elliot will be interviewed about the complexity of playing this part as a practicing Progressive Jew.

Future lectures include:

Tim Franks, presenter of BBC World Service's Newshour (13 November).

Laura Marks CBE, founder of Mitzvah Day and Nisa-Nashim (20 November).

Carolina Guilloff, a barrister who specialises in Criminal Defence (27 November).

Mitzvah Day

16 - 23 November 2025

To celebrate Mitzvah Day's 20th anniversary, we are excited to announce a week of activities in the lead up to Sunday 23 November. We start the week with a concert on **Sunday 16 November at 15:00** celebrating all the Alyth choirs (including the Community Choir, Singing for Pleasure, Refugee Choir, AYS Alumni as well as performances from our drama groups). Throughout the week there will be opportunities to donate to a food bank, cooking for our Winter Shelter, and an interfaith outing. Culminating on **Sunday 23 November** with intergenerational activities.

Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz

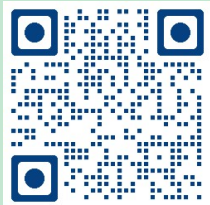
Sunday 1 February

Don't miss Alyth's Annual Supper Quiz, so please put it in your diary now! More details to follow. If you would like to help organise this event, please get in touch with Sarah and sarah@alyth.org.uk or 020 8457 8787.

High Holy Days Appeal

Supporting the spaces that sustain us

Since last year's High Holy Days, our beautiful new spaces have been filled with prayer, learning, events and activities. We hope that you have had the chance to enjoy them and to feel the same renewed sense of pride in Alyth that we do.



Being able to build and fill our new building was made possible by the generosity of our members and the £3.5 million loan from CAF Bank.

We need your help to both repay the loan and to ensure that the building is maintained and cared for. Donations are a key part of this task. We are asking every member of Alyth who is able to, to give what you can to ensure the future of our community.

Please make your online donation by scanning the QR code.



To pray. To learn. To live. Together.



Welcome to Alyth

Yom Kippur 5786

Thank you for being with us.

If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to speak with one of our Rabbis, lay leaders or a member of the staff team.

Location Key:

Services and Sessions in dark blue take place at The Sternberg Centre

Services and Sessions in dark green take place at Alyth

Services and Sessions in light blue are especially for families and younger members, taking place at Alyth and The Sternberg Centre