

Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot 3 Tishri 5785 / 4-5 October 2024

Erev Shabbat

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

Led by Rabbi Hannah and Rabbi Elliott. Including a blessing and gift giving ceremony for anyone who has become B'nei Mitzvah since Rosh Hashanah 5784.

Shabbat Morning

9:00 Sukkot Sleepout Service (in the Cecil Rosen Hall)

A guitar led service for Sukkot Sleepout participants, their families and members of the community.

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

Led by Rabbi Hannah and Rabbi Nicola with the Alyth Choir. The Torah will be read by Rabbi Nicola and Rabbi Hannah. The Sermon will be given by Rabbi Hannah. There will be an unsupervised kids corner in the Beit Tefillah.

Shabbat Afternoon

16:00 Shabbat Afternoon Celebration of Alyth’s New Building

A mincha service to open Alyth’s new building followed by Havdalah, affixing of the mezuzah and a party! See below for more details

<p>JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE ALYTH BUILDING</p> <p>Saturday 19 October 2024</p> <p>At: Alyth Synagogue Alyth Gardens, NW11 7EN</p> <p>From 4:00 to 8:00pm. Service & Reception followed by a party and fun for everyone</p>	<p>Please join the Rabbis, Lay Leaders and Alyth Team on 19 October 2024 to celebrate our new building and community spaces with honoured guests, friends and neighbours.</p> <p>WHAT’S HAPPENING 4:00 - 5:00pm: Service of celebration 5:00 - 6:00pm: Making it Official and Drinks Reception 6:00 - 8:00pm: A festival of food, music and fun for all ages</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please RSVP for seating and catering purposes.</p> <p>You will be able to sign up to come to both or either of the events. Follow this link: https://shulcloud.alyth.org.uk/form/Alythbuilding.html</p> <p>If you need further information about the day, please call Sarah Langsford on 020 84578787</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alyth</p>
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Shabbat Services 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 can pray and participate by thinking about the needs of those around you. If you need to leave the service to avoid disturbing others, please note that the service can be watched on livestream, this week in the kindergarten.

To help us to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, please switch off your mobile phone, and do not take photographs or video, or smoke/vape 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.

We will make Kiddush together over wine and challah on Friday nights and Shabbat mornings to end our services. We ask that you please not drink or eat until we have said the blessings.

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. *Shabbat Shalom*

Additional Songs and Readings for Shabbat

Yism’chu Ha-shamayim

Words: Psalm 96:11

יְשַׁמְחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְתִגַּל הָאָרֶץ יְרַעַם הַיָּם וּמְלֵאוֹ:

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 / Music: Yoel Sykes and Navot ben Barak

יַעֲלוּ שְׂדֵי וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ אֲזוּ יִרְנְנוּ כָּל־עֲצֵי־יַעַר:

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.

Hashkiveinu

Music: Dan Nichols

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנו יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ לְחַיִּים

Hashkiveinu Adonai eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu malkeinu l'chayyim
Spread the shelter of Your peace over us; Guide us in wisdom, compassion and trust
Save us for the sake of Your name; Shield us from hatred, sorrow and pain

כְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה. הַפּוֹרֵשׁ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל־כָּל־הָעוֹלָם:

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 v'al ammo yisra'el, v'al kol ha-olam

Hineh Ma Tov

Words: Psalm 133:1 / Music: Elana Arian

הִנֵּה מֵה־טוֹב וּמֵה־נְעִים שְׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם־יַחַד:

How good it is and how pleasant when brothers live in unity together.

Hineh ma tov uma na'im shevet achim gam yachad.

How good it is (How good it is); How sweet it is (How sweet it is); To be together on this day. Shalom aleichem, salaam aleikum

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

Words: based on the words of Kol Haneshamah Reform Congregation, Jerusalem
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. Our thoughts and prayers go to those still held hostage by Hamas. Grant strength and resilience to them, and their families yearning and working for their release. Give wisdom, courage and conviction to all those working to bring them home. Help us to understand what we too can do to hasten the release of captives and to support those in distress.

כְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלֶּךְ הָעוֹלָם מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים:

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam matir asurim.

Blessed are you our Living God, who frees captives.

Ivdu

Words: Psalm 100:2 and 95:3 / Music: Or Zohar

עֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה בְּשִׂמְחָה בָּאוּ לִפְנֵי בְּרִנְנָה - כִּי אֵל מְלֶךְ גָּדוֹל יְהוָה

Serve God in gladness; Come into God's Presence with joy. For God is a great Sovereign.

Part 1:	Part 2:
Ivdu	(Ivdu...u...u)
et Adonai b'simcha	(simcha, simcha, simcha...)
Bo'u	(Bo'u, bo'u bo'u...u)
l'fanav birna'na...ah	(na, na, na, na, na...)

Ki El melech gadol Adonai (x4)

Torah Portion for Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

וְאָכַלְתָּ וּשְׂבַעְתָּ וּבִרְכַתְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לְךָ: הַשְׁמַר לְךָ פֶּן־תִּשְׂכַח אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְבַלְתִּי שִׁמְרַ מִצְוֹתָיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו וְחֻקְתָּיו אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם: פֶּן־תֹּאכַל וּשְׂבַעְתָּ וּבַתִּים טוֹבִים תִּבְנֶה וַיִּשְׂבַּת: וּבִקְרָךְ וּצְאֻנְךָ יִרְבִּי'ן וְכֶסֶף וְזָהָב יִרְבֶּה־לְךָ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ יִרְבֶּה: וְרָם לְבָבְךָ וּשְׂכַחְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַמוֹצִיאֲךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים: הַמוֹלִיכְךָ בַּמִּדְבָּר ׀ הַגְדִּיל וְהַנּוֹרֵא נַתַּשׁ ׀ שָׂרָף וְעַקְרָב וְצִמְאוֹן אֲשֶׁר אִין־מַיִם הַמוֹצִיא לְךָ מַיִם מִצּוֹר הַחֲלַמִּישׁ: הַמֵּאֲכִלְךָ מִן בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִדְעוּן אֲבֹתֶיךָ לִמְעַן עֲנֹתְךָ וּלְמַעַן נִסְתַּךְ לְהִיטִבְךָ בְּאֶחְרִיתֶךָ: וְאָמַרְתָּ בְּלִבְּךָ כַּחַל וְעַצָּם יָדִי עָשָׂה לִי אֶת־הַחֵיל הַזֶּה: וּזְכַרְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי הוּא הֵנִיחַ לְךָ כַּח לַעֲשׂוֹת חֵיל לְמַעַן הַקִּים אֶת־בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to the Eternal your God for the good land given to you. Take care lest you forget the Eternal your God and fail to keep the commandments, rules, and laws that I enjoin upon you today. When you have eaten your fill, and have built fine houses to live in, and your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold have increased, and everything you own has prospered, beware lest your heart grow haughty and you forget the Eternal your God—who freed you from the land of Egypt, the house of bondage; who led you through the great and terrible wilderness with its *seraph* serpents and scorpions, a parched land with no water in it, who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your ancestors had never known, in order to test you by hardships only to benefit you in the end— and you say to yourselves, “My own power and the might of my own hand have won this wealth for me.” Remember that it is the Eternal your God who gives you the power to get wealth, in fulfilment of the covenant made on oath with your fathers, as is still the case.

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

חַג הַסֵּכֶת תַּעֲשֶׂה לְךָ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים בְּאֶסְפֹּף מַגְרֵנְךָ וּמִיֻּקְבֵךְ: וּשְׂמַחְתָּ בַּחֲגֵךְ אֹתָהּ וּבִנְךָ וּבַתְּךָ וְעַבְדְּךָ וְאִמְתְּךָ וְהַלְוִי וְהַגֵּר וְהַיְתוּם וְהָאֵלְמָנָה אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ: שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תַּחַג לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר יְהוָה כִּי יִבְרַכְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־תְּבוּאֹתֶיךָ וּבְכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֶיךָ וְהָיִיתָ אֵךְ שְׂמֵחַ: שְׁלוֹשׁ פְּעֻמִּים ׀ בְּשָׁנָה יִרְאֶה כָל־זְכוּרְךָ אֶת־פָּנָיו ׀ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר בְּתַג הַמִּצְוֹת וּבַחַג הַשְּׂבָעוֹת וּבַחַג הַסֵּכֹוֹת וְלֹא יִרְאֶה אֶת־פָּנָיו יְהוָה רִיקָם: אִישׁ כְּמַתְּנַת יָדוֹ כְּבִרְכַת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לְךָ:

After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days. You shall rejoice in your festival, with your son and daughter, your male and female slave, the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your communities. You shall hold a festival for the Eternal your God seven days, in the place that God will choose; for the Eternal your God will bless all your crops and all your undertakings, and you shall have nothing but joy. Three times a year—on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Booths—all your males shall appear before the Eternal your God in the place that [God] will choose. They shall not appear before God empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that the Eternal your God has bestowed upon you.

Haftarah Portion for Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

The words of Koheleth, son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Utter futility!—said Koheleth— Utter futility! All is futile!

What real value is there for a man

In all the gains he makes beneath the sun?

One generation goes, another comes,

But the earth remains the same forever.

The sun rises, and the sun sets—

And glides back to where it rises.

Southward blowing,

Turning northward,

Ever turning blows the wind;

On its rounds the wind returns.

All streams flow into the sea,

Yet the sea is never full;

To the place [from] which they flow

The streams flow back again.

All such things are wearisome:

No man can ever state them;

The eye never has enough of seeing,

Nor the ear enough of hearing.

Only that shall happen

Which has happened,

Only that occur

Which has occurred;

There is nothing new

Beneath the sun!

Sometimes there is a phenomenon of which they say, “Look, this one is new!”—it occurred

long since, in ages that went by before us.

The earlier ones are not remembered; so too those that will occur later will no more be

remembered than those that will occur at the very end.

I, Koheleth, was king in Jerusalem over Israel.

I set my mind to study and to probe with wisdom all that happens under the sun.— An unhappy business, that, which God gave men to be concerned with! I observed all the happenings beneath the sun, and I found that all is futile and pursuit of wind: A twisted thing that cannot be made straight, A lack that cannot be made good. I said to myself: “Here I have grown richer and wiser than any that ruled before me over Jerusalem, and my mind has zealously absorbed wisdom and learning.”

And so I set my mind to appraise wisdom and to appraise madness and folly. And I

learned—that this too was pursuit of wind:

For as wisdom grows, vexation grows;

To increase learning is to increase heartache.

Save the dates

Simchat Torah

We know that Simchat Torah this year will be hard for many in our community. We hope to dance and celebrate as we always do, but there will also be points in the service which will be different, to reflect the events of the last year.

Erev Simchat Torah Service

Wednesday 23 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 Service

Thursday 24 October, 10:15

A special service journeying from sadness to joy, from mourning to dancing. We will begin with a Shacharit and an extended Yizkor to mark the Hebrew anniversary of the 7 October attacks.

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.

Mazel Tov to our Chatan and Kallah Torah, Michael and Melanie Jawett and our Kallah and Chatan B'reishit, Ruth Smilg and Ziv Stadler.

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:

Sophia Emmanuel, who is celebrating becoming Bat Mitzvah in our Shabbat morning service

David and Jenny Kirk, on the birth of their grandson, Isaac

Dorothy Sefton-Green, on the birth of her great grandson, Oren

We regret to announce the death of:

Jill Myers, mother of Jodi Myers

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

Gitty Aframian, niece of Ata Aframian

Peter Angus-Leppan, father of Heather Guiloff

Janey Balcon, sister in law of Eleonore Balcon

Nathaniel Bellos, father of Vivienne Bellos MBE

Jack Brafman, father of David Brafman

Ralph Caro, father of Michael Caro

Luz Caro-Cohen, mother of Molly Sher

Hyman Cohen, father of Maurice Cohen

Grace Conn, wife of George Conn

Michael Conrad, husband of Diana Conrad

John Davis, father of Susan Packman

Steven Davis, husband of Hilary Davis

Karensue Dobrow, mother of Shasa Dobrow

Tess Finlay, mother of Larry Finlay and Ron Finlay

Elaine Godfrey, mother of Ian Godfrey

Lionel Gottlieb, brother of Valerie Levy

Charles Gutman, father of Judith Hyman

Sally Jacobs, mother of Michael Jacobs

Yehuda Klausner, father of David Janner-Klausner

Jerzy Lando, husband of Iris Lando

Samuel Lass, father of Martin Lass

Rhona Lubner, mother of Gary Lubner

Sybil Mann, mother of Hilary Mann

Jack Montague, father of Carole Bray

Mordy Mordecai, brother of Aslan Mordecai

David Myers, father of Deborah Anderson

Harold Myers, father of Natalie Popper

Joseph Naftalin, father of Adrian Naftalin

Esther Nathan, mother of Shirley Marks

Robert Neumann, father of Susanne Margolis

Adel Rose Pearl, sister of John De Lange

Bill Phillips, husband of Naomi Phillips

Israel Press, father of Adrian Press

Jake Rae, son of Maya Zarom

Herta Reik, mother of Paul Reik

Meir Ronel, father of Sharon Goldman

Marcus Sefton-Green, husband of Dorothy Sefton-Green, father of Tertia Eisenberg

Bernard Silver, father of Geoffrey Silver

Anne Silverman, mother of Jonathan Silverman

Reginald Smith, father of Robert Smith

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