

¹God said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you. ³Speak to the community leadership of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb to a family, a lamb to a household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a lamb, let it share one with a neighbour who dwells nearby, in proportion to the number of persons: you shall contribute for the lamb according to what each household will eat. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a yearling male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month; and all the assembled congregation of the Israelites shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they are to eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw, or cooked in any way with water, but roasted—head, legs, and entrails—over the fire. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it over until morning; if any of it is left until morning, you shall burn it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly: it is a passover offering to God.

Haftarah

Ezra 6:19-7:10

¹⁹The returned exiles celebrated the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, ²⁰for the priests and Levites had purified themselves to a man; they were all pure. They slaughtered the passover offering for all the returned exiles, and for their brother priests and for themselves. ²¹The children of Israel who had returned from the exile, together with all who joined them in separating themselves from the uncleanness of the nations of the lands to worship the Lord God of Israel, ate of it. ²²They joyfully celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days, for the Lord had given them cause for joy by inclining the heart of the Assyrian king toward them so as to give them support in the work of the House of God, the God of Israel. ²³After these events, during the reign of King Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah son of Azariah son of Hilkiah ²son of Shallum son of Zadok son of Ahitub ³son of Amariah son of Azariah son of Meraioth ⁴son of Zerariah son of Uzzi son of Bukki ⁵son of Abishua son of Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the chief priest— ⁶that Ezra came up from Babylon, a scribe expert in the Teaching of Moses which the Lord God of Israel had given, whose request the king had granted in its entirety, thanks to the benevolence of the Lord toward him. ⁷Some of the Israelites, the priests and Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants set out for Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes, ⁸arriving in Jerusalem in the fifth month in the seventh year of the king.) ⁹On the first day of the first month the journey up from Babylon was started, and on the first day of the fifth month he arrived in Jerusalem, thanks to the benevolent care of his God for him. ¹⁰For Ezra had dedicated himself to study the Teaching of the Lord so as to observe it, and to teach laws and rules to Israel.

Save the Date

May Day Trip to Waddesdon Manor Thursday 1 May (9:30)

A must-do date for your diary, this May Day. Please join us for a trip to Waddesdon Manor, including the chance to see the new exhibition 'Discovering Jewish Country Houses: Photographs by Helene Binet'. Travel by coach from Alyth leaving at 9:30 for a visit to this beautiful house owned by the Rothschild family and view the exhibition. We will return to Alyth at approx. 17:30. Cost: £50 per person to include transport and entrance. Costs for National Trust Members: Free Entry; Transport cost £25 per person. Lunch not included. For information, contact lynette@alyth.org.uk or on 020 8457 8793.

Academy Presents: Buggy Malone Sunday 4 May (14:30 & 18:00)

Please come and support our incredible cast of talented teenagers performing this year's Academy show, Buggy Malone. There are two shows on Sunday 4 May at 14:30 and 18:00. Tickets can be bought in advance from abi@alyth.org.uk or on the door. Come and enjoy the show and our Beit Tefillah 1920s speakeasy! If you are interested in joining the Academy cast of 2026's production, please email abi@alyth.org.uk.

We Are Hiring - Youth & Education Hub Team Member

We are currently looking for an inspiring, motivated Jewish educator to be a part of the team. If you are interested in being at the heart of our exciting and innovative community, share the values of Reform Judaism in the UK and are looking for full or part time work, please think about joining our team. For full details and an application pack, apply to our Head of Member Engagement, Sam Heller at sam@alyth.org.uk or on 020 8457 8796. Closing date for applications is Thursday 17 April 2025.

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:

Amy and Daniel Grabiner, on the birth of twins, Jacob and Raphael, a brother for Ellie and grandchildren for Miriam and Stephen Grabiner.

Henry Waxman, who is reading Haftarah to celebrate his 88th birthday

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

Tony Abraham, father of Danielle Conn

Carmit Azouri, sister of Eyal Efrat

Alan Bell, father of Josh Bell and Benjamin Bell

Cissie Belsman, mother of Elaine Bentley

Joe Cohen, husband of Lucille Cohen

Martin Cookson, brother of Roger Cookson

Alan Cushnir, father of Stephen Cushnir

Rosemary Dannell, sister of Angela Samuels and Gillian Epstein

Hans Francken, father of John Francken

Tony Freeman, father of Arlene Rose

Betty Goldschmidt, mother of David Goldschmidt

Katie Hardoon, sister of Aslan Mordecai

Alfred Kaplan, father of Shirley Griver

Barbara Klein, mother of Richard Klein

Fanny Lazarus, mother of Harold Leigh

Francesina Mansfield, mother of Jacqueline Rochman

Dinah Mishkin, mother of Anita Richman

David Rivlin, brother of Geoffrey Rivlin

Kitty Roer, mother of Colin Roer and Margaret Harris

Samantha Rotenberg, wife of Nicolas Emmanuel and mother of Sophia and Isabella

Donald Salinger, father of Mike Salinger and Janice Kirby

Jeremy Sayers, husband of Sara Sayers

Jack Schwartz, father of Evelyn Schwartz

Helen Smith, mother of Nicholas Smith

Ruth Tichauer, sister of Miriam Jackman

Rose Tresman, mother of Joan Stern

Joseph Tucker, father of Peter Tucker

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