

Playshul

Playshul is aimed at children aged 0-4 and their parents. It runs on a Sunday morning alongside heder and is experiential Jewish learning through play and creativity, fun and friendship. We follow the pattern of the Jewish Year; decorating our sukkah, making hanukkiyot, planting at Tu b'Shevat, giving gifts at Purim etc. with craft and cookery activities linked to each festival.



Each session includes art, craft, construction or cookery, snack time with brahot, singing and dancing and we are able to take advantage of a professionally designed outdoor play area for pre-school children. There is plenty of learning through play in the home corner with dressing up, playdough, puzzles and games. We are developing a lending library of children's and adult books on Jewish subjects.

Shabbat Club and Family Services

Shabbat Club is held on the 4th Saturday of the month, starting at 11am on the first floor of the synagogue building. The Club is aimed at the under 7s. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles are all welcome to join.

Services are run by parents with guest appearances by the Rabbi and involve singing songs, listening to stories and talking about the service, joining in the adult service following the Torah procession and being blessed by the Rabbi, followed by a Shabbat Club Kiddush upstairs with grape juice and hallah.

Occasional shortened Shabbat morning services are held to encourage young families to attend the main service.

Friday Night Family Services/ Havurah (pot luck) Suppers

On the second Friday evening of alternate months there is a young family service. The services are relaxed with prayers, songs and stories. All are welcome but the services appeal most to those with children between the ages of 2 and 8. The service is followed by a havurah (shared vegetarian meal) supper. Services start at 6pm promptly.



Apples & Honey Nursery School

Apples and Honey is the only Jewish school in South London and, whilst situated at the Synagogue and an essential part of its fabric, it is an entirely independent organisation. Apples and Honey is a vibrant and lively place and is consistently recognised by educators and OFSTED itself, as a fine example of early years education.



WIMSHUL FOR YOUNG FAMILIES



We aim to create a welcoming, inclusive and fun community for young children to learn about and explore their Jewish identity. We look forward to meeting you!

Rabbi Sybil and Rabbi Sylvia

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Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday morning in term time from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon for coffee, cake and a chat whilst the children enjoy meeting and playing with new friends.

At around 10.30 we have a semi-structured activity provided by the nursery teachers. This often revolves around the festivals, as does the singing, storytelling and dancing that follow. The whole emphasis is on having fun in a relaxed Jewish environment.

Festivals and Parties

Each festival offers different opportunities for young children – a dairy picnic for Shavuot, a Hanukkah party, a Purim fancy dress parade and party and decorating the Sukkah for Sukkot.

