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Children and Youth Community Newsletter of Wimbledon Synagogue

This will be the last Nitzanim of the academic year—see you back in September for lots of exciting news!

Great fun at the youth group - -Come and join us!



We've had lots of fun at Youth Club this term, we started off with a sushi making session in the synagogue which was really fun and very tasty! And who knew sushi could look so pretty, but some of the plates looked like they were straight off Masterchef! We also had fun going to Urban Ascent for a bouldering trip – there was no fear here as all of the kids got to the top every time, and they weren't even wearing harnesses! A trip to the cinema was our last trip before half term, where we had a lot of laughs seeing the fantastic Pitch Perfect 2. There are lots more trips and activities coming up this term, so keep your eye out for my emails and as always, please email me if you are not on my mailing list or if you have any ideas. <u>youth@wimshul.org</u>

NITZANIM

Register now!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT.. 3-7 August 2015

RSY-Netzer will be returning to Wimbledon with their Shemesh Day Camp!! We already have a number of registrations so don't miss out on a week of Jewish fun for your kids!

Visit the website http://rsy-netzer.org.uk/events/ shemesh/day-camp-2/

to download application materials or contact Alanna Clawson on 020 8349 5694 for more information



PARENTS!!

Please join us on the last day of Cheder (28 June) for presentations from the children during Assembly at 10am.

News from...

... Orli Kendler-Rhodes, Head of Heder



As we celebrate Shavout שבועות we are reminded again of our past. The Bible tells us of our exodus from Egypt, our time in the desert and receiving the Torah תורה.

I read in one of the commentaries that Pesach is a celebration of when we were physically released from the bonds of slavery, and Shavout celebrates our spiritual freedom, and our special bond with our way of life, values and beliefs.

I would like to thank all the children and adults that took part in our Lag b'Omer sports day earlier this month. We raised £200 for the Nepal earthquake appeal, thanks to the matching donation from the PTA. Dilu, our guest on

the day, told us of her memories of Nepal growing up there and her worries for her family suffering after this terrible disaster. Your concern and hospitality moved her, and she was very grateful for all our help and generosity. She wrote to us:

Dear Orli,

As you must know by now, another earthquake measuring 7.4 in richter scale struck Nepal on 12th May. The first one caused severe damage to the lives of people and their homes. This second quake has further dented their already fragile confidence and their hope. Thus, the event organised last Sunday by Orli and her team at The Wimbledon Synagogue gives us belief to continue the work we are attempting to do, and [is] a stark reminder to all that we must not rest. We thank you so much for your generosity and your prayers. We thank you for giving us hope'.

Warm regards, Dilu Gurung & UK NFRF team

We are now almost at the end of the journey we've taken together in Cheder this year, as we move forward from our past and start to think about our own identity - what does it mean to each of us to be part of this community? To grow up Jewish here today in South West London? I am grateful to have the rest of this term to explore these questions with all of you, and look forward to seeing your presentations on the last day of Cheder (28 June). - Orli

APPLES & HONEY SUMMER FAIR SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2015 12:30-2:30

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN!

Interested in teaching at Cheder?

We have lots of great teachers and we're looking for a few more for next academic year. If you or anyone you know are interested in discussing further, please email cheder@wimshul.org or talk to Orli.

CHEDER SECURITY DUTY

Please remember the importance of ensuring that we have security cover at the synagogue gates in these challenging times.

Reminders about your security duty are sent each week by post and we also remind you by email when we ask you to confirm that you will be available on your assigned day and time. In the event you need to swap dates with another parent, kindly make Diane aware of this prior to the day. If you have questions, please contact Diane on <u>diane.barnett21@blueyonder.co.uk</u>.

On behalf of the Cheder Management Team and the Synagogue Council, we thank you for your help and support.

Active Kids Tokens for Schools 2015 Must be handed in by 22 June

Sainsbury's gives tokens to help schools add to their outdoor equipment and we collecti for the <u>Ch</u>eder, Youth Club and Nursery. Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens help us restock our playground equipment with balls, goals, skipping ropes, hoops and much more. Please bring or send your tokens to the Synagogue c/o Judith Ish Horowicz. There is a collection box in the foyer.



... and more

Jack Petchey Winners Update

We are proud to present our latest Jack Petchey Award Winners 2015.



Isabel Shepherd was described by the person who nominated her as 'one of the most generous 15 year olds I have met', which says a great deal about Isabel. Her award has been given in honour of the work she has done with the homeless. Isabel attends the night shelter when she can to offer friendship as well as practical support. She does this through her generous spirirt and the desire to help others less fortunate than herself. She is a wonderful role model to her friends and to the younger members of the synagogue community.



Joshua Dayan has been nominated as a winner for his services to the Cheder and in particular for his work as an assistant teacher. Joshua is a well respected member of the team and the children love him! He is a great role model for the younger children. As well as his work at the Cheder, Joshua has led Jewish assemblies at school and is an active member of the debating society.



Bella Nathanson-Tanner was nominated for her involvement in the youth programme at Wimbledon. Bella has always been involved in the youth club activities, joining in enthusiastically and supporting the youth workers. She is always there to encourage and support younger members of the community. Bella recently travelled to Brighton to represent the synagogue at the RSY Purim spiel. Bella's involvedment in Judaism continues in the holidays when she attends both the summer and winter RSY camps. Bella is also a member of the Combine Cadet Force at her school.

Many congratulations to all our winners past and present, we are proud to recognise their outstanding achievements. We want anyone aged 11 to 25 to look around at their friends at synagogue and nominate someone they know to be our next Jack Petchey winner. Please email <u>Lisa@whitewoolf.com</u> with your suggestions.

Super Soul Sundays

for adults who are all for learning

10.20-11.20 Join us to explore big and small questions together and share our spiritual journeys.

7 June - 1 1.30-12.30: Jewish History: Study with Rabbi Tony Hammond

21 June - 11.30-12.30: the how to do's and how to don'ts of Shabbat

Sunday 7 June 2015	
10.20 – 11.20	Through the writings of Rabbi David Aaron, we dip our feet into Kabbala and self-reflection
11.30 – 12.30	When the Chassides (Baal Shem Tov– Lubavitchers, Braslavers et Art & Literature) were not Ortholdox Jews
	Why, one upon a tim, you wouldn't let your daughter marry a Chassid in the old country!
Sunday 21 June 2015	
10.20 – 11.20	Through the writings of Rabbi David Aaron, we dip our feet into Kabbala and self-reflection
11.30 – 12.30	Light the candles, eat the challah
	The how to dos and how to don'ts of Shabbat
	<u>For more information, please contact Berlin:</u> Email: <u>berlinleiman@gmail.com</u> Mob: 07885 238149

This Month at the Synagogue

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
7 Cheder resumes	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 10.30 am Shabbat club
28 END OF 2014-2015 CHEDER YEAR— 10am Assembly and Presentations	29	30	20			

June Dates for the Diary

Baby and Toddler Group Wednesdays (in term time) 10:00am - 12:00noon

The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday morning in term time for coffee, cake and a chat whilst the children enjoy meeting and playing with new friends. As you can see from the programme below, this often revolves around the festivals, as does the singing, storytelling and dancing that follow.

3 June	Cloud by day and fire by night
10 June	Giant fruit pictures
17 June	Father's Day cards
24June	Dressing up
1 July	Pin the tail on Balaam's donkey

Young families of WDS

Shabbat Club Saturday, 27 June 10.30am





Apples and Honey The Nursery on the Common Summer School 2015 for 3-5 year olds

Monday, July 6th – Friday, July 17th incl. 9:30am to 2:00pm (children will need to bring a non-meat packed lunch) Shabbat will be celebrated on Fridays at 13:30

B'tzelem Elohim, "In God's Image" / Our Global Family

Fees: £30.00 per day (10% "early bird" discount if you book by April 24th, 2015)

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