

ST JOHN'S WOOD
SYNAGOGUE

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME & EVENTS

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DEAR MEMBER,

We are pleased to present you with a programme guide for the autumn season, demonstrating the variety of educational classes and social events on offer at our Shul.

The coming pages, categorised by coloured title, are designed to highlight and simplify each segment of the community and the provision for you and your family.

If there is a specific class or event that you would like to see on offer, please do not hesitate to contact one of us, we will do our best to include it in the near future.

As we continue to serve our membership, and ensure our community's position at the forefront of Jewish growth and expansion quantitatively and qualitatively, we look forward to welcoming you at the class or event of your choice.

May you and your loved ones be signed and sealed in the book of good life. *LeShana Tova Umetukah.*

Dayan Ivan & Rebbetzen Rachie Binstock

Rabbi Mendel & Rebbetzen Chai Cohen

Rabbi Yoni & Rebbetzen Dina Golker



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SERVICES



DAILY MINYAN

SHACHARIT

Sunday 8.30am
Monday & Thursday 7.15am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
7.25am
Rosh Chodesh/Special Days: 7am
(Sundays 8am)

MINCHA

Winter 1.30pm
Summer 7.30pm

MAARIV

7.30pm year round

SHABBAT

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Winter: at commencement of Shabbat | Summer: 7pm/7.15pm
Ruach: A monthly Kabbalat Shabbat hosted at member's homes

SHABBAT MORNING

Services: 9.15am | Saatchi: 9.30am
Children's Services: 10.45am

SHABBAT MINCHA

Approximately 1 ½ hours before end of Shabbat

MAYFAIR MINYAN

A monthly morning Minyan, healthy breakfast and Torah at an office in Mayfair.

CELEBRATING OR COMMEMORATING

Sponsor a Kiddush in honour of a family occasion or in memory of a loved one.



CHORAL SELICHOT & TISH

Shabbat 21st September | 9.30pm

This year we will be hosting a Pre-Selichot Tish with a musical introduction and words of inspiration by Rabbi Cohen and Chazan Avraham Kirshenbaum and the Neimah Singers. Refreshments will be served. Choral Selichot service begins 10.30pm.



TASHLICH AT LITTLE VENICE

Monday 30th September | 5.30pm

Join us at Little Venice for a community Tashlich.



SUCCOT COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday 13th October | 7pm

Join us under the stars for a 1st night Succot Communal Dinner in the Shack Family Succah.



FIREWORKS & HAVDALLAH

Saturday 2nd November | 5.45pm

Communal Musical Havdallah & fireworks display. Sparklers, music, marshmallows, refreshments.



AJEX SHABBAT

Saturday 16th November

Civic service to honour Jews who have served in HM Forces.

MERGED FAMILY SERIES

Mondays 28th October, 4th & 11th November | 8pm

Bespoke programme specially designed for merged families and single parents within our community. Including philosophical discussions and practical exercises about the potential impacts on wellbeing, this family dynamic may create. Topics include; the role of step parenting, boundaries, independence and many more, while giving you the opportunity to meet many like-minded people in similar situations within our community.

JUDAISM ALIVE

Wednesdays 13th, 20th & 27th November | 8pm

Please join us for our Autumn Term Education Programme. We look forward to hearing from many eminent speakers, on varied topics, including Mental Health and Jewish History.

THE ART OF PARENTING

21st, 28th Nov, 5th December

Join us for three sessions where we scale the challenges that face us and explore timeless insights from Jewish wisdom to instill values, foster independence, and ensure the long-term success and emotional well-being of our children. Topics: Grant Freedom, Responsibly Cultivate Healthy Self-esteem and Impart a Toolkit for Life.

KADDISH CLUB

Tuesday 3rd September | 8.15pm

A Kaddish Club is to draw together those in their year of *avelut* (mourning). It is designed to help us use the mourning period constructively, and to function as a sort of informal support group with a deeper dimension. It is an opportunity for those who have been bereaved to come together, learn something from our sources, learn from each other, discuss something serious and generally feel heartened (a *chizuk*) by our shared profound experiences.

PRE-ROSH HASHANA CLASS – BACK TO BASICS

Monday 23rd September | 8pm

Need a High Holy Day refresher? Familiarise yourself with the Machzor, the important prayers and customs for the Ten days from Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur.

JOURNEY OF SOUL

Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec | 8-9.30pm

What is a soul? Where does it go after it departs this world? Do Jews believe in heaven and hell? Can souls communicate with us from the afterlife? How does reincarnation work? Join us for a six week course Journey of the Soul where we will explore the mysteries surrounding the spiritual dimension of our existence.

LUNACHAPS

Wednesday 18th September | 8.30pm

Join us for a men's get together; whisky tasting and schmooze: The Jewish approach to building emotional intelligence.

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Mondays: Rabbi Mendel Cohen

Topical Class | 8pm at Private Homes

Tuesdays: Rabbi Fine Shiur

10.30am at Synagogue

Wednesdays: Ladies Shiur with Julie Apfel

10.30am at Synagogue

Friday/Shabbat: Talmud Shiur with Shemaya Grunfeld

Winter: Friday evening

Summer: Shabbat evening

Shabbat: Chumash Shiur

15 minutes before Shabbat morning service

GUEST SPEAKERS



LORD SACKS

Shabbat 7th September



SABRINA COHEN-HATTON

Shabbat 30th November

"From Selling Big Issue to Fire Brigade Chief"

A Season of Sweetness

WOMENS PROGRAMME

PRE-ROSH HASHANA EVENT WITH THE CHALLAH MUMMY

Wednesday 18th September | 8.15pm

Join us for a special evening with Allegra Benitah, daughter of radio and television personality, Vanessa Feltz, better known as the amazing and talented "Challah Mummy". Come and learn how to design unique shaped and flavoured Challot and hear some meaningful ideas about it's deeper significance, moderated by Rebbetzen Dina Golker.

NESHAMA

Sunday 22nd September | 6pm

An evening of learning and inspiration for women in the lead up to Yamim Noraim. Joint with Office of Chief Rabbi at South Hampstead Synagogue.

PRE-YOM KIPPUR CLASS WITH REBBETZEN RACHIE BINSTOCK

Sunday 6th October | 8pm

WOMEN'S SIMCHAT TORAH DANCING

Monday 21st October | evening

FAITH, FAMILY AND G-D, SIMCHAT TORAH PANEL DISCUSSION

LED BY REBBETZEN CHAI COHEN

Tuesday 22nd October | 10am

L'dor V'dor - Join us for an interactive study and discussion on continuity, the responsibility of passing on traditions from generation to generation. Hear the unique perspectives of multi-generational family members and how the wisdom of the Torah continues to guide their families in the 21st century.

BABES IN THE WOOD

Every Friday morning | 10.30am

Babes in the Wood is a special opportunity for your child to enjoy music, dance and a Shabbat experience; it's also a chance for parents to make new friends in a warm, friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Amazing professional entertainment and Shabbat songs for mums and babies.

DADDY & ME

Sunday 15th September | 9-10am

Bond with your little one (under 3's) and other dads with musical-circle time, breakfast and tefillin and Ella's Kitchen.

FAMILY DINNER & HAKAFOT

Monday 21st October | 5.30pm

Light dinner, flags and children-friendly Hakafot, followed by party.

TOT SHABBAT

Friday 29th November

Welcome Shabbat with other young families. Circle time, Kiddush and songs.

TODDLER SERVICES TRAINING

Wednesday 11th September | 8.15pm

An informal get together with Rebbetzen Dina to train and learn how to lead the weekly Shabbat Toddler services.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD SYNAGOGUE KINDERGARTEN

St John's Wood Synagogue Kindergarten creates a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. It is devoted to helping children learn social skills, build their self-confidence and teach them the preliminary skills to explore and experience the world independently. Ages 18 months - 5 years old. Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm, Friday 8am-noon.



MOVIE NIGHT

Join your friends and youth directors for a fun movie and dinner on periodic Motzei Shabbat. Movie nights running for school years 3-6 (ages 8-11).

YOUTH PRE-SUCCOT PARTY

Saturday 12th October | 8pm

Hosted by Junior Chatanim and N'shei Chayil. High School (ages 11-18).

PRIMARY SCHOOL SUCCOT PARTY

Tuesday 15th October | 4.30pm

Come and join us for fun and games in the Succah.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SIMCHAT TORAH BAZAAR

Monday 21st October | 6pm

School years reception to year 6 (ages 4-11).

YOUTH SIMCHAT TORAH DINNER

Monday 21st October | 8pm

School years 7-13 (ages 12-18).

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT

Sunday 10th November

Years 4-6 (ages 9-11).

WEEKLY SERVICES

SHABBAT MORNINGS 10.45AM

TODDLERS SERVICE

Perfect for Pre-reception toddlers, this is a Shabbat morning service run by parents that's packed with songs and other toddler-friendly activities.

YOUNGER CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Primary school, reception to year 2 (age 4-7), fun and games with your friends and weekly Parasha stories.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Primary school years 3 to 6 (ages 8-11), the children's service is a fun and informative service balancing Tefila and games.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Shabbat morning breakfast club, for all youth in secondary school (ages 11-18).



ST JOHN'S WOOD CHEDER & MIMI DWEK HEBREW SCHOOL

SJW Cheder meets on Sunday mornings and MDHS on Tuesdays after school. Both meet onsite at St John's Wood Shul and offer creative Jewish educational experience for children from nursery to year 8. We also offer a 2 year GCSE Religious Studies class.

Through well prepared interactive lessons, utilising technology, drama and song, and with unique Hebrew reading methodologies, we provide outstanding Judaic and Hebrew language studies with a dynamic, dedicated staff. We firmly believe that your child's experience of Jewish learning should be fun, upbeat, inspiring and interactive.

ONLY GIRLS ALLOWED

Girls in years 9 to 13 (ages 15-18). Periodically on Shabbat mornings. Themed topical discussions with Avigail and yummy pastries with your friends.

CAMPUS HACKS

Special programme for year 13 students. Exploring different aspects of campus life, including anti-Semitism on campus and Israel advocacy. In addition to meeting representatives of Jewish Student Organisations to help support them on their journey. Joint programme with South Hampstead Synagogue.

LEARN2LEAD

Fun and practical social action programme for youth in years 9 and 10, learning about and actively volunteering for a host of Jewish charities and local community causes. Accepted by Duke of Edinburgh Awards volunteering requirement.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLUB

A fun and educational programme, the Bnei Mitzvot programme aims to prepare boys and girls for all areas of Jewish adulthood. Covering themes of Shabbat & Holidays to Holocaust & Heritage. This two-term programme will feature outings themed around social action, as well as more formal and fun learning sessions on site in St. John's Wood Synagogue. Boys in year 7 and girls in year 6.

PROFESSIONAL PLUS NETWORK FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER TOGETHER WITH WESTERN MARBLE ARCH

Friday 20th September | 6pm

Join us for a 35+ singles Friday night where you can meet and network with like-minded people from all over the World in the heart of London's West End.

SIMCHAT TORAH PARTY

Monday 21st October | 8pm

MINIMOONS PRE ROSH HASHANAH BARBECUE

Sunday 22nd September | 8pm
at home of Golkers

SUGCAH UNDER THE STARS

Sunday 13th October
at home of Cohens





BRIDGE

Every Monday 12.45pm-4pm

DRAWING & PAINTING CLASSES

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th 17th , 24th
September

Thursdays 3rd, 17th October,
Tuesdays 5th, 19th, 26th November
10.15am-12.30pm

LUNCH CLUB

10th, 24th September, 3rd December

VISIT TO KEW GARDENS

Thursday 12th September | 11.30am

VISIT TO ROYAL INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Wednesday 25th September

DECORATION OF SUCCAH

Thursday 11th October

SUCCOT LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 17th October

CARD LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR CHAI CANCER CARE & ST JOHN'S HOSPICE

Tuesday 29th October
10.30am-3.15pm

VISIT TO GAUGHIN PORTRAITS, NATIONAL GALLERY

Thursday 31st October

ART IN EXILE, IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Wednesday 6th November

EMERGENCY FIRST AID

Sunday 24th November

GEORGE IV: ART AND SPECTACLE, THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Wednesday 27th November

SAVE THE DATE



YOUNG JEWISH NETWORK FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday 13th December

Guest Speaker: Rami Sherman, Entebbe Survivor



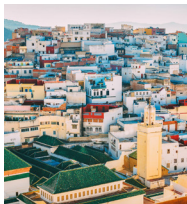
GUEST SPEAKER: RAMI SHERMAN, ENTEBBE SURVIVOR

Shabbat 14th December



COMMUNAL CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday 2nd December



COMMUNITY TRIP TO MOROCCO

2-5 March 2020



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