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Giving families a sprawling, safe and fun play and learning space in NYC's Chelsea/Flatiron District, apple seeds encompasses 15,000 square feet, stretching between 25th and 24th Streets right off Madison Square Park. When two neighborhood mothers, Allison Leikind Schlanger and Alison Qualter Berna, met at a music class with their children, they realized they had a lot in common. Both parents of twins, Alli and Ali continually assisted one another in getting their double-wide strollers in the narrow elevator and discussed the hardship of finding a local city spot to suit many family interests and needs, including playtime, mealtime, entertainment and class interaction. So the savvy moms started apple seeds, where little ones can play all day in the NYC-themed playground as well as take classes in yoga, cooking, music, science and art. Parents can bond during prenatal classes, childcare seminars and new parent groups. Designed by children's museum architects, the apple seeds playground allows endless entertainment for when classes are out of session, a sibling attends an apple seeds birthday party or learns in the facility's library. With nine permanent exhibits, featuring everything from a shape sorter garden and a soft play area for infants, to construction and sports areas— complete with basketball nets and gym equipment, the 2,500-square-foot playground keeps all kids amused for hours. The apple seeds facility also features six classrooms, a boutique, a café and plenty of room for birthday parties. For membership and other details about apple seeds, call or visit the incredible facility.