



Darchei Noam

Toronto's Reconstructionist Synagogue

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Service dates and times are listed on the back of your ticket. Your ticket provides access to any one of three simultaneous services we offer during the High Holy Days. Rabbi Tina Grimberg and Rabbi Steven Sager conduct services in the Social Hall and Sanctuary. Ideal for families with school-aged children, our participatory, engaging and creative Family Services led by Ariel Zaltzman and Mendy Bisk are held in the Triple Rooms.

For additional information about planned programming for toddlers and school-aged children, please visit our website (www.darcheinnoam.ca/childrenHHD).

Selichot Service with Havdalah, Saturday, September 1

8:00pm

- One of Darchei Noam's little known jewels of a service! Please join us for an inspiring evening to help us prepare for the Days of Awe. No tickets required.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars

6:30pm, Earl Bales Park Amphitheatre

- A musical service with storytelling for all ages. No ticket is required for this event, so bring your friends and family, even if they won't be joining us for the rest of the High Holy Days. Rain location: Darchei Noam, 864 Sheppard Ave W.

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Monday, September 10

Traditional Services

9:30am

- Rabbi Tina Grimberg: Social Hall
- Rabbi Steven Sager: Sanctuary

Family Service

10am, Triple Rooms

Youth Programming – for children 18 months through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age

Early drop off at 9:30am

- Shofar blowing demo
- Snack of apples and honey
- Music, Art and interactive story telling

ConnectDN 20s/30s Sip 'n' Dip,

12:15pm, Senesh Teen Lounge

- An opportunity to toast the New Year with drinks and apples and honey and to catch up with friends – old and new.

Tashlikh

1:30pm, Earl Bales Park

- We will meet in Earl Bales Park to observe Tashlikh. The Tashlikh service is a symbolic 'casting off' of the sins of the previous year - we toss pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water and just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are our sins symbolically carried away. With this gesture we envision starting the New Year with a clean slate. Please look for maps of the meeting location outside the Sanctuary and Social Hall.

Rosh Hashanah Day 2, Tuesday, September 11

Traditional Services

9:30am

- Rabbi Tina Grimberg: Social Hall
- Rabbi Steven Sager: Sanctuary

Youth Programming – for children ages 18 months through Bar/Bat Mizvah age

Early drop off at 9:30am

- No Family Service
- Special Children's Service
- Woodworking workshop
- Cupcake decorating
- Parents are encouraged to attend Services in the Social Hall or Sanctuary

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, September 18

Traditional Services

6:45pm

- Rabbi Tina Grimberg: Social Hall
- Rabbi Steven Sager: Sanctuary

Family Service

6:30pm, Triple Rooms

Youth Programming – for children ages 18 months through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age

Early drop off at 6pm

- Storytelling
- Origami

Yom Kippur Morning, Wednesday, September 19

Traditional Services

9:30am

- Rabbi Tina Grimberg: Social Hall
- Rabbi Steven Sager: Sanctuary

Family Service

10am, Triple Rooms

Youth Programming – for children ages 18 months through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age

Early drop off at 9:30am

- Music
- Yoga
- Yom Kippur prayers

ConnectDN 20s/30s

Senesh Teen Lounge

- The Senesh Teen Lounge will be open all day. Hang out and catch up with other members of the ConnectDN community.

Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, September 19

Complementing our Yom Kippur morning and concluding services, Congregation Darchei Noam offers a roster of Yom Kippur afternoon programming for those wishing to continue their Yom Kippur observance with our community through the day. Beginning after morning services, the Yom Kippur afternoon programming begins at approximately 2pm and continues until Minchah at 5:15pm.

Simultaneous sessions will follow the Yom Kippur morning service:

Details of the sessions being offered are still to be determined.

Our Yom Kippur Service of Memory brings together readings and music to embrace and honour the memory of pivotal times in our history, and those upon whose shoulders we now stand.

Minchah/Ne'ilah, Wednesday, September 19

Approximately 5:15pm

- An Alternative Ne'ilah Service punctuated with music, songs and stories will be held in the Social Hall with Rabbi Grimberg.
- Rabbi Sager will hold a traditional Ne'ilah service in the Sanctuary.

Yom Kippur Community Break-Fast Dinner, Wednesday, September 19

After Yom Kippur Ne'ilah services conclude, everyone is invited to participate in our wonderful community Break-Fast dinner in the Triple Rooms. Members of our community are asked to sign up to bring a contribution to share. All contributions must be nut-free. We kindly encourage everyone contributing to double up their contribution and arrange it on two ready to serve disposable platters or containers to be placed on buffet tables. Breads, crackers, bagels and drinks will be provided by the shul. Please bring your contribution to the Triple Rooms on the lower level any time after 3:00pm on Yom Kippur.

We invite your contributions of:

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| • entrées (lasagnas, quiches, kugels, legumes, pasta, etc.) | • green salads | • cooked salads (grilled eggplant, Turkish, etc.) |
| • fish (baked fish, herring, gefilte fish, lox, etc.) | • cream cheese | • cut up vegetables |
| • hearty salads (grains, pasta, potato, etc.) | • egg salad | • fruit and desserts |
| | • tuna salad | |
| | • dips (hummus, guacamole, babaganoush, tahina, etc.) | |

To assist in planning a smorgasbord fit for the New Year or to arrange an alternate drop-off time for your contribution, contact Molly Neufeld at caterina-neufeld@sympatico.ca by September 14 to let her know what you are planning to bring and how many will be attending. Thank you in advance for your generosity and help in planning our annual Break-Fast feast!

General and Building Information

Kippot and Tallitot

As an egalitarian community, our congregation encourages both men and women entering services to wear a head covering, or kippah, as a sign of humility and respect. Head coverings are available outside each prayer hall. Also, there are a limited number of tallitot (prayer shawls) available for you to borrow.

The Reconstructionist High Holy Day Prayer Book – “Kol Haneshamah: Mahzor Leyamim Nora'im”

Darchei Noam uses the Kol Haneshamah Reconstructionist prayer book. Attendees bring their own copies. Unfortunately, we are not able to sell this machzor at High Holy Day services. Copies can be purchased from the synagogue office for \$68.00. The office will have extended hours as follows:

Tuesday, August 21, 5:00 – 8:00pm

Pre-purchased machzorim that are not picked up from the office in advance will be available at the Reception Desk outside the sanctuary on the upper level during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Parking

Please allow yourself plenty of time to locate a parking space on the side streets around the synagogue. Make sure that you do not park in front of driveways or too close to fire hydrants, no stopping/standing zones, stop signs, etc. and read the signs carefully when parking on a main street. **DO NOT PARK ON SHEPPARD AVENUE DURING RUSH HOUR AS YOU WILL BE TAGGED AND TOWED.** Please abide by all parking laws and regulations when parking on neighbourhood streets. Remember that we have a very convenient drop-off area right in front of the shul if you would like to drop off your passengers before you find parking.

Accessible Parking during the High Holy Days

Parking in the synagogue parking lot will be limited to drivers with mobility challenges who have reserved a spot in advance. If you require a special High Holy Day Parking Pass, please contact the office to let them know which days you will be attending services and needing a spot. Due to limited availability, these spots are only available to those who have contacted the office in advance. After that, it may be made available to someone else.

Accessibility

All of our High Holy Day services are accessible to people with mobility difficulties. Our elevator is located at the far west end of the building – just follow the signs. Please speak to our ushers when you arrive. They will be able to direct you to suitable seats in each prayer hall. If you have special seating requirements, please contact Lindsay in the synagogue office in advance of Rosh Hashanah. We will do our best to accommodate any special needs you may have. Please note that we can only hold reserved seats until 11:00am, after which point, they may be made available to others.

Security

Extra security from our regular provider will be on site during the High Holy Days. Please be prepared to show your ticket each time you enter the building.

All bags coming into the shul will be thoroughly searched, and this will certainly slow down entry into the building. Please consider limiting what you carry with you into the shul during the High Holy Days. Many people keep their wallet and keys in their tallit bag and leave other valuables at home or in the trunk of their car.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedures are posted by the doorways in each of the main rooms. In case of a fire or other emergency, please pay attention to the High Holy Day Ushers, who can be identified by their name tags, or the Building Evacuation Marshals, who will be wearing red or yellow hard hats.

Infant Care Room

For caregivers, we will have a room on the lower level dedicated to feeding and changing infants.