



Darchei Noam
Toronto's Reconstructionist Synagogue
קהילת דרכי נועם

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Guide to the High Holy Days

Services and Special Programs for the High Holy Days

The dates and times of services are shown 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 Richard Hirsh conduct services in the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. Our participatory, engaging and creative Family Services led by Aron Katz are held in the Triple Room located on the Lower Level.

S'lichot: Saturday, September 20, 8:30pm

One of Darchei Noam's little known jewels of a service! The evening will begin with potluck desserts and Havdalah followed by a special screening and discussion of the film *The Quarrel* (1991). After the film, we will come together at 10:30pm for a S'lichot service. Please join us for an inspiring evening to help us prepare for the Days of Awe.

Rosh Hashanah

Back this year! Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 24, 6:30pm, Earl Bales Park Amphitheatre

Bring a picnic dinner and join us for Rosh Hashanah under the Stars! Musical services, stories with Rabbi Tina Grimberg, and Rosh Hashanah fun for all ages in the park. Come early and join with other community members for an informal picnic.

No ticket is required for this event, so bring your friends and family, even if they won't be joining us at Darchei Noam for the rest of the High Holy Days. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held at Darchei Noam, but the picnic will be cancelled.

Please bring your *machzor* with you!

ConnectDN: 20s/30s Sip 'n Dip

First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 25th, Senesh Teen Lounge, 12:30pm

ConnectDN is thrilled to announce our first annual Sip n Dip event for young adults in their 20s and 30s! Toast the new year in style. Join us in the Teen Lounge at 12:30 pm on the first day of Rosh Hashana for drinks, apples and honey, and other light refreshments. Celebrate a year of new

possibilities by taking a moment to relax, meet new people, and let the ideas and conversation flow with the drinks. We look forward to seeing you there at the first of many exciting events to come!

Introducing Dorona Zierler, ConnectDN Engagement Intern

Chag Sameach and a happy new year to all Darchei Noam community members and newcomers! My name is Dorona Zierler, and I am the new Connect DN Engagement Intern. I am an artist, writer, and teacher who is passionate about community development and intercultural dialogue. I am a recent graduate from York University and currently I teach Hebrew, Judaica, and Art at the Toronto Jewish Montessori Day School. I am excited to meet everyone and develop a relationship with the entire DN community.

“Sharing Silence” – A Period of Contemplative Quiet

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Friday September 26th, 8:30-9:15am, Sanctuary

At our “Sharing Silence” session, Darchei Noam offers you an opportunity for shared silent contemplation in whatever way you choose: meditation (sitting, walking, visualization or other), quiet prayer and contemplation, reflective reading, or any other way which would allow you to experience whatever arises when we give ourselves time for being in silence. Please arrive early so as not to disturb others and keep in mind that **parking is not allowed on Sheppard Avenue before 9am.**

Yom Kippur Afternoon

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 1pm and continues until Minchah at 5:30pm.

ConnectDN: 20s/30s Senesh Teen Lounge, 12:30pm

ConnectDN will come together again in the Teen Lounge on Yom Kippur morning at 12:30pm. Facilitated by Shira Gellman, we will have an informal dialogue and reflection on the year to come. We hope to see you there.

Qi Gong and Meditation, Yavneh Library, 1:00pm

Yoga with Karen, Sanctuary, 1:30pm

Study Session with Rabbi Richard Hirsh, Social Hall, 2:00pm

Remembrance through Words and Music

Sanctuary, Approx 3:30pm

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

Music and Mindfulness *Sanctuary, Approx. 4:30pm*

Take some time during your Yom Kippur afternoon to create sacred time and space with beautiful words, music, and the silence in between.

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 \$50.00. The office will have extended hours as follows:

Sunday, September 14, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, September 17, 9:00am - 8:00pm

We will not be able to sell *machzorim* at High Holy Day services. Pre-purchased *machzorim* not picked up from the office will be available at the Reception Desk outside the sanctuary on the upper level during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Special Programming for Children, Youth and Teens

For information about planned programming for toddlers, school-aged children and for teens, please visit our website. We also have a Drop-In Activity Room for kids aged 7-12. Please note that this Activity Room will not be available on Erev Rosh Hashanah, and after 1pm on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur Potluck Break-Fast Dinner

After Yom Kippur Ne'ilah services conclude, everyone is invited to participate in our wonderful community potluck break-fast dinner in the Triple Rooms.

We kindly encourage everyone contributing to double up their contribution and arrange it on two ready to serve platters or containers to be placed on the buffet tables. Breads, crackers, bagels and

drinks will be provided by the shul. Please bring your contribution to the Triple Room in the lower level any time after 3:00pm on Yom Kippur.

Here are some guidelines for what we need:

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

To assist in planning a smorgasbord fit for the New Year, contact Molly Neufeld at caterina-neufeld@sympatico.ca or by September 30th to let her know what you are planning to bring. Thank you in advance for your generosity and help in planning our annual Break Fast feast!

Parking

Parking will be at a premium this year considering the work being done in our parking lot and the loss of Heschel for overflow parking (another synagogue is holding services there). Please keep this in mind and count on it taking a few more minutes to find a spot on the side streets. 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. **Please abide by all parking laws and regulations when parking on neighbourhood streets.** Please 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 for attendees with mobility challenges will be limited and available on a first come first served basis to people with eligible handicapped tags only. Please contact Tema at the office to let her know which days you will be attending services and needing a spot. Your spot will be held for 45 minutes after the start of services. After that it will 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 Tema 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 will be made available to others.

Security

Extra security from our regular provider will be on site during the High Holy Days. Please remember 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 the entry of people during the High Holy Days. Please consider limiting what you carry with you into the shul during the High Holy Days. Many people carry 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.

After the High Holy Days

Connect with Darchei Noam

Join the Darchei Noam mailing list by sending an e-mail to info@darcheinoam.ca. Follow us on Twitter [@DarcheiNoam](https://twitter.com/DarcheiNoam), subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/darcheinoamtoronto, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DarcheiNoam. We'd love to keep in touch throughout the year!

Check out our website for details of our Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Celebrations and Services, including:

Sukkah Decorating Party: Sunday, October 5, 11:00am

Sukkot Services: Thursday, October 9, 9:00am

Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah: Wednesday, October 15 - Thursday, October 16

Wednesday, October 15, 7:00pm:

Simchat Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 16, 9:00am:

Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Service including
Yizkor Prayers