

High Holy Days 5772 / 2011

Guide to Optional Childcare Service for children from 1 to 6 years old inclusive

Childcare is available for children who are at least one year old and who have not yet turned seven. It will be provided during all services except Erev Rosh Hashanah (September 28th), and is scheduled to coincide with adult service times. In order to allow parents to find seats in good time, childcare will open 30 minutes prior to the start of Kol Nidrei Services on Erev Yom Kippur. Registered children may be dropped off or picked up at any time during these periods. There will be two groups divided into younger and older children, hosted in two rooms located down the hall adjacent to the Main Sanctuary on the upper level. Posted signs will identify the precise room locations, and the elevator at the far end of the lower level can bring you up to the top floor. Please note that older children from 7 to 12 years old will be welcome in the Drop-In Activity Room located in the Yavneh Library on the lower level. See the reverse side of this sheet for more information.

Please sign your children in and out with the childcare staff using the sheets provided in each room. It's also important for you to indicate on these sign-in sheets which service you are attending, so that we can find you if your child needs your personal attention - for example, if they need a diaper change. Along with apples, snacks of juice and cookies will be provided in packaging which lists ingredients, and selected to avoid obvious nuts and peanuts. If your child has any food allergies or other special needs, please confirm this with the childcare staff when you drop off your child.

We plan to provide a safe, creative and fun place for your child, including special holiday programming for toddlers on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur morning. More details will be available on our website in September. If you have appropriate toys, books or craft material that we can use, please let us know.

For more information, please contact Barbara Miller, our High Holy Days Childcare Coordinator, at bdmillerlam@gmail.com or 416-781-2599.

***Please see the other side of this sheet
for information about our Children's Drop-In Activity Room.***

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Guide to Children's Drop-In Activity Room for children from 7 to 12 years old inclusive

During the High Holy Days, Congregation Darchei Noam encourages families to bring children into the services, especially our Family Services. Should your child become restless, however, we offer a staffed Children's Drop-In Activity Room that will be open during all service times except Yom Kippur Minchah and Ne'ilah. The Children's Drop-In Activity Room will be located in the Yavneh Library on the Lower Level. You don't need to pre-register for this Drop-In Activity Room, but we ask that your child be signed in and out, and that you let us know which service you will be attending.

Staffed by early childhood professionals, this room will contain appropriate materials such as books, games and puzzles. Parents are encouraged to help our staff while the Activity Room is open. Donations of books, games, cards and puzzles – especially those with Jewish content - would be most appreciated. Please bring any appropriate materials to the synagogue office, or make arrangements directly with the Activity Room Coordinator. Children are also encouraged to bring their own suitable materials to the room during the holidays.

Though no food or drink will be allowed in the Children's Drop-In Activity Room, snacks will be available nearby at certain times during the High Holy Days. If your child has any food allergies or other special needs, please inform our staff upon your arrival.

At 10:30am on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, youths in grades 1 to 6 are invited to enjoy a special program in the Lower Level Senesh Teen Lounge, featuring our new Israeli shlichim Raz and Shir. Details about this and other special holiday programming will be available in September on our website at **www.darcheinoam.on.ca**.

Please remember that children are not permitted to play unsupervised in the hallways or in the parking lot. This is both disruptive and dangerous, so please ensure that your child takes advantage of the Drop-In Activity Room if they are not in the prayer halls. The room is intended as a safe and enjoyable alternative for them.

For further information, feel free to contact Lynda Champagne, our Drop-In Activity Room Coordinator, at lyndachampagne@yahoo.ca. If you require childcare for children under the age of seven, please refer to the other side of this sheet.

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