



Darchei Noam supports our members throughout their lives – in times of need and in times of joy. Our Rabbi, Ritual and Mitzvah Committees, administration and community offer spiritual and practical support to members who are in mourning or dealing with serious illness. Family, friends and fellow congregants join in the celebration of members' simchas on Shabbat mornings.

Come see our new home. Our congregation's commitment to the principles of Tikkun Olam and Bal Tashchit (do not waste) is expressed in the design of our beautiful new home at **864 Sheppard Avenue West in Toronto.** Our renovated building has received international attention for its beautiful aesthetics, selection of sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and "green" operating practices.

Experience Darchei Noam for yourself. Join us for Shabbat services, attend an adult education program, visit our Hebrew school or speak to our Rabbi.

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The synagogue is accessible to people with disabilities.



קהילת דרכי נועם
Darchei Noam
Toronto's Reconstructionist Synagogue





Belong.



Toronto's only Reconstructionist Synagogue, Darchei Noam blends traditional Jewish practice with innovative forms of Jewish expression. It is a place where love of tradition and appreciation of change meet. With a strong focus on Tikkun Olam (repair of injustice in the world), Reconstructionist Judaism celebrates the Sacred in all aspects of life and emphasizes values that inspire us to make a positive difference in our families, communities and the world at large.

At Darchei Noam the language of prayer is illuminated through explanation and study. The presence of the Divine is felt through the acts of Godliness performed by members of our community, such as heartfelt prayer, meditation, communal davening, and caring for each other. Members take an active role in services, which are enriched through poetry, stories, music and discussion. Shabbat at Darchei Noam provides a range of opportunities to experience prayer, study and artistic expression. We make our Shabbat services accessible in many ways, with explanations offered by the Rabbi and the lay leadership. Our communal Kiddushim are often followed by seminars or Israeli dancing.

Throughout the High Holy Days there are three services to choose from, including one with a focus on family and youth. We also offer study groups, yoga, teen programming, babysitting, children's activities and a community-wide break fast, all of which contribute to a spiritually and socially engaging experience.

Darchei Noam is an egalitarian congregation, where men and women take part equally in ritual and leadership. Both boys and girls celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvah at age 13.



Learn.

Darchei Noam is an inclusive and welcoming community. All individuals, couples and families are encouraged to become an integral part of shul life—regardless of sexual orientation or family composition.

We value diversity and welcome people from all backgrounds. Non-Jewish spouses and partners are warmly welcomed at Darchei Noam, and can hold Associate Membership.

Rabbi Tina Grimberg's buoyant energy and her emotional, intellectual and spiritual contributions are at the heart of our congregation. They are evident in everything she does—from her divrai Torah to her enthusiastic teaching for all age groups, to her compassionate support for members in times of crisis.

An award-winning author, she plays a dynamic leadership role in Darchei Noam and the wider community.

There are many opportunities for learning at Darchei Noam, from introductory Hebrew classes, courses on reading Torah and stimulating programs throughout the year led by our Rabbi, congregants and guests.

We are a member-led organization, and there are many opportunities to participate and lead. Committees such as Adult Education, Israel Connections, Ritual, Mitzvah, and many others encourage all members to become involved.



Celebrate.



Programs for children, teens and families are a part of all festivals and celebrations of the Jewish calendar. Children participate in a wide range of Shabbat, holiday and community programs. Our young adults continue their involvement post – B’nai Mitzvah with our active ‘DN Teens’ program.

Our thriving Hebrew School, (affiliated with Mercaz – the Centre for Enhancement of Jewish Education), covers grades JK – 6. Classes are held on Sunday mornings with an optional class on Wednesday afternoons.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah take place at age 13 for both boys and girls.

Young people begin our B’nai Mitzvah program the year before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. They learn about the Jewish life cycle, debate ethical issues, participate in Shabbat services and perform community service.

Social Action and Commitment to the Environment are core values at Darchei Noam.

Through our vibrant Social Action and Environment Committees, we express our commitment to building low income housing, fighting poverty, caring for the homeless, and observing “green” practices in the shul.