

Our members are committed to lives that integrate Torah study and practice with the best of study, culture, and careers in the secular world.

We are committed to Halacha and Halachic process. Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski of Chicago serves as our rabbi.

Darchei Noam is a community of inspiring prayer and stimulating study.

In keeping with our participatory, lay-led philosophy, men, women, and teenagers give Divrei Torah following Shabbat and Yom Tov services. We have daily, Shabbat, and Yom Tov minyanim.

Education is a cornerstone of our community.

In addition to daily shiurim, we provide regular classes for adults, and are committed to our youth. Children's groups meet on Shabbat morning. As part of our education program, Darchei Noam brings in Rabbis and other scholars for Shabbatonim.

We are committed to the State of Israel.

We pray for the welfare of the State of Israel and Israeli soldiers every week. Many of our children have continued their studies in Israel, and have developed strong ties to the State. Some of our members have served in the IDF and have made aliyah.

We are committed to the larger Jewish community.

Many of our members play active roles in Jewish communal activities, including schools, social service agencies, and the Jewish Federation. Our members played a major role in establishing the Community Eruv.



Congregation Darchei Noam

Orthodox Union Member Synagogue

We invite you to join us!

If you live outside of the community and would like to spend Shabbat or Yom Tov with Darchei Noam, we can arrange home hospitality with our members. We are an inclusive congregation, so if you need special accommodations, please let us know.

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Artist's rendering of our new home — January, 2013

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A Sample of Darchei Noam Activities

- **Services**
Daily, Shabbat, Yom Tov, Women's Simchat Torah and Megilla readings, Divrei Torah prepared and delivered by members
- **Classes (ongoing)**
Gemara, Halacha, Nach Yomi, Family Bet Medrash, Shabbat and Yom Tov youth services and classes
- **Classes (series)**
Illness, Loss, and Healing; Jewish Leadership: Past, Present, and Future; The Psychological Side of Biblical Characters; The Legal System in Medinat Yisrael; Development of American Judaism; Jewish Life in Israel: Practical Halacha, Conversion, Challenges & Opportunities; Modern Orthodoxy
- **Scholars-in-Residence / Speakers**
Jonathan Sarna, Rabbi Hayyim Angel, Wendy Amsellem, Rabbi Nati Helfgott, Marilyn Chiat, Rabbi Barry & Mrs. Sharon Freundel, Nathan Szajnberg, Professor Marcia Gelpe, Rabbi Michael Broyde, Beth Kissileff
- **Social Action**
Jewish Disability Awareness Month, IDF Lone Soldier sponsor, STEP, St. Stephen's Homeless Shelter, Parallel Lives, Mazon, Sweet Dreams for Kids
- **Special Programs**
Jewish Film Festival sponsor, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, Young Scholars Program, annual Kosher I'Pesach Weenie Roast, Israeli Film Night, Tu B'Shevat Seder with Caring Connections

What Members say about Darchei Noam

- A congregation of Jews that are serious about their faith and religion yet modern and open enough to engage in secular society. I enjoy the open-mindedness of the congregants and am constantly impressed with the balance many strike between being religious and modern at the same time.
- A sense of inclusion in the services and community; DN takes the extra step to listen to its congregant, understand their strengths and take into account their opinions.
- Ruach in davening
- Appreciate the ability to participate in services on all levels (davening, laying, giving dvrei Torah).
- Close-knit community where both Jewish and secular education are valued. Where members receive support to live professionally successful lives with commitment to observing halacha. A community where members truly care about each other.
- Intellectual conversation and learning
- Divrei Torah by educated and knowledgeable lay people
- An orthodox shul that is welcoming to all, despite personal practices. A shul that cares about each other and others in the larger Jewish community.
- Like one large family

What Others Say

Rabbi Hayyim Angel, Congregation Shearith Israel of New York (The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue): A couple of weeks ago, I was scholar-in-residence [at Darchei Noam] over Shabbat... This community is comprised of some seventy families... Because this new community is small

but dedicated, the people are deeply involved – raising money to purchase their own synagogue building; and actively involved in committees to make sure the community functions well.

It was inspirational to see how a small number of dedicated people can do so much to make a community thrive. In the coming year I hope to implement several elements of that small, new community into our venerable, large and growing, community.

Efrayim Clair, Yeshiva University Rabbinical candidate: I cannot thank you and Darchei Noam enough for all the hospitality you provided us. I would just like to take a moment and reflect on some of my thoughts from this Shavous.

I have only lived three places in my life for an extended period of time: Chicago, Israel and New York... Morning minyaim were automatic, kosher meat was plentiful, and Torah was abundant around me.

After Shavous I came to realize that it is not city limits that define a community, but the heart of the people who make it up. Never had I seen or experienced the hospitality we received done with such sincerity. It now bothers me to call where I live a "community" because it would be such a gross overstatement of its actual attitude.

I would like to deeply thank each member of your community who helped enlighten me over this holiday... I hope I was able to impact you as much as you have impacted me.