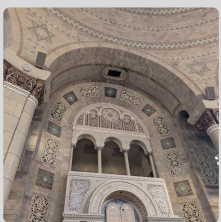
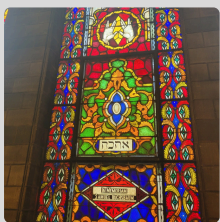


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Dear Friends,

As we approach the High Holy Days, we invite you to renew your Community Commitment with KAM Isaiah Israel. At KAMII, membership is not a transaction—it's a covenant of belonging. Together, through each person's commitment at the level that is meaningful for them, we sustain Jewish life on the South Side and ensure that our historic congregation thrives for generations to come.

Here's what your commitment makes possible:

- Belonging & Care: A supportive, close-knit community that celebrates together and shows up for one another in times of need.
- Jewish Growth: Inspiring worship, Torah study, Shores youth education, adult learning, and spiritual guidance at every stage of life.
- Impact & Justice: Programs that advance food justice, refugee support, interfaith partnerships, and civic leadership.
- Culture & Connection: Music, holiday celebrations, lectures, and events that bring joy and deepen Jewish identity.
- Lifecycle Support: Clergy presence, pastoral care, and community support for every milestone.

This year we are especially excited to gather again in our historic landmark sanctuary—a space filled with beauty, resilience, and generations of Jewish prayer. Registering now ensures you'll receive your personalized name tag, which makes check-in smoother, strengthens security, and helps us greet one another by name.

Thank you for standing with KAM Isaiah Israel. Together, we are building a vibrant, resilient Jewish future.

L'shanah tovah,

The KAM Isaiah Israel Team

Renew Here:



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Schedule of Services

S'lichot- Saturday, September 13.

8:00PM | S'lichot Study

9:00PM | Dessert Reception

9:30PM | S'lichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22

6:00PM | Family Erev Rosh

HaShanah Service

7:30PM | Erev Rosh HaShanah
Service

Tuesday, September 23.

9:00-9:30AM | Tot Service

9:30AM | Childcare (age 0-5) &
Dropoff begins for Children's
Program

10:00AM | Rosh HaShanah Morning
Service

10:00AM | K-5 Programming

1:00PM | Oneg

5:00-6:00PM | Tashlich & Picnic
(Jackson Park) All ages. BYO picnic.
Shofar at 5:15 & 5:45 Parking
available at the MSI adjacent lot
(Thank you MSI and Park district!)

Wednesday, September 24.

10:00AM | Rosh HaShanah – 2nd
Day Morning Service

4:30-6:00PM | Cookies at Rabbi
Kirzane's Home Meet at 54th
& Hyde Park Blvd.

ALL AGES

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 1

6:00PM | Family Kol Nidre

7:30PM | Kol Nidre Service

Thursday, October 2

9:00AM | Tot Service

9:30AM | Childcare (0-5) &
Dropoff

10:00AM | Morning Service

10:00AM | K-5 Programming

1:00PM | Rabbi Teaching

2:00PM | Afternoon Reflection
(Wellness Group)

3:00PM | Social Justice Program
(Rachel Havrelock)

4:00PM | Mincha| Yizkor & N'ilah
Concluding Service

6:30PM | Break the Fast (All Ages)

Location



Members Register for
Rosh HaShanah

Non-Members
Register for All
Events

Members Register
for Yom Kippur



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FOR FAMILIES

ROSH HASHANAH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 PM | FAMILY SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM | TOT SERVICE

9:30 AM | BABYSITTING FOR
CHILDREN AGES 5 AND UNDER

9:30 AM | DROP-OFF FOR SHORESH
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (K-5)

10:00 AM | SHORESH CHAG –
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (K-5)

OFFICIALLY BEGINS

1:00PM | ONEG/PICK UP

5:00 PM | TASHLICH, SHOFAR &
PICNIC – JACKSON PARK "CHERRY
BLOSSOMS" (LIGHT RECEPTION)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:30 PM | 2ND DAY ROSH
HASHANAH – COOKIES AT THE
KIRZANE HOME (CORNER OF 54TH
& E. HYDE PARK BLVD.)



YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:00PM | FAMILY KOL NIDRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00AM | TOT SERVICE

9:30AM | CHILDCARE (0-5) &
DROPOFF

10:00AM | K-5 PROGRAMMING

1:00PM | CHILDREN
PROGRAMING ENDS

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL
SERVICES, BUT THESE ARE DESIGNED
JUST FOR THEM:**

FAMILY SERVICE – CHAPEL

1-HOUR, MUSIC-FILLED SERVICE GEARED
TOWARD AGES 8+

TOT SERVICE – CHAPEL

30-MINUTE "CIRCLE TIME" STYLE PROGRAM
SHORESH CHAG – PLAYGROUND/SCHOOL
HOUSE

AGE-APPROPRIATE, ENGAGING HOLIDAY
LEARNING FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN (K-5)

BABYSITTING – SCHOOL HOUSE

SUPERVISED FREE PLAY FOR AGES 5 AND UNDER

**REGISTER
5 AND UNDER**



REGISTER K-5



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To this beautiful and sacred community, to newcomers and long-timers, to people of all backgrounds and experiences: Shalom.

I am eager to gather this year in our magnificent and beautifully-restored sanctuary. This will be the 100th High Holy Day season celebrated in the sanctuary, and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your rabbi at this historic moment.

On this occasion of the reopening of our sanctuary, our theme for the High Holy Days—and the whole year ahead—will be *dedication* and *rededication*.

These Holidays remind us to consider and reflect: What are my deepest values, and where do they lead me? What actions or intentions need work this year as I rededicate myself to what I believe in? And what does it mean to belong to a community that's dedicated to Judaism and Jewish life, especially when those commitments are complicated or challenging in the current moment?

Our congregation is a place where we can do this work together. We don't just pray in a sanctuary; we are a sanctuary where you can bring your whole self—your questions, your joys, and your struggles. This year, may our time together strengthen our spirits and inspire us to live with greater purpose and compassion.

The High Holy Days can mean a lot of different things. Our prayers offer beauty and poignancy, inviting us to sing and recite ancient words and also to simply listen to the poetry and music to allow the cares of the world to recede for a moment. Other gatherings, such as the Rosh Hashanah nosh, breaking the Yom Kippur fast together, or coming to my house for cookies on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, remind us of the power and enjoyment of community. These weeks inspire us to reconnect with family and friends, to take time for self-reflection, and to repair broken relationships and fashion new ones.

May you and your loved ones be inscribed for a year of health, happiness, and peace. We are so grateful to share this sacred time with you and look forward to seeing you in our holy space.

Shanah tovah um'tukah, may this be a year of sweetness and growth!

Rabbi Daniel Kirzane

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I like to take this season, when writing to you—my beloved community—to pause and reflect. So much has happened this year it makes my head spin. The world keeps shifting in extreme ways. The war in Gaza drags on (though I pray that by the time you read this, change has come). Gazans still suffer, while Hamas steals supplies and holds our hostages—our heart captive. Israelis, like my own family, when not in shelters are out protesting, frightened about what is to come under the current regime—stories rarely shown in the news.

Closer to home, our community faced a rise in antisemitism—graffiti in Hyde Park and Kenwood calling for our end. This shook me deeply, yet also spurred me to action. Out of it grew strong relationships with civic leaders who now stand beside us, offering support not only to KAMII but to the wider Jewish community of Hyde Park. With all this, hope can feel fragile.

At fall's end, when flowers lose their petals, it may seem all is gone—but the seeds remain. Our sages teach: “Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, grow.” אין לך עשב מלמטה שאין לו מזל מלמעלה שמכה אותו ואומר לו גדל. Even when the flower seems gone, we trust the seed. In dark times, we must hold on—because together, with care and each other, we can nurture life back to bloom.

And bloom we did. I recall joy at KAMII: smiles, singing, laughter, the delight of seeing members return. The energy in our halls is vibrant and welcoming. We are blessed with our fantastic, hard working new Rabbi. Our sanctuary's main hall is complete, and we are delighted to hold the High Holidays there again. Our plaza, which was once unsafe, will soon ring with children's play. Our patio awaits fall evenings around the fire pit. We have won national recognition for our architecture and grants. Every room is alive—or soon will be—with purpose.

On a personal note, my family celebrated our eldest Regev's bar mitzvah. Watching his Jewish identity blossom, hearing his trumpet fill the Chapel—we felt deep pride. Thank you, my community, for surrounding us with love and making this simchah so special.

The joy doubled when relatives from Israel met you, our chosen family here. They were inspired by seeing the inclusiveness and joy we share in Jewish life together.

Next year will bring more milestones. What they all share is community: showing up, having each other's backs, whatever the world brings. We are prepared, because we are together.

Shanah Tovah,

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Executive Director, KAM Isaiah Israel



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To put it lightly, 5785 has not been the best of years. It has felt like a continual string of existential crises for our country, for our people, for the world, and yes, for our community. The future has never seemed more uncertain and a sort of apocalyptic sense humor has become a basic survival skill.

This is exactly the kind of moment for which Jewish community was created.

As a people who has known more than our share of history's harsher challenges, we have a rich set of tools designed for moments like this. From folktales to legal treatises, from synagogue rituals to family recipes and yes, to the music that pours from our souls, our traditions build the resilience and fortitude needed to keep making our way through unstable ground.

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, and the opportunity to begin anew opens up before us, it is a time to remind ourselves of the central values and core beliefs that bind us together and give us the foundation upon which our KAM Isaiah Israel community stands.

We believe in the inherent divinity and right to dignity of all human beings.

We believe in our obligation to protect and preserve the earth.

We believe in the Jewish people as a unique and special part of the human family, and that we are an essential part of that people and its destiny.

We believe in America as the land of opportunity and freedom – even when it fails to live up to those ideals.

We believe in the State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people and a light to the world – even when it fails to live up to the prophetic call for justice.

We believe in Shabbat as a time for gathering, singing, learning, communing, connecting, resting, and recharging.

We believe in our more than 175 years old congregation as a continuing source of inspiration.

We believe in each other. And we need each other.

Whatever 5786 holds for us, I am certain that we will stand stronger because we stand together. Over these 12 years that I have been lucky to serve as your cantor, I have seen our community do amazing things and I believe in us.

L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu – May we all be inscribed for a year of goodness, of strength, and of renewed dedication to all the beliefs we hold most dear.



Cantor David Berger

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Event Descriptions

In addition to our main services on Rosh HaShanah Eve, Day, and Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur Day, we will have the following offerings:

S'lichot - Sept. 13 @ 8:00pm

On the last Shabbat before Rosh HaShanah, we gather together with the Community Chorale to begin the Days of Awe with S'lichot, a special service of penitential prayers and the ritual of dressing our Torah scrolls in their white mantles.

Tashlich and Shofar Sounding - Sept. 23 @ 5:00pm

Join us in Jackson Park (next to MSI parking lot) for casting away our sins with this ancient, embodied tradition. Bring your own bread crumbs (and some to share if you can), and if you have a shofar, bring one of those, too! Rabbi Kirzane will invite people of all ages to do some short personal reflection and then toss their "sins" into the "sea." Kids should feel free to play. Parking will be available at the MSI bus lot next to the Tashlich site, thanks to MSI Griffin and the Park District. Bring your own picnic, join us anytime! Ceremonies with Shofar blowing at 5:15 and 5:45.

Use QR Code for exact location:



Cookies at Rabbi Kirzane's Home - Sept. 24 @ 4:30pm-6:30pm

Join the Kirzane family for an open-house cookie-extravaganza! This is a great time for people of all ages to mingle and celebrate the new year and taste some of the Kirzane Crew's favorite desserts. Meet at 54th and Hyde Park Blvd.

Reverse Tashlich - Sept. 28 @ 1-3pm

KAM Isaiah Israel is proud to join the international environmental stewardship project, "Reverse Tashlich." Each year, Jewish communities around the world clean up their local waterfronts, removing sins from the water, in the form of collecting garbage. We will clean up in Jackson Park on Sunday, September 28, 1-3pm. Meet on the south stairs of the MSI.



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Yom Kippur Afternoon Programs and Services

We hope you'll spend all or a large part of this sacred day with your KAM Isaiah Israel family. We offer a variety of opportunities to learn and pray throughout Yom Kippur. Please note that these times are approximate.

1:00 - **Torah.** Following the morning service, Rabbi Kirzane will offer an interactive teaching called "The Blessing of the Akeidah: Life from Life." *We read the Binding of Isaac on Rosh HaShanah, but the powerful story relates to Yom Kippur as well. We will explore this challenging and troubling text as well as its relevance to the High Holy Days.*

2:00 - **Wellness.** The Wellness Committee will host an opportunity to reflect on the holiday themes in a creative and supportive atmosphere.

3:00 - **Justice.** Professor Rachel Havrelock will host a study session called "Water Justice: The Rebirth of the Great Lakes": *In the present moment of rapid environmental deregulation at the federal level, what can be done on a regional level to protect the Great Lakes? This Yom Kippur dialogue will consider the scope and implications of federal assault on public waters; effective responses at the local and state level; and the growing cross-border call for regional governance of the Great Lakes watershed, the largest source of freshwater on earth.*

4:00 - **Prayer.** Our afternoon service will offer a profound opportunity for personal reflection, musical inspiration, and prayerful confession.

5:00 - **Memory.** Yizkor is a moment of memory and hope as we meditate on the lives of our departed loved ones.

5:45 - **Celebration.** N'ilah and Concluding services are always uplifting and beautiful.

Light Break the Fast on Yom Kippur

Following our concluding service, we will offer a light dairy Break the Fast nosh (snack). Join us for fruit, veggies, pastries and good company in Vick Hall (and in our Patio-weather permitting).

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High Holy Days Guide

Services & Entrances

- Main Services: Sanctuary. Enter from parking lot doors or grand front stairs.
- Family/Tot Services: Chapel. Entry only from parking lot doors.
- Children's Programs: Schoolhouse. Enter through playground entrance.
- Parking: on site very limited. Drop-off at lot ramp or grand stairs, then park on nearby streets or use public transport.
- All adult services will be livestreamed on our website.

Name Tags

- Magnetic tags for all who register by 1 week before Rosh Hashanah.
- Pick up in advance to avoid lines.
- Wearing your tag gives express check-in with security.
- No physical tickets

Security

- Armed guards at parking lot and stairs.
- Bag checks possible—bring only what's necessary.
- See something—say something (greeters, guards and staff are available)
- We understand this may make some members uncomfortable. Please contact the clergy if you have concerns.

Health & Seating

- Anyone with symptoms should stay home and watch online.
- Seating only on the main floor. Balconies are closed—do not go upstairs.
- Seating is first-come, first-serve. First row reserved for mobility needs.
- Mask-mandatory section available.
- Doors stay open for late arrivals—please move quietly down the row.

Climate & Dress

- No AC in sanctuary yet (ComEd installation pending).
- Dress smart casual and comfortable, especially for long services.
- Library has AC and service stream if you need to cool down.

Family Programs

- Erev Holidays: Family service.
- First Day Mornings: Tot service, babysitting during main service, and children's programming for school-age kids.
- Included in membership, but advance registration required.

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Restrooms

- Sanctuary: women's room (2 stalls), men's closed.
- Parking Lot Lobby: women's 2 stalls; men's 1 stall + 2 urinals.
- Schoolhouse: 2–3 stalls each, inclusive, with changing tables.
- Use whichever restroom feels comfortable.

Quiet Space

- Library streams the service and has AC. A place to move or cool down.
- If unwell, please let staff or greeters know.

Coat Check

- Coat room in parking lot entrance.
- Coat rack in sanctuary lobby.

Directions to our Parking Lot

Navigating the closed streets of our neighborhood can be a little tricky with President Obama's home directly across from us.

To find our parking lot, please set your GPS to 5039 S. Greenwood Ave, 60615. (Enter at the corner of Greenwood and 50th St.)

From Lake Shore Drive, take the 47th Street / Kenwood Exit. Continue straight under the Metra overpass onto E 47th Street. At the stop sign, turn left onto S Greenwood Ave. Continue travelling south on S Greenwood until you get to the intersection at 50th Street.



In front of you is a jersey barrier with Do Not Enter, Presidential Parking Only signs. **You can drive through** the barriers and our parking lot is one block down to the left. Please park in the lot and buzz for entry under the covered awning.

SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH



Sukkah Building

Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 10:00am-done

Roll up your sleeves and join the community as we raise our sukkah for Sukkot! We'll have snacks and activities for all ages (those paper chains won't link themselves). Whether you're handy with a hammer or just here for the fun, there's a job for everyone.

Come build, eat, and celebrate together!

RSVP



Hillel & KAMII Annual Concert in Memory of October 7

Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 7:00pm at Rockefeller Chapel

Sukkot Festival Service & BYO Lunch

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 @ 10:15am | Lunch 12:00pm

Celebrate Sukkot with prayer, gratitude, and reflection and bring your own lunch.

Sacred Aging Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Rabbi Kirzane leads a study of Kohelet on wisdom and aging. Bring your own lunch.

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Pizza in the Hut & Shabbat

Friday, Oct. 10 @ 6:30pm | Services 7:30pm

Pizza in the Hut Dinner followed by Shabbat Services

Shabbat Torah Study & Service in the Sukkah

Saturday, Oct. 11 - Torah Study 9:00am | Service 10:15am

Lively study and poetic prayer for the holiday

Erev Simchat Torah

Monday, Oct. 13 @ 7:30pm

Dance, sing, and rejoice as the roll the Torah from end to beginning.

Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Tuesday, Oct. 14 @ 10:15 am

Service with Hallel, Yizkor, and prayers for rain.

Torah Fest & Consecration

Friday, Oct. 17 - Celebration and Dinner 5:45PM

We sing, we dance, we surround ourselves with Torah! Join us for the unforgettable unscrolling of the Torah, where we all have a chance to hold the sacred scroll and read from its beginning and end. We will celebrate our newest Shoresh students, offering them a Consecration blessing, and we will enjoy a delicious meal together as we close out the High Holy Day season.

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Rededication of the Historic Sanctuary – December 14, 2025

Congregational Winter Retreat – February 20–22, 2026

Spring Fun-raiser – April 25, 2026

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program – Year-long, beginning October 2025

All Jewish adults count as b'nai mitzvah – but not all Jewish adults have had the opportunity to celebrate and honor that status with a special service. And even those who did have b'nai mitzvah services as children may wish to recommit to Jewish life and learning through celebrating again as adults.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah at KAM Isaiah Israel involves two components. Those who complete both components will participate in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah service on June 20, 2026.

This program is open to members of KAM Isaiah Israel. The fee is \$180 (scholarships available).

Ready to register?

Use the QR Code

Want more information?

Email the Rabbi



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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is our congregation's tradition for honoring departed relatives, friends, and members. Each Yom Kippur, we turn to it during Yizkor, recalling loved ones who have died recently or in past years. The book also lists those memorialized on plaques in our Sanctuary and those remembered through dedicated rooms.

This year, the Book of Remembrance will be available both online and in print for those attending the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon. If you cannot attend in person but would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

To include names of your loved ones, please complete the form on the next page and return it to us by Monday, September 22, 2025 for inclusion in the final printing:

KAM Isaiah Israel
5039 South Greenwood Ave
Chicago, IL 60615

For your convenience, the form is also available online:
<https://kamii.easyshul.com/form/68a39691e59ea39026f08b8f>



Looking ahead, we are preparing to introduce a digital Yahrzeit memorial platform. Soon, families will be able to create personalized online memory pages for loved ones—complete with stories, photos, and tributes—ensuring that their legacies are honored and shared across generations. These memorials will be viewable both in our Temple and on our website, allowing friends and family near and far to join in remembrance.

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In memory of:

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Check here if you would like to keep the information as you included in last year's book of remembrance.

OR

Print all name(s) of departed to be included in this year's book: _____

REMEMBERED BY: _____

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

In our congregation, it is customary, though not required, to contribute \$25 per name listed in the Book of Remembrance and add a memo for what it is for

PAYMENT TYPE (circle):

Bill My Account Check (enclosed) Credit Card (below) Zelle us: info@kamii.org

Credit Card Payment (requires 2.5% processing fee)

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____

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