

Shabbat Shalom

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WELCOME

We welcome you and your interest in Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation (House of Peace for the Children of the Ancient Ethiopian Hebrews). As stated in Psalm 133:1, *“how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”*

We are truly blessed by your presence and welcome the opportunity to share our love of the Most High G-d with you. Your experience today will probably be very different from most services you have attended. We hope this information will explain our beliefs and mode of worship. As G-d stated in Isaiah 56:7... *“for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”* Again, we welcome you and pray that you will enjoy our service as much as we do.

Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation (Beth Shalom) is the oldest Temple in the Chicago area serving the Israelite Community. It was established as the Ethiopian Hebrew Association in 1918, by Rabbi Horace Hasan. In 1920, Rabbi David Lasarus and Rabbi Caino Stirson, came to the Chicago area from New York and later joined forces with Rabbi Hasan. In 1923 our beloved Senior Rabbi Abihu Ben Reuben, (may G-D bless his memory) joined this congregation, which was located at 1850 West Lake Street. In the 1930s and 1940s, the leadership of the Ethiopian Hebrew community was firmly in the hands of Rabbi Abihu Ben Reuben, Rabbi Lazarus, and Rabbi Louis Green. Rabbis Reuben and Lazarus studied with Chief Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew, at the Commandment Keepers Congregation in New York City, and were ordained rabbis by Chief Rabbi Matthew. Rabbi Louis Green received his Masters of Science in Jewish Studies from the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1952, Chief Rabbi Wentworth A Matthew came to Chicago to oversee the opening of a new Temple to serve the Ethiopian Hebrew Community. In 1984, the Congregation of Ethiopian Hebrews and Beth Shalom Hebrew Congregation merged to form Beth Shalom Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation. Rabbis Abihu Ben Reuben and Capers C. Funnye, Jr., served the congregation as senior and assistant rabbis. In 1993, Beth Shalom merged with the Congregation of B'nai Zaken, to form Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, with Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. as Rabbi.

Beth Shalom is an affiliate congregation of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis Inc. and fully embraces the ideals of Resolution 801A which was passed by the Board in 1981. It affirms the brotherhood of all people who worship the G-D of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob without regard to tradition or terminology (for example: Black Jews', Hebrews, Israelites, Jews, etc.) However, when among us, visitors are obliged to respect the customs and traditions followed by members.



Tidbit: Hol Hamoed Passover Day 5
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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy ways, that I might know Thee, to the end that I may find grace in Thy sight; and consider that this nation is Thy people.” (Exodus 33:13)

After Israel had danced before the Golden Calf, and the Tables of the Law lay shattered at the foot of Sinai, Moses again ascended the mountain, and prostrated himself in prayer before G-d. After forty days, he returns unto Israel, when, in addition two new Tables of the Law, he brings a Heavenly commentary on that Law, the thirteen attributes of the Divine Nature, **שלוש עשרה מדות**, each a synonym, of the everlasting mercy of G-d

G-d’s grace and mercy are everlasting. **חסד ורחמים**, know there fore that even today His grace and mercy is still with us.

Hol Hamoed Passover, and Shabbat Shalom

SHABBAT SHALOM

Hol Hamoed Passover Day 5

5th Day of the Omer

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 – 34:26 (page 362)

Haftorah Sephardi Ritual : Ezekiel 37:1 - 14 (page 1015)

WEEKLY SERVICE

Saturday: Shacharit (Morning) Service	10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
Minchah (Evening) Service	3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Gift Shop (Tue & Thurs.)	12:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M.

PRAYER LIST:

Mahalia Koroma, Gracille Moore, Jeff Zemel, Ziere Dickerson, Richard Smith,
Phyllis Hawthorne, Carla Williams, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Darlene Harris,
Dwayne Hickman, Carol Baskin, Cohen Abdi Levi, James Brown, George Tillman,
Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Segleah Crawford, John Sims, Jerry Clay,
Naiyah Yehudah

Yahrzeit

Bernice Farris

(aunt of Rabbinit Mary Funnye)

Brack Green

(brother of Sister Mahalia Koroma)

James "Yaacov" Reese

(father of Sister Batsheva Ross)

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

April 21, 2007 - White parents in Turner County, Georgia, protested a high school's decision to hold its first racially integrated prom.

April 22, 1993 - Cesar Chavez, the leader of the United Farm Workers, died in his sleep. A week later, a crowd of 35,000 gathered together to form a funeral procession.

April 23, 1966 - Graphic artist Javier Hernandez was born. His comic book character, El Muerto, became the subject of an award winning film of the same name in 2007.

April 24, 1944 - The United Negro College Fund founded. The UNCF is the oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization in the United States.

April 25, 1950 - Charles "Chuck" Cooper becomes the first African American drafted by an NBA team (the Boston Celtics.)

April 26, 1966 - Mexican American Leaders promised militant action on a national scale until the federal government take immediately action to provide Mexican Americans with equal educational and employment rights.

April 27, 1899 - Black community leader Mitchell Daniel was lynched in Georgia for "talking too much" about the recent lynching of another Black man, Sam Hose.

****** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ******

**Monday, April 29th - Seventh Day of Unleavened Bread
Service @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) Every 1st Shabbat of
the month from 9:15 - 10:15**

Looking forward to seeing you on May 4, 2024.

**Sisterhood Appreciation Brunch
Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE
Brotherhood Appreciation June 30, 2024**

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MARCHING TO ZION

By Isaac Watts

Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
Join in a song of sweet accord, join in a song of sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Chorus

We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion,
That beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing, Who never knew our God,
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

Chorus

The hills of Zion yield, a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Chorus

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry,
We're marching thru Yahowah's ground,
We're marching thru Yahowah's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Chorus

“LIFT EVERY VOICE”
By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Michael Bridge, Cassandra Butler,
Theo Dickerson, IV,
Simona Funnye-Dickerson,
Chief Rabbi Funnye, Jr.,
Marnina Grier, David Whitfield, Sr.,
Ellen Zemel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Tia Whitfield