

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: Emor

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“And Hashem said to Moses speak unto the Kohanim, the sons of Aharon, and say unto them, none shall make himself unclean through contact with the dead.” (Levit. 21:1)

The Kohanim were admonished not to come in contact with the dead, since this would render them unfit to perform the avodah. This rule was relaxed only in situations which involved close relatives. Chazal explains the redundancy of the word **אמר ואמרת** by stating that it was a special directive to the Kohanim that the adults must instruct the young. It seems enigmatic that the Torah places emphasis upon teaching the young, specifically discussing contact with the dead.

We suggest that there is a special message to be gleaned from this pasuk. During moments of personal grief, one tends to become absorbed with the loss he has sustained. This proclivity is recognized by the Torah. Human weaknesses and personal sentiments often take over our entire perspective on life during moments in which we confront human morality. We may be inclined, however, to forget about the living during such times of emotional stress. We may become less focused upon the children and deprive them of adult supervision, while we attend to our own immediate needs.

We have a propensity to be so involved in burying the dead that we neglect to maintain control over the living. We tend to say “Kaddish” for the deceased and neglect to say “Kiddush” for the living. We spend money for monuments, rather than on education of the young children. We must never fall victim to the clutches of depressive reactivity. Our devotion to Torah should highlight our commitment to provide for the future.

Therefore, I write a personal pasuk: We Jews of African descent, live in a society in which many of our relatives and remarkable close friends, have their funerals on Saturday. I therefore, decree, that if one has a funeral on Saturday to attend, he/she is encouraged to devote time the funeral of a close relative or friend on the Shabbat!

SHABBAT SHALOM

Emor

25th Day of the Omer

Torah Reading: Levit. 21:1 – 24:23 (page 513)

Haftorah Sephardi Ritual : Ezekiel 44:15 - 31 (page 528)

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., Dwayne Hickman,
Carol Baskin, Cohen Abdi Levi, James Brown, George Tillman,
Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, John Sims, Jerry Clay, Naiyah Yehudah,

Yahrzeit

Lander Buie, Sr

(father of Elder Moshe Buie)

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

May 12, 1968 - Thousands of people joined the Poor People's March in Washington, D.C. to call for better treatment of the poor. Martin Luther King, Jr. planned the march before his death. Many Latinos from around the country participated including Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta.

May 13, 1947 - Operation Bootstrap began as a way to shift the Puerto Rican economy from dependence on low-paying agricultural jobs, to dependence on high-paying industrial jobs.

May 14, 1936 - Carlos Garcia, a mechanical engineer who helped test spacecraft materials for the NASA was born in New Mexico.

May 15, 1970 - Police shot and killed two unarmed Black student protestors at Jackson State College.

May 16, 1956 - White residents in Delray Beach, Florida, burned a cross and stockpile weapons to maintain racial segregation of a public beach.

May 17, 1954 - In *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools violated the Constitution, sparking massive white resistance and violence.

May 18, 1896 - The Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson* announced doctrine of "separate by equal" and upheld state-mandated racial segregation as long as accommodations were equal.

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you on June 1, 2024.

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Michaelangelo Eldridge

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David McCollough Jr.

Jonhy O'Reily

Naomi-Ruth Torres

Deja Wesley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Rabbi & Rabbinit Funnye

David & Gale Whitfield