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SHABBAT SHALOM

April 11, 2026

24th Nisan 5786

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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.

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



Tidbit: Shemini
24th Nisan 5786: – April 11, 2026
9th Day of the Omer
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

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.

“And it was on the eighth day, Moses summoned Aaron and his sons.” Levit: 9: 1

Harav E. Munk, z.l., poignantly explains the significance of that glorious day the eighth of the inauguration services. It was Rosh Chodesh Nisan, the day the Mishkan was erected, a day crowned with ten crowns of distinction. On this particular day, Klal Yisrael was to attain an unprecedented level of communication with the Divine Presence. Moses, however, knew that this exalted state of intimacy would require strict discipline from every member of the nation, especially its leadership. The slightest act of desecration would be punished, even if it were committed by those who were closets to Hashem. The Mishkan would be consecrated by a public manifestation of Divine Glory.

Moses prepared for this moment by taking all necessary precautions. Indeed, the Midrash states that Aaron and his sons were sequestered in their quarters for seven days. This was a time for meditation and contemplation. In effect, a ritual parallel to the seven-day shiva mourning period was observed prior to the death of Nadav and Avihu. Induction into leadership requires concentrated deliberation about its awesome responsibilities. These seven days, a mélange of joy and sadness, were to drive home the awesomeness of their next undertaking.

Shabbat Shalom

SHABBAT SHALOM

Shemini

9th Day of the Omer

Torah Reading: Lev. 9:1 - 11:47 (page 443)

Haftorah: (Sephardi Ritual) II Samuel: 6:1 - 19 (page 454)

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:

May the Most High bless those in need of prayer and healing and swiftly send them a complete renewal of body and spirit.

Paul Reynolds, Cohen Abdi Levi, Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Rudy Jackson, Richard Smith, Chief Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr., Gerard Thomas, Earl Watson, Willie Webb, Law John Starks, Darrell Jackson, Zaken Dahn Ben Judah, Harold Johnson, Benyamin Maccabee, Kerry Harrell, Rudi Simons, Richard Wong, Michael Harrell, Elder Michael Thompson, Michael Cooper, Willie Miller, Zaken David Harris

Mahalia Koroma, Naiyah Yehudah, Christine Hickman, Tonya Horton, Patricia Barnett, Dayanie Norris, Mary Dickerson, Tanya Wilson, V. Gale Harris, Joslyn James, Marie Jackson, Barbara Scott, Alyce Sardin, Ann Johnson, Shulamite Bat Sarah, Eunice Hale, Toni Miller, Zakenah Gale Whitfield, Belinda Minor, Niniece White

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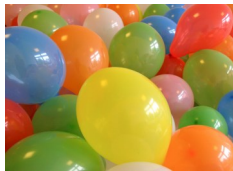
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

April 5, 1951 - The Municipal Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., outlawed segregation in restaurants, a major victory for civil rights in the nation's capital.

April 6, 1917 - The United States entered the World War I. Many Mexican Americans served in the U.S. armed forces during the war.

April 7, 1940 - Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be honored on a U.S. postage stamp.

April 8, 1975 - Frank Robinson became the first African American to manage a Major League Baseball team.

April 9, 1957 - Joseph M. Montoya, a Democrat from New Mexico, was elected to the 85th Congress by special election to fill the unexpired term of Antonio M. Fernandez, who died unexpectedly.

April 10, 1971 - Dolores Huerta, cofounder of the United Farm Workers was born on this day. Huerta was a skilled negotiator and lobbyist who directed the UFW boycotts in the 1960s to protest the treatment of farmworkers.

April 11, 1968 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Fair Housing Act) into law, prohibiting discrimination in housing, as detailed in the Indianapolis Recorder.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of March

1pm - 3 pm

Sunday, April 12th

Friday, April 17th & Sunday, April 19th

Friday, April 24th & Sunday, April 26th

**Volunteers are needed, please see
Rabbinit Mary Funnye to sign up.**

Sister Segleah is looking for people to volunteer to help clean the chairs in the sanctuary. Date is to be determined.

Sisterhood Shabbat

May 30, 2026

Please see Angela Parker to be assigned a prayer or Aaliyah. We would like for all of the sisters to participate.

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Haftorah Reading

Shemini

II Samuel: 6:1 - 19

Morgan Funnye will be leading the blessings and the reading of the Haftorah and giving a brief synopsis.

Visiting information for Bruce Carey

Dahn Ben Judah is currently rehabbing at a friends' home. He is taking phone calls, you can reach him at 773/707-7673

*******ATTENTION*******

Children are not allowed in the library unless they are accompanied by an adult!!