

Shabbat Shalom

April 13, 2024

5th Nisan/Aviv 5784



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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: Tazria

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh an intensely white spot, or one nearly so, or a shiny white one...then he shall be brought to the Kohen.” (Levit 13:2)

The Netiv, z.l., cites the Zohar, which states that the word “adam” refers to one who is dignified and respected. This statement seems enigmatic. Tzara’at is an affliction visited upon one who has spoken lashon hara and slandered others. Indeed, Chazal say that the word “Torah” is written five times regarding tzara’at, to teach that one who speaks lashon hora transgresses the five chumashim - or the entire Torah! Why then would the Torah refer to this person as an “adam chashuv?”

Harav Nissan Alpert, z.l., suggests the following resolution to this question. The Talmud provides great detail describing the causes of tzara’at in man, clothing, and the home. The Torah, however, hardly alludes to its etiology. This seems puzzling. Should not the Torah have emphasized the root of the sin, so that man would refrain from the dysfunctional forms of behavior which precipitate tzara’at? It is even more striking that the sin of lashon hora is not mentioned until Parashat Kedoshim!

The greatness of a man is apparently not assessed by whether or not he is plagued with tzara’at. Man’s stature is commensurate with his ability to learn from his mistakes and to do whatever he can do to rectify his wrongdoing. One who studies proficiently, but does not change his baneful middot, achieves nothing. An “adam”, man, is esteemed if, when he is stricken with a plague in his body, goes to the Kohen for guidance. One who subdues his ego and goes to the spiritual mentor of B’nai Yisrael, the Kohen, manifests his own respectability. A person’s response to punishment is the determining factor of its efficiency.

Learn to be humble!

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Tazria

Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59 (page 460)

Haftorah : II Kings 4:42 - 5:19 (page 466)

WEEKLY SERVICE

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| 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

Yahrzeit

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

April 7, 1940 - Booker T. Washington was the first Black to be honored on a postage stamp.

April 8, 1911 - Banner Mine near Birmingham, Alabama, explodes, killing 128 people, nearly all of whom were Black men leased to the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company as convict laborers.

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 caused by the death of Antonio M. Fernandez.

April 10, 1956 - Four white men attacked Black singer Nat King Cole while he was performing for an all white audience in Birmingham, Alabama.

April 11, 1913 - President Woodrow Wilson's cabinet implemented a government wide segregation policy in workplaces, restrooms, and lunchrooms.

April 12, 2002 - Musician Trinidad Lopez, was inducted in the Las Vegas Casino Legends Hall of Fame. Lopez, who grew up in the barrios of Dallas, sold over 100 million albums.

April 13, 1931 - Martha Bernal, the first woman of Mexican ancestry to earn a PhD in clinical psychology in the United States, was born in San Antonio, Texas.

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

Passover Provision Pick Up

Sunday, April 14, 2024

1 - 3 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

Please bring your own bags!!!

BETH SHALOM'S PASSOVER SEDER

Monday, April 22, 2024 @7:00 P.M.

Fees for 2024 Seder: Members

\$25.00 - Individual

**\$50.00 - Family of 4 or less -- \$10 each additional person
(Ages 12 and over)**

Fees for Non-members

\$35 - Individual

**\$75.00 Family of 4 of less -- \$10.00 for each additional person
(Ages 12 and over)**

See Rabbinit Miriam Funnye for sign up forms

***** Please be advised, if your family member is not a member of Beth Shalom, they must pay the Non-Member fee!*****

**Tuesday, April 23rd - First Day of Unleavened Bread Service
@ 10:30 a.m.**

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

****** 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 May 4, 2024.

Sisterhood Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Brotherhood Appreciation June 30, 2024

**Please see Dinah Judah-Peterson if you are willing to be on
the committee to update the congregation's Bylaws.**

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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.



Happy
Birthday



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Tia Whitfield