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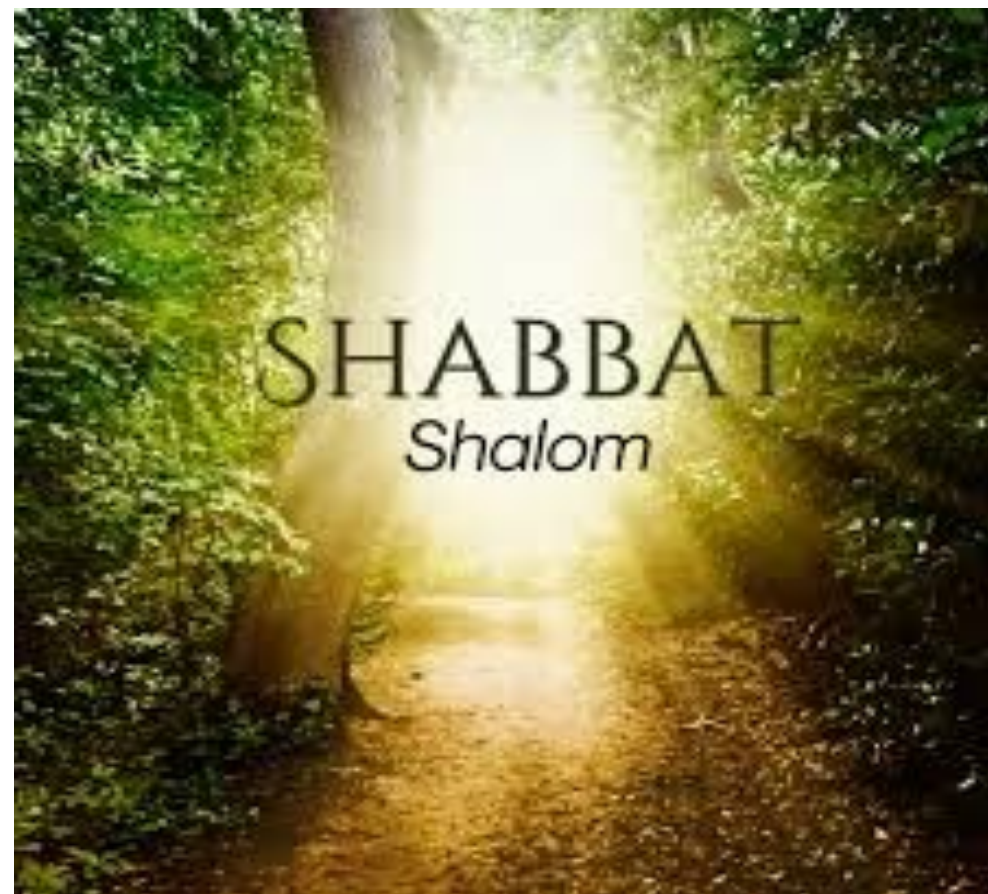
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WELCOME

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: Ahare Mot/Kedoshim
8 Iyar 5786: – April 25, 2026
23rd 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.

This is one of the parashiyot whose name and opening words set the tone for all that follows. “After the death of the two sons of Aaron,” we are drawn to confront our own mortality and to reflect on the direction of our lives, for the text proceeds by describing the Yom Kippur rituals of cleansing, self-scrutiny, and self-renewal. The rituals of the Day of Atonement are presented here rather than in the listing of holidays in Levit. 23, because their focus is not so much the public observance of Yom Kippur. Their focus is the priestly responsibility to cleanse and purify the sanctuary so that it will be a fit place for the atonement rituals. [Aharei Mot is read in the Spring, six months before and after Yom Kippur, as if to suggest that any season is an appropriate time for self-scrutiny and atonement.]

Kedoshim

This parashah, one of the richest and most exalted in the Torah, begins with the words “you shall be holy” (Kedoshim tiyu). What is holiness? The term can be applied to G-d, to good people, to a book, to a period of time, or to an animal offered as a sacrifice. To be holy is to be different, to be set apart from the ordinary. “Ordinary” (hol) is often used as the opposite of “holy” in rabbinic discourse. To be holy is to rise to partake in some measure of the qualities of G-d, the source of holiness. Holiness is the highest level of human behavior; humans begin at their most Godlike. Hirsch defines holiness as occurring “when a morally free human being has complete dominion over one’s own energies and inclinations and the temptations associated with them, and places them at the service of G-d’s will.” For Martin Buber, holiness is found not in rising above the level of one’s neighbors but in relationships, in human beings recognizing the latent divinity in other people, even as G-d recognizes the in each of us. G-d can make things holy, as in the case of Shabbat (Gen.2:3). As human beings, we can be Godlike by exercising our power to sanctify moments and objects in our lives.

Shabbat Shalom

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Ahare Mot/Kedoshim

23rd Day of the Omer

Torah Reading: Lev. 16:1 - 20:27 (page 480)

Haftorah: (Sephardi Ritual) Ezekiel 20:2 - 20 (page 511)

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, Rudi Simons, Richard Wong, Michael Harrell, Elder Michael Thompson, Michael Cooper, Willie Miller, Zaken David Harris

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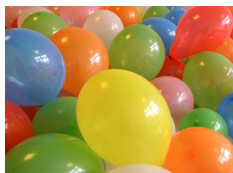
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

April 19, 1949 - Baseball player Saturinin Orestes Armas Minosi, breaks the color line for Latino ballplayers in Major League Baseball when he played his first game for the Cleveland Indians.

April 20, 1944 - The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was incorporated to support scholarships for Black students, following a proposal by Tuskegee Institute President Frederick Patterson.

April 21, 1966 - Pfc. Olive was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military honor, by President Lyndon B. Johnson for saving four fellow soldiers by falling on a grenade in Vietnam.

April 22, 1970 - Chicano residents of Barrio Logan in San Diego began to occupy the Coronado Bridge underpass. The Logan Heights neighborhood, heavily Mexican Americans, had been disrupted when the city changed the zoning from residential to industrial.

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

April 24, 1919 - David Harold Blackwell, a pioneering statistician and mathematician, was born. He was the first Black member inducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

April 25, 1950 - The Boston Celtics drafted Chuck Cooper, making him the first African American drafted by an NBA team.

****** 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 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.

Haftorah Reading
Ezekiel: 20:2 - 20

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

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

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!!

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.