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SHABBAT SHALOM

April 4, 2026

17th 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: Passover: Intermediate Shabbat
17th Nisan 5786: 1st L'omer – April 4, 2026
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 Moses said unto the Lord: ‘See, Thou sayest unto me: Bring up this people; and Thou has not let me know whom Thou will send with me. Yet Thou has said: I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight. Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy ways, that I may know Thee, to the end that I may find grace in Thy sight; and consider that this nation is thy people.’”

In this parasha, Moses has reached a point from which he cannot go any further, without knowing the Eternal One is with him. The man of G-d wants to know that Hashem is with him. Moses is just like any of us when we allow doubt to enter our thoughts. At times we all need to feel Hashem’s presence. It’s a very strong feeling that seems to wrap us in a blanket made by G-d Himself!

I believe that in our search for G-d, there is an absolute need for us to look within ourselves. You may have to go deeper inside than you ever have before to hear the voice of G-d. But, don’t let anything turn you away from your search!

Shabbat Shalom

SHABBAT SHALOM

Passover: Intermediate Shabbat

Torah Reading: Exodus. 33:12 - 34:26 (page 363)

Additional Reading: Num. 29:19 - 25 (page 701)

Haftorah: (Sephardi Ritual) Ezekiel: 37:1 - 14 (page 1005)

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

Yarzeit

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(mother of Chayil Israel)

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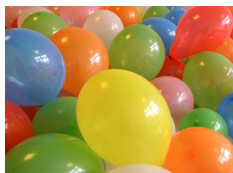
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

March 29, 1898 - William J. Ballow was an American inventor who patented a "combined hat rack and table" on March 29, 1898 (Patent No. 601,422). The invention was designed to serve as both a functional, stylish hat rack and a foldable table for spaces, highlighting early 20th-century multifunctional furniture.

March 30, 1870 - The ratification of the 15th Amendment secured voting rights for all male U.S.

March 31, 1948 - A. Phillip Randolph told Senate Armed Services Committee that unless segregation and discrimination were banned in draft programs he would urge Black youths to resist induction by civil disobedience.

April 1, 1977 - Mari-Luci Jaramillo was asked to become the U.S. ambassador to Honduras. She was an education professor at the University of New Mexico.

April 2, 1984 - Coach John Thompson of Georgetown University becomes the first Black coach to win the NCAA basketball tournament.

April 3, 1971 - Las Hermanas formed when 50 women, mostly Mexican American, meet in Houston, Texas to discuss and pray about the implications of the Chicano movement for the Catholic Church.

April 4, 1993 - Astronaut Ellen Ochoa makes the first of her four flights into space.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of March

1pm - 3 pm

Friday, April 10th & 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.

SERVICE FOR THE DAYS OF UNLEAVEND BREAD

7th day of Unleavened Bread Service is

Wednesday, April 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

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Haftorah Reading

Passover Intermediate Shabbat

Ezekiel: 37:1 - 14

**Levi Torres 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!!**