



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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SHABBAT SHALOM

August 2, 2025

8th Av 5785



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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.

“ 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.

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



Tidbit: Devarim
8th Av 5785 – August 2, 2025
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

**“May He make you so many more like you a thousand times, and may
He bless you as He has promised you.”**

Just as Moshe Rabbeinu was on the verge of leaving Am Yisrael, he offered up a tefillah, prayer, that the nation be blessed with amazing future growth. He adds one word, however, which sheds light on the Torah's perspective upon Jewish survival. Moshe says, “May He make you so many more like you.” The true blessing is that the future generations are “like you,” following in the traditional path paved by their ancestors with blood, sweat, and tears.

In order to insure that the Jewish children of today and tomorrow serve as links in the chain of tradition, it is essential that they be imbued with the values of yesterday. Every incident which has occurred throughout our history, sad as well as joyous events, must become part of our children's personal “experience.” They must be sensitized to our past, so that their future will reflect our heritage.

In contemporary times, we find many individuals who are searching for a common ground upon which to interface the lifestyle of the old traditional grandfather with that of his modern day grandchild. Alas, they have very little in common, unless the child was raised with ככח, “like you,” in mind. Many have been blessed with abundance, but Jewish survival is subject to another criteria, ככח, “like you.” Today's blessing must coincide with the pattern of yesterday's values.

We are a community that seeks to continue our synagogue motto, “continuing our faith from generation to generation”.

Shabbat Shalom

SHABBAT SHALOM

DEVARIM

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy: 1:1 - 3:22 (page 736)

Haftorah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27 (page 750)

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:

Paul Reynolds, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi,
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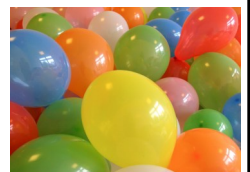
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Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of August
1 pm - 3 pm

Friday, August 8th & Sunday, August 10th
Friday, August 15th & Sunday, August 17th
Friday, August 22nd & Sunday, August 24th
Friday, August 29th & Sunday, August 31st

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

NASHE OR SISTERHOOD MEETING

Sunday, August 10, 2025

@ 3:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at Beth Shalom, there will also be a
zoom link available for those who can't attend

Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) the last Shabbat of
the month for Family & Friends Day from 9:30 - 10:30

Looking forward to seeing you on August 30, 2025.

***Donations will be appreciated. ***

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



Beth Shalom's Family and Friends Day
August 30, 2025

T-shirts \$20 each up to size 4x

Children's T-shirts are \$15

Please see Brother Barney to purchase a shirt.

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TO THE 2025 GRADUATES

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