



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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SHABBAT SHALOM

August 23, 2025

29th 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: Re'eh
29th Av 5785 – August 23, 2025
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“Behold I set before you today a blessing and a curse.” (Deut.11:26)

This phrase is usually interpreted as, “I put before you two things, a blessing and a curse, of which you must choose one.” This translation emphasizes two distinct paths which are available to man: the path of good which leads to life and the path of evil which leads to the contrary.

Harav M. Swift, z.l. offers another interpretation for this pasuk. He renders “blessing and a curse” literally as being one unit. Every blessing carries within it the potential that through misapplication will be transformed into a curse. People who have been endowed with wealth may shower this blessing upon their children in various ways, only to discover that this blessing upon the child has been the source of the child’s failure in life. This same fortune spoiled them and led them astray. How many fortunes have destroyed marriages and families? An abused blessing thus contains the ingredients of a curse. The converse also holds true. Sometimes that which seems to be a curse can be transformed into a blessing.

Harav Swift explains that this idea is expressed during our Rosh Chodesh bentchen prayers. We ask for “a life in which the wishes of our hearts will be filled for (the) good.” What is the meaning of adding expression “for (the) good”? Does anyone desire something that is not good? Unfortunately, some things, although they may seem fine in our eyes, are not “viewed” by Hashem in the same positive light. Hashem knows what is truly “good” for us. We, therefore, entreat Him to grant us the “good” which only He knows is truly beneficial for us.

All things, and everything is in the hands of Hashem!

Shabbat Shalom

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RE'EH

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy: 11:26 - 16:17 (page 799)

Haftorah: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5 (page 818)

Preceding Rosh Hodesh: I Samuel: 20:16-42 (page 948)

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:

Paul Reynolds, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi,
Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Rudy Jackson, Richard Smith,
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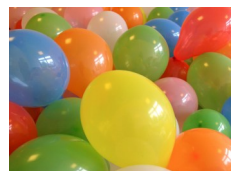
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**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of August

1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, August 24th

Friday, August 29th & Sunday, August 31st

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

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. ***

SAVE THE DATE

October 24-26

Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken E.H.C. 107th Anniversary

Stay Tuned - Details to Come!

\$50 per person

"It takes a team to create success! Can you please join the team and help us make this year's celebration phenomenal!"

Volunteers are needed for the anniversary weekend we need help with set up, clean up, and serving.

Please see Jackie Baldwin to sign up.

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



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

**If you haven't turned in your money for your shirts
please see Raymond Barney!**

**There will be a rehearsal with all of the children for youth
shabbat services on, Saturday, August 23rd immediately
after oneg.**

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

**NASHE OR SISTERHOOD is sponsoring
"Wrapped in Warmth Coat Drive"**

Got extra, GENTLY USED coats?
**Please drop off CLEANED coats here at the tem-
ple from now until Sept 21st.**
Ask your friends and family to donate too!
Every coat donated will bless someone in need!

ATTENTION

**Parents please accompany your children to the
bathroom. They are not to go in there alone any-
more.**