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August 8, 2026

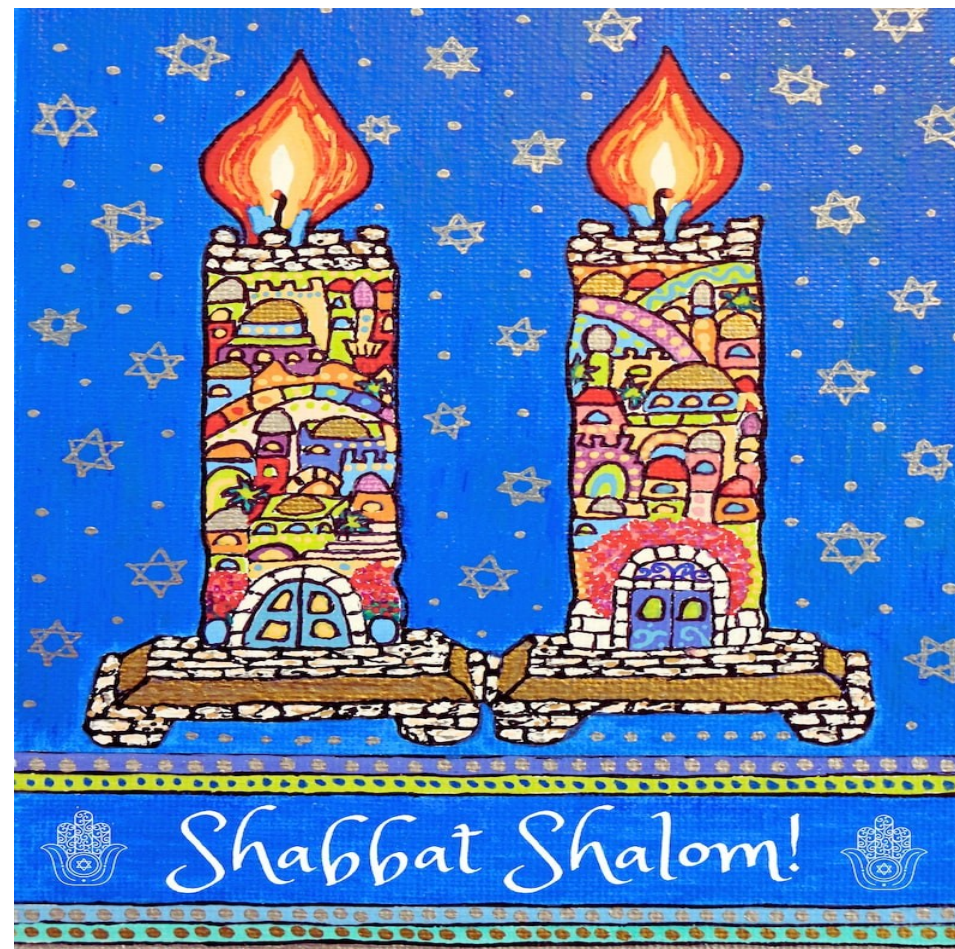
25 AV 5786

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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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

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.



Tidbit: Re'Eh
25 Av 5786: – August 8, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

This parashah emphasizes the concept of a central sanctuary in a place to be designated by G-D, to serve as the only legitimate site for sacrificial offerings and corporate worship. The Torah seems to fear if the Israelites take over the holy places where the Canaanites worshiped, some of the residual paganism may cling to those sites and influence of Israelite worship.

Re'eh (See), this day I set before you blessing and curse; we have learned that different people absorb information in different ways-some by seeing, some by hearing, some by touching. Those Israelites who were not persuaded by hearing G-D's commandments at Sinai, or by hearing Moses' exhortations, are asked to see the difference that following G-D's ways can make in one's life. The distinguishing characteristic of human beings, setting us apart from other animals, is our ability to choose the values by which we live. Other animals are driven by instinct. The Torah repeatedly affirms that humans have the potential to control instinct. At our best, we are greater than the angels, who do not have to overcome temptation and apathy. At our worst, we are less than beasts. Their destructiveness is part of their nature; human cruelty is the result of choice.

Let us all chose the path of righteousness and honor.

Shabbat Shalom

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RE'EH

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

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

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,
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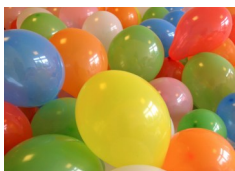
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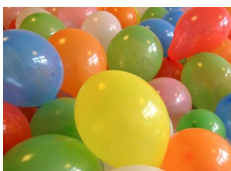
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO

August 2, 1924 - The legendary novelist, essayist, and playwright, James Baldwin, was born in Harlem, New York. His piercing works—such as *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and *The Fire Next Time*—profoundly shaped American literature and the Civil Rights Movement

August 3, 1933 - Mexicans provided much of the labor for the low-paying cigar-making industry in San Antonio, Texas. On the date women workers walked out of the Finck Cigar Company to protest unfair wages.

August 4, 1936 - Jesse Owens secured his second gold medal in the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics.

August 5, 2002 - Richard H. Carmona was sworn in as the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, he was the 2nd Latino to hold this post.

August 6, 2009 - The U.S. Supreme confirms the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

August 7, 1970 - Jonathan Peter Jackson (aged 17) led an armed action at the Marin County Courthouse to demand freedom for the Soledad Brothers. The tragic shootout resulted in deaths that are heavily commemorated during the roots of Black August.

August 8, 1863 - Future U.S. President Andrew Johnson freed the people he held in bondage at his Greeneville plantation on August 8, 1863, because the Emancipation Proclamation did not legally apply to Union-controlled Tennessee at the time.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

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

Friday, August 14th
Sunday, August 16th & Friday, August, 21st
Sunday, August 23rd & Friday, August 28th

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

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!!

Youth Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Please see Angela Parker if you would like for your
child to participate.

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

Rosh Hashanah Provision Pickup

Sunday, August 30, 2026

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Please bring your own bags.

*****We do not have any room to store any extra
food we are giving all of the food away. If you can't
make it please have someone pick up your provi-
sions.*****

HOLY DAYS 2026

Rosh Hashanah	Saturday, Sept. 12th @10:30
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	Sunday, Sept. 20th @ 7:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Monday, Sept. 21st @10:30 a.m.
Sukkot	Saturday, Sept. 26th @10:30 a.m.
Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	Saturday, Oct. 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

October 23 - 25

**Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken E.H.C. 108th Anniversary
Stay Tuned - Details to Come!**