



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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## SHABBAT SHALOM

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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: Vayishlah**  
**16th Kislev 5786 – December 6, 2025**  
**Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh**

“And he rose that night and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven children.” (Gen. 32:23)

Rashi cites Midrash that questions Dinah's whereabouts. He explains that Yaakov, fearing Eisav's desire for Dinah, hid her in a chest to prevent Eisav from seeing her. For denying Eisav this opportunity, Hashem punished Yaakov by causing Dinah to fall into the hands of Shechem. As the Midrash states, Hashem reprimanded Yaakov, saying; “You prevented the possibility of a kindness to your brother; an enemy will instead take her. You denied her marriage to one who is circumcised; she will instead marry an uncircumcised infidel. You refused her marriage in a permitted fashion; she will be married in a forbidden matter.”

Harav Yerucham Levoitz, z.l., comments on this Midrash, asking where Yaakov's sin lies? He followed the prescribed Halacha, which compares giving one's daughter in marriage to a man who is ignorant to one who ties her up and places her before a lion! (*Perachim 49b*) Was it appropriate for Yaakov to have been so severely punished for not allowing his daughter to fall prey to the treacherous Eisav, the epitome of evil?

The Torah does not tell us exactly what were the circumstances that lead to Dinah being raped. However, I believe that all women should watchful and aware of their surroundings.

Shabbat Shalom

# SHABBAT SHALOM

## Vayishlah

**Torah Reading:** Genesis 32:3 - 36:43 (page 122)

**Haftorah:** Obadiah: 1:1 - 21 (page 137) (Sephardim)

### 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.*

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Paul Reynolds, Cohen Abdi Levi, Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Rudy Jackson,  
Richard Smith, Chief Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr., Gerard Thomas, Earl Watson,  
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*May the souls of the following individuals be sheltered under the wings  
of the Almighty and bound up in the bond of eternal life.*

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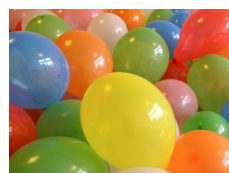
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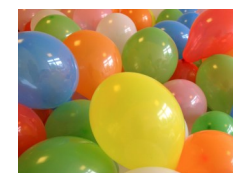
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for the month of December  
1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, Dec. 7th  
Friday, Dec. 12th & Sunday, Dec. 14th  
Friday, Dec. 19th & Sunday, Dec. 21st

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

### ATTENTION

There are prayer books and Pentateuchs missing from the synagogue, if you have one please return it as soon as possible.

### ATTENTION

Parents please accompany your children to the bathroom. They are not to go in there alone anymore.

### Nashe Or Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, December 7th @ 3:30 p.m.  
We would like for everyone to be present for this meeting. Zoom link will be provided.



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