

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.



Tidbit: Pinchas

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

The beginning of our sidra concludes the story of Balaam's malicious efforts to discredit Israel in the eyes of the Almighty, by seducing them to commit immorality. The background of this story is filled in by the following excerpt from the Talmud (Sanhedrin 106a) which discusses the subject:

Balaam said unto them: Their G-d detests immorality. The Israelites hanker after linengarments. Let me give you some advice. Set up stalls and install in them harlots to sell linenthem linen wares...When the Israelites were eating and drinking and rejoicing and strolling in the marketplace, she would say to him: Thou art like one of the family, sit down and choose for thyself! Gourds of Ammonite wine stood by her... Said she to him: Wouldst thou drink a cup of wine? As soon as he had drunk it, the evil inclination burned within him, and he said toher:Yield to me! She then took her idol out of her bosom and said to him: Worship this! He said to her: Am I not a Jew? Said she to him: What carest thou...moreover I shall not yield to thee till thou hast repudiated the Law of Moses thy Teacher, as it is stated (Hosea 9,10): "They went to Baal Peor and separated themselves unto the shame; and their abominations were according as they loved". At the end of the foregoing sidra, it is related how Pinchas stepped into the breach to turn away the wrath of G-d. In his zeal for his G-d, he slew a man on the spur of the moment, without trial, or offering previous warning, without legal testimony being heard, and in defiance of all the procedures of judicial examination prescribed by the Torah, which in practice render a conviction well nigh impossible. His deed of summary justice, taking the law into his hands, constituted a dangerous precedent, from social, moral and educational angles. Yet what has the Torah to comment on his action?

And the Lord spoke unto Moses saying: Pinchas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned My wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for My sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in My jealousy. (Num. 25: 10-11) It sounds strange that such a reward is prescribed for such a deed. The Sages in the Jerusalem Talmud state that Pinchas' deed did not meet with approval of the religious leaders of his time, that is of Moses and the elders. One of them goes so far as to say that they wanted to excommunicate him, had not the Holy Spirit leapt forth and declared: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his G-d, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. (Num. 25:13)

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Pinchas

Torah Reading: Num. 25:10 – 30:1 (page 686)

Haftorah: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3 (page 710)

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, Jeff Zemel, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi, Rabbi Tyrone
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Naiyah Yehudah, Paula Winter, Bernice Gomez

Yahrzeit

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

July 21, 1957 - Tennis great Althea Gibson became the first African American woman to win a singles cup championship in the United States on July 21, 1957 when she won the U.S. Clay Court singles title at River Forest.

July 22, 1884 - Puerto Rican essayist and novelist Miguel Melendez Munoz was born in Cayey. He began to publish in newspapers in 1904, focusing on spiritual values and social problems.

July 23, 1962 - Jackie Robinson Baseball great Jackie Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on July 23, 1962. He became the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the twentieth century on April 10, 1947.

July 24, 1956 - Noted sociologist and the first African American President of Fisk University, Charles Spurgeon Johnson was born on this day in Bristol, Virginia. Johnson was known for his study on race relations in the United States and in Liberia.

July 25, 1946 - Jesus T. Pinero, head of the Popular Democratic Party, was appointed by President Harry S. Truman to become the first native governor of Puerto Rico.

July 26, 1848 - Frederick Douglass was the only male to play a prominent role at the first Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, New York. He seconded the woman's suffrage motion introduced by Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

July 27, 1857 - Physician Jose Celso Barbosa was born in Puerto Rico. He earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1880 and returned to Puerto Rico shortly after.

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

YARD SALE

SAVE THE DATE

July 28th

August 4th & 18th

12 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Yard sale will be held in the parking lot at Beth Shalom

Set-up tables are \$30

See Maricar Eldridge if you are interested.

**Youth Shabbat Service will resume Saturday, August 3rd @
11 a.m. in small sanctuary.**

**Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) Every 1st Shabbat of
the month from 9:15 - 10:15**

Looking forward to seeing you on August 3, 2024.

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

Beth Shalom's Soup Kitchen

**Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of August
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Friday, August 9th & Sunday, August 11th
(we have volunteers for the above dates)**

Friday, August 16th & Sunday August 18th

Friday, August 23rd & Sunday August 25th

Friday, August 30th

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

Beth Shalom's Family & Friends Day

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Don't forget to wear your t-shirts!!!

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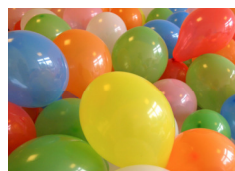
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MARCHING TO ZION

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.



Happy Birthday



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gwendolyn Ash
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David Harris
Dorothy Moore
Yaffah Sutton
Eden Torres
Elijedva Torres

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY