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SHABBAT SHALOM

January 10, 2026

21st Tevet 5786

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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: Shemot
21st Tevet 5786 – January 10, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

"And these are the names of Bnei Yisrael who came into Egypt."

Exodus 1:1

Rashi cites the Midrash which states that Bnei Yisrael were counted twice because of Hashem's great love for them. They were counted when they were about to go down to Egypt. They were counted a second time after their deaths. They made their mark both in life and death. It is not sufficient to have lived and made one's mark only during one's lifetime. How many of us bequeath a legacy after death for our children and ensuing generations to inherit? People are born and die. During their lifetimes, many leads productive lives. Everyone must examine, however, whether he has transmitted an everlasting legacy for his children and others to follow. Has his life's endeavor served as an inspiration?

Our only true possessions are those which are eternal; Torah and mitzvot. Alas, we often journey through life gathering the ephemeral while rejecting the eternal. One must strive to bequeath an inheritance worthy of remembrance to his descendants. An individual whose accomplishments live on after him has not really died. The twelve tribes left their mark in life, as well as in death. Their legacy of faith and courage inspired their descendants, enabling them to cope with the anguish of Egyptian bondage.

I would like to conclude this tidbit with another thought, that is, many times as we move through life, we are not aware of Hashem's presence. Particularly, when everything going on around us, it is not good, but we must always remember that Hashem is in control!

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Shemot

Torah Reading: Exodus 1:1 - 6:1 (page 206)

Haftorah: Jeremiah: 1:1 - 2:3 (page 229)

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:

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, Harold Johnson, Benyamin Maccabee, Kerry Harrell, Rudi Simons, Richard Wong, Michael Harrell, Elder Michael Thompson, Michael Cooper

Mahalia Koroma, Naiyah Yehudah, Christine Hickman, Tonya Horton, Patricia Barnett, Dayanie Norris, Mary Dickerson, Tanya Wilson, V. Gale Harris, Joslyn James, Marie Jackson, Barbara Scott, Alyce Sardin, Ann Johnson, Shulamite Bat Sarah

Yarzheit

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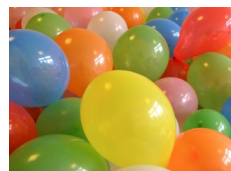
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

January 4, 1962 - The city of Montgomery, Alabama, announced it will remove seats, lock bathrooms, and turn off water fountains at its municipal airport rather than comply with federal court order to desegregate.

January 5, 1923 - After a white woman falsely accused a Black man of rape, a white mob attacked the thriving Black town of Rosewood, Florida, in a multi-day massacre that destroyed the town and left up to 80 people dead.

January 6, 1959 - Richard and Mildred Loving plead guilty to violating a Virginia law against interracial marriage and received one-year sentences in prison unless they left the state for 25 years.

January 7, 1908 - Educator Ana G. Mendez was born in Puerto Rico on this day. She founded the Ana G. Mendez University system, which served over 17,000 students.

January 8, 2001 - Helen Rodriguez was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton for her work as a public health leader.

January 9, 1866 - Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, opened its doors to newly freed slaves and held its first classes on this day in 1866. “The first students ranged in age from 7 to 70, but shared common experiences of slavery and poverty — and an extraordinary thirst for learning.”

January 10, 2012 - The Tuscan, Arizona public schools suspend their Mexican American Studies program after a judge advised that it violated new state law and threatened the school district with the loss of 10 percent of state aid, which is about \$15 million in funding.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of January

1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, Jan. 11th

Friday, Jan. 16th & Sunday, Jan. 18th

Friday, Jan. 23rd & Sunday, Jan. 25th

Friday Jan. 30th

Volunteers are needed, please see

Rabbinit Mary Funnye to sign up.

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

Youth Shabbat Service

January 31, 2025

We would like for all of the children to participate.

Please see Angela Parker if you have any questions

ATTENTION

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

The next PCK Basic Tahara training will be held on Sunday January 11th, 2026 from 10AM - 11:30AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals Skokie Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd. The Progressive Chevra Kadisha in Chicago makes taharah accessible for people of all backgrounds, affiliations, and gender identities. We are currently especially looking for more people to serve on men's tahara teams. The training will explain how we prepare a body for burial in the process called taharah. This beautiful and incredibly humbling experience is a celebration of the human body and what it means to be living, embodied beings.

If you have any questions about the burial society, or this training, please connect with Haviva, Dinah or Margolat, who are PCK members. If you are ready to sign up to attend this training please **RSVP TO Liz Feldman, by email or text: lizfeldman@gmail.com or 773-909-3451.**