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SHABBAT SHALOM

July 11, 2026

26 Tammuz 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.

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: Matot - Masei
26th Tammuz 5786: – July 11, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

This Shabbat we complete the Book of Numbers (Bamidbar), as we read the last two parashot, Matot; (Tribes) and Masei; (Marches). Matot opens with a series of regulations regarding the seriousness of oaths and vows. This first portion opens by explaining that if any man makes an oath or vow to the Eternal, he is obligated to observe carefully the words that cross his lips. In the case of a young woman, still living under her father's roof, if she makes an oath or vow, her father can disallow the same and the young lady will be held guiltless. This same situation holds true for a married woman, her husband can also disallow her oath or vow and the married woman will be held guiltless by Hashem. However, a divorced woman or a widow's oath or vow that crosses her lips will be held accountable to the Eternal for her words. Guard the oaths and vows that you make to the Eternal One of Yisrael.

The concluding parashah of Numbers brings Israel to the threshold of the Promised Land. In one sense, it can be seen as the conclusion of the Torah narrative. After this, all that remains is Moses' final oration, which summarizes and repeats incidents from previous books; however, there is new legal material in Deuteronomy. This portion also gives a listing of all of the places that the Israelites travel through on their journey to the Promised Land. The casual reader might see this list as a dry reading of the places that Israel travelled; I believe that the journeying is recorded in this manner so that the Israelites might remember the miracles that Hashem wrought for them through their journeying.

Do we remember the places that G-D has brought us through to get to where we are today?

Never forget the bridge that brought you over the troubles we all encounter in life!

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MATOT - MASEI

Torah Reading: Num. 30:2 - 36:13 (page 702)

Haftorah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28 & 3:4 (page 725)

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, Harold Johnson, Benyamin Maccabee, Rudi Simons, Richard Wong, Michael Harrell, Elder Michael Thompson, Michael Cooper, Willie Miller, Zaken David Harris, Delayahu Yashar'el, Andre Zerach Maberry, Jacques Eugene, Michael Buie

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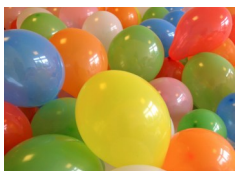
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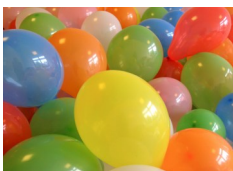
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO

July 5, 1852 - Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave who later became a leader in the abolitionist movement, delivered his now-iconic speech entitled, "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro." The event at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, commemorated the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

July 6, 1907 - The painter Frida Kahlo was born on this day, she combined Hispanic and Native American themes in her art. Although she was spend her life in Mexico, she has become one of the most admired Hispanic women in the decades.

July 7, 1948 - The Cleveland Indians signed Satchel Paige to the team. He became the oldest rookie in MLB history and the first Black pitcher in the American League.

July 8, 2010 - David Harold Blackwell passed away. He was an amazing mathematician and the first Black person to join the National Academy of Sciences.

July 9, 1936 - June Jordan, the famous poet and activist, was born in New York. People called her the "Poet of the People" because of her work on race and social justice

July 10, 1951 - Venezuelan shortstop Alfonso Carasquel of the Chicago White Sox became the first Latino player selected for major league baseball's All-Star Game.

July 11, 1951 - a Black couple tried to move into an apartment in Cicero, Illinois. A massive white mob violently attacked the building, firebombed it, and set the family's things on fire. The riot made worldwide news and highlighted the heavy resistance to Black families trying to find safe homes.

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of July

1pm - 3 pm

Friday, July 10th & Sunday, July 12th

Sunday, July 19th

Friday, July 24th & Sunday, July 27th

Friday, July 31st

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

BETH SHALOM B'NAI ZAEKN E.H.C.

Business Meeting

Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 5 p.m.

Meeting will be held via zoom.

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!!

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****

The Greatest to ever do it!

CAKE Walk

Walk for a cake,
win a cake,
enjoy a sweet
surprise!

**SUNDAY,
JULY 19,
2026**

4 pm to 6:30 pm

Light refreshments
will be served!

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TIME:
4 pm to 6:30 pm

VENDOR TABLES:
\$30 (1 table & 2 chairs)

Fun for everyone!