

# SHABBAT SHALOM

July 12, 2025

16th Tammuz 5785



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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.



**Happy Birthday**



**Tidbit: Balak**  
**16h Tammuz 5785 – July 12, 2025**  
**Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh**

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**Gwendolyn Ash**  
**Solomon Dawson**  
**David Harris**  
**Dorothy Moore**  
**Yaffah Sutton**  
**Eden Torres**  
**Elijedva Torres**

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

“And the donkey saw the angel of Hashem...and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went in the field.” (Num. 22: 23)

“And the angel of Hashem stood in the hollow way between the vineyard, and a fence being on this side and a fence being on this side.” (22: 24)

“And the angel of Hashem again passed, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.” (22:26)

Harav Chaim Ehrentau, z.l., points out that the three places at which the angel stood opposite Bilaam, barring his path, symbolize man’s three points of digression from freedom towards his ultimate loss of bechirah, free-will. In the beginning, it is easy to turn away to the right or left---or even turn back. This was Bilaam’s original situation. He could have returned to his home and redeemed himself.

The sinner who remains adamant, continuing along his path of evil, encounters a narrower path. Although return from this path is conceivable, it is difficult. He is now constricted on both sides, locked into a tight and awkward position. Just as Balaam was fenced into the narrow path in the vineyard, man must work diligently to perform teshuvah, repentance.

As the sinner reaches the third rung on the ladder of sin, the situation changes. At this stage one has nowhere to turn, neither to the right nor to the left. The teshuvah process is no longer imminent. The sinner has lost his opportunity to choose between right and wrong, since he has been completely overwhelmed by the power of the yetzer hara. The Bilaam conceded his own arrogance serves as a lesson for us in our daily battle with the yetzer hara.

In my mind these three explanations of the stages of how the yetzer hara, can overtake any person who is obstinate.

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## BALAK

**Torah Reading:** Numbers: 22:2 - 25:9 (page 669)

**Haftorah:** Micah 5:6 – 6:8 (page 682)

### WEEKLY SERVICE

<b>Saturday: Shacharit (Morning) Service</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Minchah (Evening) Service</b>	<b>3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Gift Shop (Tue &amp; Thurs. )</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M.</b>

### PRAYER LIST:

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Paul Reynolds, Jeff Zemel, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi,  
Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Yahzerah Brazelton, Rudy Jackson,  
Richard Smith, Chief Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr., Chief Gershon Ben Israel,  
Gerard Thomas, Chayyim Dunlap, Earl Watson, Willie Webb,  
Shlomo McWoodson

Tishima Brazelton, Mahalia Koroma, Naiyah Yehudah, Paula Winter,  
Christine Hickman, Marnina Grier, Tonya Horton, Patricia Barnett, Dayanie Norris,  
Johnnie Mae Morris, J'nel Funnye, Mary Dickerson, Keiferah Levi, Tanya Wilson,  
V. Gale Harris

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### **Yarzheit**

**Ambrose Cannon**  
*(nephew of Rabbinit Mary Funnye)*

**Daniel Bridge**  
*(son of Michael Bridge)*

**Dele Osawe**  
*(wife of Elder Dahn Ben Judah)*

## **“ 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

# \*\*\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR \*\*\*\*

## Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation  
for the month of July

1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, July 13th

Friday, July 18th & Sunday, July 20th

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

## Brotherhood Appreciation

July 20, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

## Congregation Temple Beth El of Philadelphia

Anniversary

Friday, July 25th - Sunday, July 27th

Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) the first Shabbat of  
the month from 9:30 - 10:30

Looking forward to seeing you on August 2, 2025.

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**NASHE OR' /SISTERHOOD**



**CAKE WALK**  
**FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13TH**  
**BETH SHALOM**  
**6601 S. KEDZIE AVE.**  
**4:00 PM- 6:30 PM**  
**\*\*Light Refreshments\*\***

**Vendors: \$35 (table & 2 chairs)**



**Beth Shalom's Family and Friends Day**

**August 30, 2025**

**T-shirts \$20 each up to size 4x**

**Please see Brother Barney to purchase a shirt.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 GRADUATES

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Jordain Dickerson

Marnina Grier

EIGHTH GRADE

Elijedva Torres

KINDERGARTEN

Arlet Torres

