

Shabbat Shalom

March 9, 2024

29th Adar 5784



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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: Vayakhel

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“And the stuff they had was “sufficient” for all the work to make it with some “left over.” (Exo. 36:7)

The text for this pasuk seems enigmatic. The word “sufficient” implies an accounting of materials for a precise purpose, for which an accurate amount is necessary. “Left Over,” on the other hand, denotes a surplus of these materials.

Harav M. Shapiro, z.l., offers a novel approach to resolving this apparent “contradiction.” Every Jew contributes towards the Mishkan, each according to his means. Some individuals wanted to donate more than their resources permitted but were not allowed to do so. There were also probably individuals who had procrastinated, intending to give more before the call came to cease the donations. The halachah regarding the latter case is clear. When one plans to donate to “hekdesh”, sanctuary, the intended object becomes sanctified even if the individual had not uttered a word of affirmation. We note that thoughts are accepted as binding. What happens to these thoughts and worthy intentions? They surely do not vanish into oblivion!

Harav Shapiro deduces that these holy thoughts are transformed into deeds. This is consistent with the statement of Chazal that one who has been prevented from performing an intended mitzvah is viewed by the Torah as having performed it. Responding to the above problem, he states that the actual donations were sufficient to serve the concrete needs of the Mishkan and its vessels. The “left over” refers to the surplus of God's will and intentions, the unrealized aspirations of those who had hoped to go beyond the letter of the law but missed the opportunity. These donations remained a separate phenomenon, hovering above humanity in the spiritual realm.

When it comes to supporting our Knesset, we can always go beyond our means!

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Vayakhel

Shabbat Shekalim

Torah Reading: Exodus 35:1 – 38:19 (page 373)

Shabbat Shekalim: Exodus 30:11 - 16 (page 352)

Haftorah : II Kings 11:17 - 12:17 (page 992)

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:

Zaken Baruch Carroll, Mahalia Koroma, Gracille Moore, Jeff Zemel,
Ziere Dickerson, Richard Smith, Phyllis Hawthorne, Carla Williams,
Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Darlene Harris, Dwayne Hickman, Carol Baskin

YAHARZEIT

Alfred Corley

(brother of Zakenah Deborah McCollough)

To Our Guests:

We appreciate you being with us today. There are times during our service when walking is prohibited. Please refrain from walking while we stand during prayers and when the Torah is being read. We thank you in advance for honoring our request.

“ LIFT EVERY VOICE”

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.

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

ANNOUNCING

The Official Unveiling of the NEW Beth Shalom Tree of Life

Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

6601 S. Kedzie Ave.

Chicago, IL 60629

Please RSVP by February 25, 2024

Dinah Judah-Peterson 773/732-5982

PURIM CELEBRATION

March 23, 2024

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

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

Looking forward to seeing you on April 9, 2024.

Passover Provision Pick Up

Sunday, April 14, 2024

1-3 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

Please bring your own bags!!!

Sisterhood Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

NASHE OR SISTERHOOD'S
CAKE WALK
Fundraiser

Walk Tickets
\$3 each

Vendors
Wanted
\$30

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

BETH SHALOM B'NAI ZAKEN
6601 S. Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL
Light Refreshments will be served
For more info/Vending please contact:
Angela Parker @ 708.925.1251

BETH SHALOM'S PASSOVER SEDER

Monday, April 22, 2024 @7:00 P.M.

Fees for 2024 Seder: Members

\$25.00 - Individual

**\$50.00 - Family of 4 or less -- \$10 each additional person
(Ages 12 and over)**

Fees for Non-members

\$35 - Individual

**\$75.00 Family of 4 or less -- \$10.00 for each additional person
(Ages 12 and over)**

See Rabbinit Miriam Funnye for sign up forms

***** Please be advised, if your family member is not a member of Beth Shalom, they must pay the Non-Member fee!*****

SAVE THE DATE

Brotherhood Appreciation June 30, 2024

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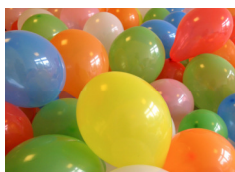
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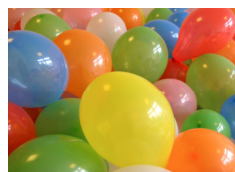
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week . . .

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

March 3, 1851 - The U.S. Congress passed the California Land Act, which shifts land and property policies from Spanish to English law as a way to protect William Mexican land rights.

March 4, 1921 - While walking down a Georgia road, a Black man named William Anderson was shot and killed by a mob of white people who later admitted they mistook him for someone else.

March 5, 1959 - Twenty one Black boys burn to death locked inside a segregated and neglected Arkansas “reform” school.

March 6, 1836 - Mexican forces under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna captured the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas. The Alamo served as a home to Catholic missionaries.

March 7, 1965 - Police use tear gas, whips, and clubs to attack supporters of Black voting rights marching from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama; dozens were hospitalized on what is later called “Bloody Sunday”.

March 8, 1964 - Malcolm X announced he was leaving the Nation of Islam and starting two new organizations: the Muslim Mosque, Inc., and the Organization of Afro-American Unity. After this, he traveled to Mecca and rejected racism.

March 9, 1905 - The official coat of arms of Puerto Rico was established. The figures on the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico coat of arms copy the ones on the coat that the Spanish Crown granted to Puerto Rico in the early century.



Happy Birthday



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Barney, Natalie Clemons,
Aaron Funnye', Gabriel Grier, Michael Grier, Jr.,
Tamar McCullough, Angela Parker, Naomi Torres

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Baruch & Sarah Carroll
Sholomo & ShebaYah Mcwoodson
Baruch & Yaffa Sutton
Dinah & Khizkeyahoo Y'hudah