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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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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.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK & HISPANIC HISTORY

March 12, 1956 - Congressmen from 11 Southern states issued the Southern Manifesto declaring opposition to the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision prohibiting racial segregation in public schools.

March 13, 1913 - Leonor Villegas de Magnon of Laredo, Texas, recruited five other women to cross the border into Mexico to nurse rebel Carrancista soldiers wounded during the Mexican Revolution.

March 14, 1835 - Missouri required free Black people to apply for a license in order to continue residing in the state.

March 15, 1970 - Zumba creator Alberto Perez was born in Cali, Colombia. Perez created Zumba in Cali when he forgot to take his aerobics music to a class that he was teaching.

March 16, 2021 - A white man targeted three Atlanta area spas in a mass shooting that killed eight people, including six Asian women.

March 17, 1851 - Samuel Cartwright, a Southern physician, claimed a disease "drapetomania" made Black want to run from slavery and prescribed whipping and amputation as treatment.

March 18, 1972 - The USS Jesse L. Brown, the first U.S. naval ship to be named after an African American naval officer was launched.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Tidbit: Vayakhel & Pekude
25h Adar 5783 – March 18, 2023
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

This relatively brief parashah is almost entirely a recapitulation, of the instructions for fashioning the tabernacle and its furnishing. This is puzzling to commentators, who are accustomed to the Torah being sparring in its use of words. One commentator suggests that G-d so loved the idea of having a permanent home amid the Israelites that the details were repeated. Another suggests that the earlier version of the instructions represent G-d's commands, reflecting the enthusiasm descending from on high for this link with G-d; and that this version represents Israel's carrying out those commands, showing the corresponding enthusiasm welling up from below.

There is a tradition that the sin of the Golden Calf and G-d's forgiving the people happened on Yom Kippur, the great annual day of forgiveness and reconciliation. Based on that tradition, Rashi sees the event of Va-yak-hel taking place on the day after Yom Kippur. Moses urges the people to translate their sense of a renewed relationship with G-d, of having been cleansed and forgiven, into action by keeping Shabbat (vv. 2-3), and by contributing to the fashioning of the tabernacle.

Parashah Pekude: In this parashah, Moses gives a detailed accounting of the expenditures for fashioning the tabernacle and its furnishings. Why did Moses feel obliged to give this detailed account? Some Israelites knew that they would have taken advantage of handling all that gold and silver for their own enrichment. They suspected Moses of being no better than they were. Thus the Midrash emphasizes that leaders of the community must be above any suspicion of personal aggrandizement. The family that prepared the incense for the Temple services would never let their relatives wear perfume, lest some people suspect them of using Temple incense for their personal benefit. The official who supervised the shekel offering would wear a special garment with no pockets and no long sleeves, so no one could suspect him of pocketing public funds.

When it comes to dealing the tithes and offerings to our congregation, we must always strive to be above reproach!

Every March, we remember and celebrate the women who came before us, who fought for our rights and made it possible for us to vote, hold office, even have our own credit cards and bank accounts. This year is particularly special as it is the first year we have had a female Vice President in office!

Did you know?

- Mary, Queen of Scots, was a golfer, possibly the first woman to play the sport.
- The world's first novel, The Tale of Genji, published in AD 1000, was written by a woman, Murasaki Shikibu.
- Women doctors are not a new phenomenon. The first female doctor in recorded history was Merit Ptah, who lived in Ancient Egypt circa 2700 BCE.
- Kevlar, the material used in bulletproof vests, was invented by a woman, Stephanie Kwolek.
- One of the most successful pirates of all time was a Chinese woman, Ching Shih, who commanded a fleet of over 1,800 ships.
- Nana Asma'u was a Nigerian scholar in the late 18th century who believed strongly in educating women. She trained women teachers, called Jaji, to travel the country and educate other women. The Jaji are still around today!

VAYAKHEL & PEKUDE

Shabbat Hachodesh

Torah Reading: Exodus 35:1 – 38:20 (page 373)

Exodus 38:21 - 40:38 (page 385)

Additional Reading: Exodus 12:1 - 20 (page 253)

Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18 (page 1001)

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:

Willie Myrtle Walker, Willie Miller, Zaken Baruch Carroll, Jerry Hecktman, Toni Miller, Mahalia Koroma, Gracille Moore, Richard Smith, J'nel Funnye, Zaken Aliazar Davis, Angela Grier, Nashone Yehudah, Jeff Zemel, Ziere Dickerson, Calvin Caleb Levi Gousman

YAHZRZEIT

Helen Madisky (*mother of Michael Eldridge*)

Fred Martin (*nephew of Sister Mahalia Koroma*)

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.

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Information about Elder Aliazar

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Visiting hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Please contact his daughter Arie @ 773/592-7509

Prior to visiting because the Hospital allows a max of 4 visitors a day and the family wants to make sure that you will be able to see him.

The family has not told him about Karmel passing, they are waiting on him to get stronger. Please respect their wishes

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“ 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 ******

Please join Chief Rabbi Funnye' for Shabbat Service Saturday, March 18, 2023 @10:30 a.m.

All CDC guidelines will be strictly enforced, you must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

There will be no Oneg, you must bring your own prayer book, Pentateuch, and Tallit.

We will also continue our Virtual Service Streaming on Facebook Live.

<https://www.facebook.com/beth.shalom.52012>

Beginners Hebrew Class

Starts Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$75/six weeks - Beth Shalom Social Hall

Taught by Michael Bridge & Rene Thomas

PASSOVER PROVISION PICK-UP

Sunday, March 26, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall

Please bring your own bags!!!!

BETH SHALOM BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Link for meeting will be sent via email.

Beth Shalom Family Seder

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Members

\$35.00 a person

\$75.00 Family of 4 or less

\$10.00 each additional family member (*Ages 12 and over*).

Non-Members

\$45.00 a person

\$125.00 Family of 4

\$10.00 each additional family member (*Ages 12 and over*)

Forms will be available March 11, 2023

Money and forms are due by March 26, 2023

We will be showing a film "Hidden Jews of Ethiopia"

Sunday, April 16, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.

Beth Shalom Social Hall