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## SHABBAT SHALOM

March 21, 2026

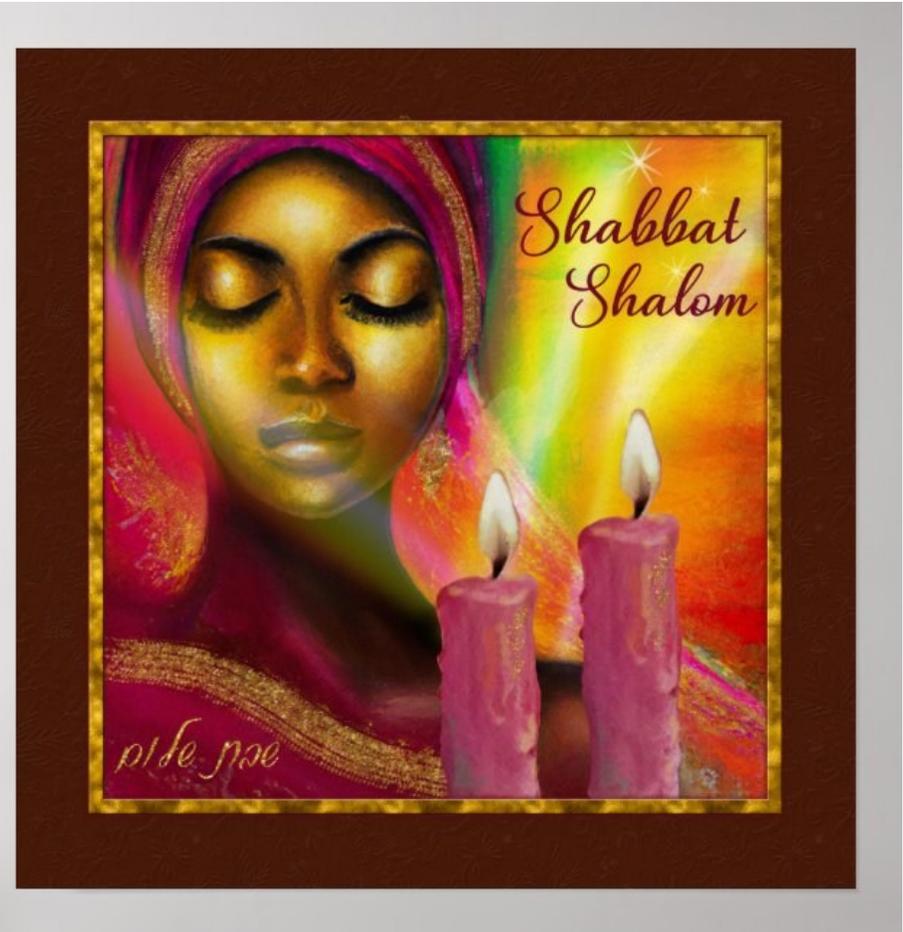
3rd Nisan 5786

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Barney, Natalie Clemons,  
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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**



**Tidbit: Vayikra**  
**3rd Nisan 5786 – March 21, 2026**  
**Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh**

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.

“And He called unto Moses.” (Levit, 1:1)

Midrash states that Moses was known by ten different names, each describing a different aspect of his multi-faceted personality. Each name depicted a specific trait not implied by the others. Of all the names mentioned, however, the name Moses, given to him by Bitthya, the daughter Pharaoh, was the one by which Hashem addressed him. A name is an appellation which characterizes a person's personality, a single word which uniquely encapsulates an individual's entire essence. We must, therefore, endeavor to understand why Hashem selected the name Moses to reign supreme over all other the other names. Indeed, the name Moses is merely a description of the fact that Bitya saved Moses from drowning. How does this name describe Moses's essence?

Harav Chaim Shmulevitz, z.l., explains that it is apparent that Moses's rescue was attributed to Bitya's mesiras nefesh, self-sacrifice. She defied her father's decree in order to save a life. Since Moses's survival was accomplished through Bitya's act of self-sacrifice, this attribute became thoroughly imbued in him. It became an intrinsic part of his personality. Thus, the most fitting description of Moses's essence was “Moses,” a name which refers to Bitya's selfless act.

Your name is your essence...do you know your essence?

Shabbat Shalom

# SHABBAT SHALOM

## Vayikra

Torah Reading: Levit. 1:1 - 5:28 (page 410)

Haftorah: Isaiah: 43:21 - 44:23 (page 424)

### 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.*

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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,  
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Barnett, Dayanie Norris, Mary Dickerson, Tanya Wilson, V. Gale Harris,  
Joslyn James, Marie Jackson, Barbara Scott, Alyce Sardin, Ann Johnson,  
Shulamite Bat Sarah, Eunice Hale, Toni Miller, Zakenah Gale Whitfield,  
Belinda Minor

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### **Yarzheit**

**Helen Madisky**

*(mother of Michael Eldridge)*

**Cleotha “Baruch” Carroll**

*(husband of Zakenah Sara Carroll)*

**Fred Martin**

*(nephew of Sister Mahalia Koroma)*

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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Daisy Gatson Bates (1914-1999). Born in Huttig, Arkansas. She married journalist Lucious Christopher Bates and they operated a weekly African-American newspaper, the Arkansas State Press. Bates became president of the Arkansas chapter of the NAACP and played a crucial role in the fight against segregation, which she documented in her book *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*. Civil rights activist, writer, publisher. Born Daisy Lee Gatson on November 11, 1914, in Huttig, Arkansas.

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**Dr. Patricia Bath**

Dr. Patricia Bath, ophthalmologic surgeon, inventor, and activist for patients' rights, was born in Harlem, New York on November 4, 1942 to Rupert Bath, an educated and well-traveled merchant seaman, and Gladys Bath, a homemaker and housecleaner. They were loving and supportive parents who encouraged their children to focus on education and believe in their dreams and ideas.

In 1981, Bath conceived of the invention for which she has become famous – the Laserphaco Probe, a surgical tool that uses a laser to vaporize cataracts via a tiny, 1-millimeter insertion into a patient's eye. After using the Laserphaco Probe to remove a cataract, the patient's lens can be removed and a replacement lens inserted.

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

## **Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen**

**Days and Hours of Operation**

**for the month of March**

**1pm - 3 pm**

**Friday, March 27th & Sunday, March 29th**

**Haftorah Reading**

**Vayikra**

**Isaiah: 43:21 - 44:23**

**Eden Torres will be leading the blessings and the reading of the Haftorah and giving a brief synopsis.**

**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 \*\*\*\***

**Passover Provisions Pick-Up**

**March 22nd 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

**We will also be cleaning the kitchen on this day.**

**PASSOVER SEDER**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BETH SHALOM'S PASSOVER SEDER**

**Monday, April 1, 2026 @7:00 P.M.**

**Fees for Members**

**\$40.00 - Individual**

**\$75.00 - Family of 4 or less -- \$10 each additional person (Ages 12 and over)**

**Fees for Non-members**

**\$50- Individual**

**\$125.00 Family of 4 or less -- \$10.00 for each additional person (Ages 12 and over)**

**See Rabbinit Miriam Funnys 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!\*\*\***

**BETH SHALOM B.Z.E.H.C.**

**Business Meeting**

**Sunday, March 29th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Zoom link will be provided.**

**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



**Dr. Ellen Ochoa**

**In 1993 Dr. Ellen Ochoa became the first Latina to go to space when she flew aboard the space shuttle Discovery. Her inspirational journey includes a 30-year career with NASA and serving as Johnson Space Center's first Hispanic director. As a physicist and astronaut, she has inspired many to follow in her footsteps.**

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Margaret Villa broke gender barriers in the 1940s as one of the few women professional baseball players in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). The AAGPBL was started at the onset of World War II to keep baseball in the public eye during the war. In her baseball career, Villa set records for RBIs (runs batted in) and total bases in the game

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

March 15, 1970 - Zumba creator Alberto “Beto” Perez was born on this day. Perez created Zumba in California when he forgot to take his aerobics music to a class he was teaching.

March 16, 1827 - The first Black newspaper, *Freedoms Journal*, was published in New York City.

March 17, 1896 - Charles Brooks designed the street sweeper and patented it on March 17, 1896. Prior to his invention, streets were cleaned manually by workers picking up trash by hand or sweeping it with brooms. Brooks’ invention was made of a truck with a series of broom-like brushes attached which pushed trash and debris off onto the side of the road.

March 18, 1988 - The movie *Stand and Deliver*, about inspiring East Los Angeles math teacher Jaime Escalante, opened in theaters.

March 19, 1975 - James B. Parsons becomes the first African American chief judge of a federal court, the U.S. District Court of Chicago. In 1961, Parsons became the first African American district court judge.

March 20, 1962 - ASPIRA which is Spanish for “aspire” was formed to address the high dropout rate of Puerto Rican students. In 1960, only 13 percent of adult Puerto Ricans had finished high school.

March 21, 1940 - Mario Acuna, a scientist at NASA, was born in Argentina. Acuna won the Nasa Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement for his work on the instruments of the Mars Global Surveyor Mission and numerous space ships.