



Happy Birthday



SHABBAT SHALOM

October 10, 2026

29th Tishri 5787

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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: Bereshit
29 Tishri 5787 – October 10, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

So, we begin the Torah anew this week with Bereshit, in the beginning. I will be attempting to give you a new perspective on my tidbits in this year of 5781. I do not know how many of you are reading them, but I want to begin to offer more information on my tidbits, that I pray will expand our thinking about the Torah this year. Parashah Bereshit is an interesting portion to begin with, because, it offers us with the opportunity to really examine the very word “Bereshit”, “In the beginning”. The Creation narrative in the Bible is a document of Faith. In its quest for meaning it gives expression of the fundamental premise of the religion of the people Israel: The universe is entirely the purposeful product of the one G-D, a transcendent being, beyond nature, and sovereign over space and time.

Time has not diminished the power or the majesty of the familiar biblical accounts of the creation of the world, nor has familiarity dulled its impact. It still moves us, conveying so much in so few words. What kind of world does the Torah envision G-D creating? The opening chapters of Genesis are not a scientific account of the origins of the universe. The Torah is a book of morality, not cosmology. Its overriding concern, from the first verse to the last, is our relationship to G-D, truth about life rather than scientific truths. It describes the world G-D fashioned as “good,” a statement no scientific account can make.

G-D’s world is an orderly world, in which land and water each has its own domain, in which each species of plant and animal reproduces itself “after its own kind.” But it is also an unpredictable world, a world capable of growth and change and surprise, of love and pain, of glory and tragedy, not simply replication of what is, because it includes human beings who have the freedom to choose how they will act. And it is an unfinished world, waiting for human beings to complete G-D’s work of creating.

Are you ready to do your part in making the world a better place? The work of creation continues, what will you do to make the world a better place?

Shabbat Shalom

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Bereshit

Torah Reading: Genesis 1:1 - 6:8 (page 2)

Haftorah: Samuel 20:18 - 42 (page 948)

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, Rabbi Tyrone Avraham Burks, Rudy Jackson, Richard Smith,
Chief Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr., Gerard Thomas, Willie Webb, Law John Starks,
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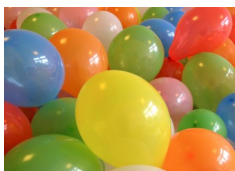
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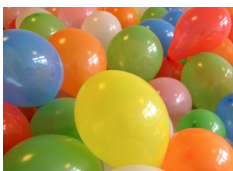
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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15 we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more.

Hispanic Heritage Month provides an additional opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States for generations. The Latino presence in America spans centuries, predating Spain's colonization of what is now part of the United States, and they have been an integral part of shaping our nation since the Revolutionary War. Through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Treaty of Paris that followed the Mexican-American and Spanish-American wars, the United States gained territories in the Southwest and Puerto Rico. This incorporated the people of this area into the United States and further expanded the presence of Hispanic Americans.

Latinas and Latinos have always held significant roles throughout our country's history, dating all the way back to the American Revolution. Hispanic Heritage Month is important because it provides an opportunity to celebrate the integral part the Hispanic/Latino community has had in growing and strengthening our democracy.

Representation matters. Latinos and Latinas continue to shape our nation as business owners, activists, artists, public servants, and more. From serving in the U.S. military to being champions in the fight for civil rights, Latinas and Latinos remain strong leaders and changemakers.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Beth Shalom 108th Anniversary Weekend

Oct. 23rd - Oct. 25th

Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 Erev Shabbat Dinner @ 5:30

Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 Erev Shabbat Service @ 7 pm

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026 Shacharit (Morning) Service @
10:30 am**

Anniversary Brunch

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026

Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken E.H.C.

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$35 (adults) \$20 (ages 13-18)

\$15 (ages 12 & under)

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Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of September

1pm - 3 pm

Sunday, Oct. 11th & Friday, Oct. 16th

Sunday, Oct. 18th

Friday, Oct. 30th

**"It takes a team to create success! Can you please
join the
team and help us make this year's celebration
phenomenal!"**

**Volunteers are needed for the anniversary weekend
we need help with set up, clean up, and serving.**

**Please see Simona Funnye-Dickerson or
Angela Parker to sign up!!!**

**If you are the last one in the building locking up
PLEASE make sure that the restroom lights are off
in the men's and women's restrooms and the air
conditioners are off in the small sanctuary and the
library. Thanks**