



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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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.

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: Nitzvaim/Vayelekh
23 Elul 5786: – September 5, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; but with him that stands here with us this day before the Lord our G-d, and also with him that is not here with us today- “Deut. 29: 13-14

The verse above confronts us with a difficult question. How could a covenant contracted in those far-off days be capable of obligating all generations to come? Abravanel tells us in his commentary to the Torah how he fought with the Sages of his generation in the kingdom of Aragon regarding this covenant and this text that we have quoted. Citing the Sages of Aragon, Abravanel formulates the question as follows:

Who gave the generation of the wilderness which stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai the power of obligating all those who would arise after them to accept the implications of their statement “we shall do and hearken!” They bound by all the words of the Torah and the covenant and the penalties for violating their contents, as we see from this text and wherever the Sages in the Torah employ the phrase “but surely he is a priori bound by the Sinaitic revelation!?” This is surely not a legitimate obligation.

Here is Abravanel’s reply to this question: There is no doubt that if a man receives a loan from another that in the days of repayment falls on “for him and his descendants. Just as the children inherit their father’s property so they inherit his debts. Even though the children were not alive when the debt was incurred, they are still liable to repay it. Similarly, G-d conferred a privilege on Israel, and they were indebted to Him for it in that He brought them out from Egyptian slavery, as it is written the Children of Israel are slaves unto me, they are My slaves whom I brought out from the land of Egypt”. Just as He acquired a title to their bodies, so He acquired a title to their souls since He conferred on them spiritual perfection through giving them His law.

We are duty bound to give to Hashem, our entire being, heart, soul, and body!

SHABBAT SHALOM

NIZTVAIM/VAYELEKH

Shabbat Selihot

Torah Reading: Deut. 29:9 - 30:2/Deut. 31:1 - 30 (page 878/887)

Haftorah: Isaiah: 61:10 - 63:9 (page 883)

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, Earl Watson, Willie Webb,
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Joslyn James, Marie Jackson, Barbara Scott, Ann Johnson, Shulamite Bat Sarah,
Eunice Hale, Toni Miller, Belinda Minor

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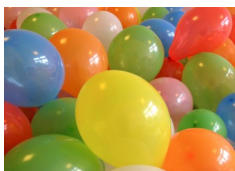
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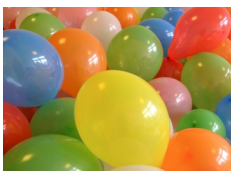
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

August 30, 1961 - Interstate Commerce Commission issued regulation prohibiting segregation on interstate buses and in terminal facilities.

August 31, 1868 - EL Grito de Lares, the first major call for Puerto Rican independence, takes place in the town of Lares when several hundred Puerto Ricans demand freedom from Spanish rule.

September 1, 1957 - Nine Black students started Little Rock high school.

September 2, 1998 - Dominican Sammy Sosa, a Chicago Cub, hits his 66th and last home run of the baseball season for the all time sea-son record.

September 3, 1983 - Katherine Ortega takes office as treasurer of the United States. She was also the first female president of a bank in California.

September 4, 1940 - Black leaders protested discrimination in the armed forces and war industries at a White House meeting with President Roosevelt.

September 5, 2003 - Althea Gibson was a tennis player and later professional golfer who became the first African American woman to cross the racial barrier and compete professionally in both sports.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

**Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of September**

1pm - 3 pm

Sunday, Sept. 6th

Friday, Sept. 11th & Sunday, Sept. 13th

Friday, Sept. 18th & Sunday, Sept. 20th

Friday, Sept. 25th & Sunday, Sept. 27th

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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HOLY DAYS 2026

Rosh Hashanah

**Saturday, Sept. 12th @10:30
a.m.**

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

**Sunday, Sept. 20th @ 7:00
p.m.**

Yom Kippur

**Monday, Sept. 21st @10:30
a.m.**

Sukkot

**Saturday, Sept. 26th @10:30
a.m.**

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

**Saturday, Oct. 3rd @ 10:30
a.m.**

**"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!!!**