



SHABBAT SHALOM

September 6, 2025

13th Elul 5785

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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.

“ 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.

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



Tidbit: Kee Tetze
13th Elul 5785 – September 6, 2025
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son...and all the men of his city shall stone him with stones that he dies. (Deut.21:18,21)

Rashi offers the reason for this extreme punishment. The ben sorer u'moreh, rebellious son, is punished because of what he may become in the end. The Torah delves into his final intentions. To satisfy his insatiable desires, after first consuming his father's wealth, he will stand at the crossroads and rob people. To satisfy his “needs” he may even murder. Consequently, the Torah said, let him die innocent rather than guilty.

This approach to retribution is, however, not consistent with Rashi's thesis in Bereshit 21:17. When Yishmael was condemned to die as a child, the pasuk states **בְּאֶשֶׁר הוּא שָׁם**, as he is there. Rashi interprets this to mean that Hashem punishes an individual commensurate with his present state. Yishmael was currently an innocent child who was not deserving of death. If such is the case, why is the rebellious son judged according to “future actions”?

Harav C. M. Katz, z.l., responds in the following manner. Life on Olam Ha'zeh, this temporary world, has meaning and value only as long as it serves as a corridor to Olam Ha' bah. We spend our lifetime in this world as an opportunity for passage to the real world. When the Torah sees that the rebellious son has determined the course of his life to be antithetical to Torah standards, his life no longer has value. A life which will never lead to eternal life has no meaning.

This profound statement obviously does not preclude the opportunity for teshuvah, repentance. By all indication the rebellious son has charted for himself a course of evil and self-destruction from which there is no return. How diligent must we be that every endeavor of our life focuses upon the reality of true life, rather than the folly of mere existence!

Shabbat Shalom

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Kee Tetzé

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy: 21:10 - 25:19 (page 840)

Haftorah: Isaiah 54:1 - 10 (page 857)

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:

Paul Reynolds, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi,
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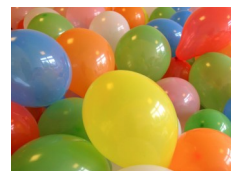
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**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of September

1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, Sept. 7th

Friday, Sept. 19th & Sunday, Sept. 21st

Friday, Sept. 26th & Sunday, Sept. 28th

Volunteers are needed, please see
Rabbinit Mary Funnye to sign up.

Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) the last Shabbat of
the month for Family & Friends Day from 9:30 - 10:30

Looking forward to seeing you on August 30, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE

October 24 - 26

Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken E.H.C. 107th Anniversary

Stay Tuned - Details to Come!

"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 Jackie Baldwin to sign up.

jacquelynaldwin@att.net or (708) 752-2665

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

NASHE OR SISTERHOOD is sponsoring
“Wrapped in Warmth Coat Drive”

Got extra, **GENTLY USED** coats?

Please drop off **CLEANED** coats here at the temple from now until Sept 21st.

Ask your friends and family to donate too!

Every coat donated will bless someone in need!

The Give-away will be Fri. Sept. 19th & Sun., Sept. 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 at Beth Shalom

ATTENTION

Parents please accompany your children to the bathroom. They are not to go in there alone anymore.

ATTENTION

There are prayer books and Pentateuchs missing from the synagogue, if you have one please return it as soon as possible.

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Rosh Hashanah Provision Pickup

Sunday, September 14, 2025

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Please bring your own bags.

HOLY DAYS 2025

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 24th
@10:30 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Wednesday, Oct. 1st @ 7:00
p.m.

Yom Kippur

Thursday, Oct. 2nd @10:30
a.m.

Sukkot

Wednesday, Oct. 8th @10:30
a.m.

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Wednesday, Oct. 15th @
10:30 a.m.

Nashe Or Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, September 14th @ 3:30 p.m. via zoom.