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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.

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

The arrival at Sinai inaugurates the final stage in the process of forging Israel's national identity and spiritual destiny. The great communal encounter with G-d gave ultimate meaning to the shared experience of bondage and liberation. Henceforth, the people Israel are in a covenantal relationship with G-d, inextricably bound to Him by a treaty.

This treaty became the Ketubah, the marriage contract between G-d and the Children of Israel. We agreed to follow His Ten Commandments, these commandments became our contract of marriage. So today I want each of us to renew this contract with the Eternal One of Yisrael. This is a simple process, we all heard the ten words spoken, and we all agreed to walk in these commandments. So now let all of us renew our commitment to obey the voice of G-d!

The voice of G-d is recorded in Exodus 20:1-14: It's a simple contract, as we will read the words of the contract, remember, we all said we will hear and obey! Furthermore, the Eternal One of Yisrael said to us: Not only with him/her, that stand here today, but also with those of us who were not present was this contract of marriage made! So now I say to all of us let us fulfill our end of the contract!

Hag Shavuot

SHAVUOT

Torah Reading: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23 (page 290)

Additional Reading: Numbers 28:26-31 (page 696)

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1 - 28 & 3:12 (page 1027)

WEEKLY SERVICE

Saturday: Shacharit (Morning) Service 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Gift Shop (Tue & Thurs.) 12:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M.

PRAYER LIST:

Willie Myrtle Walker, Zaken Baruch Carroll, Jerry Hecktman,
Mahalia Koroma, Gracille Moore, Zaken Aliazar Davis, Jeff Zemel,
Ziere Dickerson, Sinetra Roberts, Richard Smith, Katrina Jones

Yahrzeit

Harrison Saint Fleur (*brother of Rene Thomas*)

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

Please join Chief Rabbi Funnye' for Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 27, 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 Tallitim.

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

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

**Love yourself, appreciate yourself, see the good in you... and
respect yourself. — Betty Shabazz**

To Our Guest:

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.