



Happy Birthday



SHABBAT SHALOM

February 28, 2026

11th Adar 5786

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- Sandra Baffour
- Anthony Bullock
- Zakai Bullock
- Amaya Funnye
- Devore Harris
- Lee W. Harris
- Jacob Levi Knight
- Mahalia Koroma
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2026

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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: Tetzaveh
11th Adar 5786 – February 28, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“And you shall command B’nai Yisrael.” Exo. 27:20

Moshe's name is not mentioned in this parsha. The Baal Ha Turim states that Moshe entreated Hashem on behalf of Klal Yisrael after they sinned with the Golden Calf. He pleaded, “Erase me from Your Book.” Because of Moshe's strong declaration, Hashem selected a parsha where Moshe's name would not appear. We may wonder why Parashot Tetzaveh was chosen to be the parsha from which Moshe's name was excluded.

Harav Nissan Alpert, z.l., suggest that the word “Tetzaveh,” which means command, alludes to Am Yisrael's leadership. The function of leadership is to command and guide the people. In order that leaders be able to successfully execute their duty, they must realize that they are merely vehicles of Hashem for motivating Am Yisrael's positive response. They must transcend their own egotism, so that the people perceive them simply as agents of Hashem.

Harav Alpert amends this idea with an emphasis on the word “and you”. The “and you” represent the leader's unique personality. His behavior should serve as a role model for the populace so that they are encouraged to serve Hashem by “your” example. The verse would later be characterized in this way, your total demeanor, should be an example to B’nai Yisrael in observing Hashem's mitzvot.

This is what leadership should look like!

Shabbat Shalom!

SHABBAT SHALOM

Shabbat Zakhor

Tetzaveh

Torah Reading: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10 (page 339)

Shabbat Zakhor: Deut. 25:17 - 19 (page 856)

Haftorah: I Samuel: 15:1 - 34 (page 995) (Sephardi Ritual)

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, 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, Willie Miller,

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Yarzheit

Louisa Williams

(sister of Sister Mabhalia Koroma)

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO HISTORY

February 22, 1964 - Tennis Player Gigi Fernandez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Fernandez, a 2010 inductee into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, was viewed as one of the greatest players of all time.

February 23, 1936 - Francis E. Riggs, police commissioner of Puerto Rico was shot to death, perhaps to retaliation to the October 1935 killing of Nationalist Party Members.

February 24, 1865 - Kentucky refused to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery and does not do so until 1976.

February 25, 2012 - The Casals Festival began in Puerto Rico. Held at the end of February every year, this classical music festival began in 1956 as a way of changing the image of Puerto Rico and promoting tourism.

February 26, 1926 - Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. This week would later become Black History Month.

February 27, 1872 - Charlotte Ray graduates from Howard Law School. She is the first African American lawyer in the U.S.

February 28, 1879 - Southern Blacks fled political and economic exploitation in "Exodus of 1879." Exodus continued for several years. One of the major leaders of the Exodus movement was a former slave, Benjamin ("Pap") Singleton.

****** 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. 6th & Sunday, March. 8th

Friday, March. 13th & Sunday, March. 15th

Friday, March. 27th

Elder Appreciation

Saturday, February 28, 2025

Beth Shalom social hall.

Haftorah Reading

Tetzaveh

I Samuel 15:1 - 34

Kaleb Funnye will be leading the blessings and the reading of the Haftorah and giving a brief synopsis.

PURIM PARTY

Saturday, March 7, 2026

After Service in Beth Shalom Social Hall

Visiting information for Bruce Carey

(Dahn Ben Judah)

The Terraces At The Clare (Room 1005)

55 E. Pearson Street

Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: (312) 784-8100

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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 of less -- \$10.00 for each additional person (Ages 12 and over)

See Rabbinit Miriam Funnye 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!***

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