



Happy Birthday



SHABBAT SHALOM

June 20, 2026

05 Tammuz 5786

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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: Chukat

5th Tammuz 5786: – June 20, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

In the course of this parashah, Miriam dies, Aaron dies, and Moses is sentenced to die without reaching the Promised Land. A transition of generations is taking place. The narrative's center of gravity is moving farther from Sinai and closer to the challenge of conquering the Promised Land. Soon there will be no Israelites left who actually stood at Sinai, only Israelites who have heard about it from parents and grandparents.

Before continuing the narrative, the Torah offers us the strange ritual of the brown ("red") cow. It is a classic example of a law that defies rational explanation. Indeed, the general tenor of the commentaries asks us to accept this law without understanding it, as a sign of love for and trust in G-D. The commentators hold that it would be almost unseemly to search for a rational explanation, implying that G-D's word would be acceptable only if it fit our canons of reasoning. Human failure to understand a truth does not make it any less true. The Midrash pictures King Solomon, the wisest man in the Bible, saying, "I have labored to understand the word of G-d and have understood it all, except for the ritual of the red cow". It is praiseworthy to do something solely because G-D commands it than because our own logic or sense of morality leads us to the same conclusion" (Sifra K'doshim).

So there you have it, we are not given the understanding of all of Hashem's commandments, but obedience is better than sacrifice.

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Chukat

Torah Reading: Num. 19:1 - 22:1 (page 652)

Haftorah: Judges 11:1 - 33 (page 664)

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, Rudi Simons, Richard Wong, Michael Harrell, Elder Michael Thompson, Michael Cooper, Willie Miller, Zaken David Harris, Delayahu Yashar'el, Andre Zerach Maberry, Jacques Eugene

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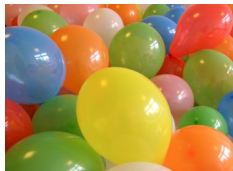
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO

June 14, 2011 - President Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Puerto Rico since JFK made an official visit half a century earlier in 1961.

June 15, 1921 - Bessie Coleman became the first African American to earn an international pilot's license in France after being denied access to U.S. flight schools.

June 16, 1865 - Five prominent African American men met with President Andrew Johnson at the White House to protest the systemic oppression of Black citizens and lack of civil rights in post-Civil War Richmond.

June 17, 2021 - President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, officially establishing June 19 as a federal holiday

June 18, 2012 - The James Beard Foundation announced that it will make restaurants and chefs in Puerto Rico eligible for the culinary industry's most prestigious honors.

June 19, 1965 - The Puerto Rican Family Institute was founded in New York City with financing provided by New York. This organization observed that the city was not meeting the needs of poor families especially minority groups.

June 20, 1919 - A fire at the Teatro Yaguez theater in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, killed dozens of people, there possibly as many as 150 deaths.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of June

1pm - 3 pm

Sunday, June 21st

Friday, June 26th & Sunday, June 28th

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

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Visiting information for Bruce Carey

Dahn Ben Judah is currently rehabbing at a
friends' home. He is taking phone calls, you can
reach him at 773/707-7673

*******ATTENTION*******

Children are not allowed in the library unless they are
accompanied by an adult!!

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Brotherhood Appreciation

June 28, 2026

3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Strikes & Bites

2524 Ridge Rd, Lansing, IL 60438

If you plan on attending please let Sister Yierah
know so we can have an accurate headcount. If
any sister is planning on bowling she must pay for
her own games and shoes.