



Happy Birthday



SHABBAT SHALOM

June 6, 2026

21 Sivan 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. Fucxnnye, 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: Shelach Lekha

21st Sivan 5786: – June 6, 2026
Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

The events in this parashah are crucial in the Torah narrative, explaining why it took forty years for the Israelites to reach the Promised Land. We already have seen certain undesirable character traits emerge among the Israelites: grumbling about food and living conditions, a nostalgia for less complicated life of being a slave in Egypt. These will culminate in a massive failure of nerve when G-d summons Israel to attack and conquer the Promised Land. The people do not believe in their own ability to do that, and by implication do not believe in G-d's ability to ensure their victory. As a result, G-d decrees forty years of wandering, to end only when the generation that left Egypt has died off.

“One cannot be expected to leave the state of slavery, toiling in bricks and straw, and go to fight with giants. It was therefore part of the divine wisdom to make them wander through the wilderness until they had become schooled in courage, until a new generation grew up who had never known humiliation and bondage” (Maimonides).

Numbers 13:1-2; “The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Send men to scout the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelite people; send one man from each of their ancestral tribes, each one a chieftain among them”. Send Hebrew: shelach lekha; Literally, “send for yourself.” That is, for your own purposes (Not Mine). G-d seems to be saying, “I have told you already that the land is good and that I will give it to you. If you need human confirmation of that, go ahead and send scouts” It is interesting to note that twelve scouts were sent on this mission, ten scouts brought back a negative report, only Joshua and Caleb, reported that the land was everything G-d said it was. Joshua and Caleb were the only two who lived to enter the Promised Land!

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Shelach Lekha

Torah Reading: Num. 13:1 - 15:41 (page 623)

Haftorah: Joshua 2:1 - 24 (page 635)

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 Yasha'el, Andre Zerach Maberry, Jacques Eugene

Mahalia Koroma, Naiyah Yehudah, Christine Hickman, Tonya Horton, Patricia Barnett, Dayanie Norris, Mary Dickerson, Tanya Wilson, V. Gale Harris, Joslyn James, Marie Jackson, Barbara Scott, Ann Johnson, Shulamite Bat Sarah, Eunice Hale, Toni Miller, Belinda Minor

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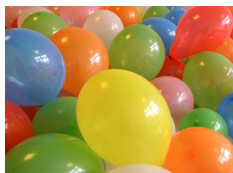
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THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO

May 31, 1909 - The first meeting of the National Negro Committee was held in New York City. Attended by prominent Black and white thought leaders like W.E.B. DuBois and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the committee organized the permanent body that was formally named the NAACP a year later .

June 1, 1903 - One of the earliest and most important strikes by copper miners began when workers, mostly Mexican and Mexican American walk out of the Clifton and Metcalf mines in Arizona.

June 2, 2003 - Narcisco Rodriguez, wins the Womenswear Designer of the Year award from the Council of Designers of America.

June 3, 1949 - Wesley A. Brown graduated from Annapolis, overcoming an organized campaign of racial hostility to break the 100-year color barrier at the US Naval Academy.

June 4, 1894 - Black inventor and former U.S. Congressman George Washington Murray received three patents in one day for agricultural implements: a fertilizer distributor, a cotton chopper, and a seed planter

June 5, 1973 - Doris A. Davis took office in Compton, California, making her the first African American woman to govern a metropolitan city in the United State .

June 6, 1790 - Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable, a Black man born in Santo Domingo, established a permanent settlement that would eventually grow into the city of Chicago.

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

Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation
for the month of March
1pm - 3 pm

Friday, June 5th
Friday, June 12th & Sunday, June 14th
Sunday, June 21st
Friday, June 26th & Sunday June, 28th

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

Sisterhood Appreciation

June 7, 2026
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Let's Eat To Live

621 E. 67th St., Chicago, IL 60637

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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

More information to follow!

Beth Shalom B.Z.E.H.C Business Meeting

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

@ 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom