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SHABBAT SHALOM

June 7, 2025

11th Sivan 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: Nasso
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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh

“And they shall confess their sins.” Num.5:7

The mitzvah of “viduy,” confession, is the prime prerequisite for performing teshuvah, repentance. Indeed, without viduy the teshuvah process has no value. It is puzzling that the Torah chooses to mention the mitzvah of viduy specifically at this point, in reference to the sin of stealing.

The Chidushhei Ha'Rim, (Yizchak Meir Rotenberg-Alter), who lived in the 18th century was the first Rebbe of the Ger Hasidic dynasty. Explains that every transgression committed by man consists of a form of theft. We have been granted life, health, and the ability to perform actions, so that we may serve the Almighty. To employ these G-d given abilities in behavior violets Torah law is tantamount to theft. Not only do we demonstrate ingratitude for all that we enjoy, but we also disdain its true purpose. This is the that the Torah inserts the requirement of viduy in the pesukim dealing with theft. While repenting for any violations of the Torah, we must concurrently recognize that we have illegally made use of Hashem's gifts to us. With this awareness in mind, our resolution for the future will be realistic, so that proper teshuvah can be affected.

The fifth chapter of Numbers deals with a jealous husband, who believes that his wife has been unfaithful, and these rules are required for the husband. The man must bring his wife that he believes is unfaithful to the Kohen. Then the woman is given a compound of a tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; then dust from the floor of the Tabernacle is added and mixed in water. This water is called the bitter water that causes the curse. The Kohen has the wife swears an oath that: if she was unfaithful that her belly would swell, and her thigh would fall away, and the woman shall say 'Amen' 'Amen'. If these things don't happen, then the wife is cleared of the charges, of her husband. The people of Israel had rules for a husband that suspected his wife of being unfaithful. The husband has no right to beat his wife because of his jealousy; and he could not shame his wife publicly. He had to take the issue to the Kohen. So, it is today that the husband and his wife must go before a marriage counselor, to seek remediation for their differences. This should be the manner that families take to have a home of peace.

SHABBAT SHALOM

Nasso

Torah Reading: Numbers: 4:21 - 7:18 (page 586)

Haftorah: Judges 13:2 – 25 (page 602)

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, Jeff Zemel, Lee M. Kelley, Sr., Cohen Abdi Levi,
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Smith, Chief Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr., Chief Gershon Ben Israel,
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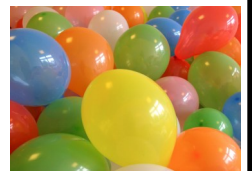
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Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael’s Soup Kitchen

Days and Hours of Operation

for the month of June

1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, June 8th

Friday, June 13th & Sunday, June 15th

Friday, June 20th

Friday, June 27th & Sunday June, 29th

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

**Welcome to Arachat Boker (breakfast) the first Shabbat of
the month from 9:30 - 10:30**

Looking forward to seeing you on June 7, 2025.

BROTHERHOOD APPRECIATION

Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

Don't miss Nashe Or Sisterhood's in-person meeting on Sun. 6/8 @4:00 p.m. sharp @ the temple. A light refreshment will be served, AND a fun activity is planned immediately after the meeting. A Zoom will be provided for those who are unable to attend.

NASHE OR SISTERHOOD

Tree of Life - Fundraiser - 2025

Let's Record Our History

**Celebrate you & your family's accomplishments,
rites of passages, births, bar & baht Mitzvot,
graduations, etc.**

Cost Per Leaf - \$50

Please submit Payment to Angela Parker by June 30, 2025

If you have any questions please see

Dinah Judah-Peterson or Angela Parker for sign up forms.

Congregation Temple Beth El of Philadelphia

Anniversary

Friday, July 25th - Sunday, July 27th

Moses Farrar new book is available

The Hebrew Scriptures: (aka OLD TESTAMENT)

And The Greek Scriptures: (aka NEW TESTAMENT)

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\$20 each

Please see Angela Parker to purchase one.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2025 GRADUATES**

HIGH SCHOOL

Jordain Dickerson

Marnina Grier

EIGHTH GRADE

Elijedva Torres



**We are regrouping the Youth Choir. Parents please have
your children present.**

**There will be a Youth Choir rehearsal every Shabbat after
oneg from 2:30 - 3:00 to prepare for upcoming
performances.**