



*Happy Birthday*



SHABBAT SHALOM

May 30, 2026

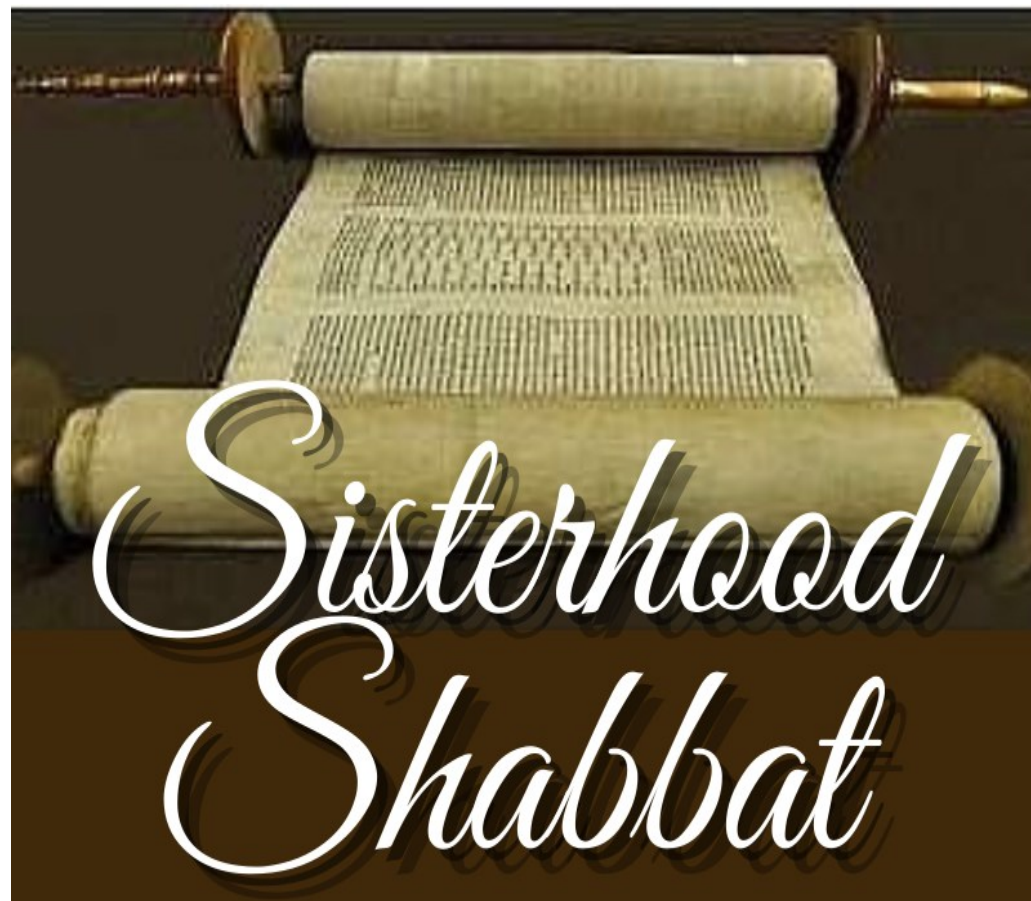
14 Sivan 5786

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Michaelangelo Eldridge  
Seagleah Macabee  
Zyon Magee  
Jonhy O'Reily  
Deja Parker  
Nikko Roberts  
Shekinah Roberts  
Naomi-Ruth Torres

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Michael & Maricar Eldridge  
Capers III & Jamako Funnye  
Rabbi & Rabbinit Funnye  
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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: Behaalotekha**

**14th Sivan 5786: – May 30, 2026**  
**Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Yefuneh**

“Because of the enemy that besieges you, you shall sound the trumpets.” (Num. 10:9)

The Rambam in Hilchos Taanios (1:1-3) states that it is positive mitzvah to cry out to Hashem and sound trumpets in response to any disaster which befalls a community. He cites the above pasuk as the source for this mitzvah. This reaction to tragedies is, in fact, one of the first steps leading to effective teshuvah, repentance. We are enjoined to contemplate our troubles, since they are a vehicle by which Hashem communicates His message to us.

In his famous thesis on the Holocaust, Harav Y. Schwartz, Shilita, states that this command to search our ways renders it incumbent upon us to explore the recent annihilation of a third of our nation. This tragedy was by no means just another disaster!

He writes that the mitzvah of contemplation is a fundamental one, which is one of the Yesodos Ha'Emunah, foundations of our faith. He cites the Rambam in Perush Ha'mishnayos, introduction to Perek Chelek, who teaches that Hashem not only knows our deeds, but He is also intimately involved in our affairs. To contemplate our daily events means to delve into the way Hashem involves Himself and interacts with us. This deliberation into Hashgachas Ha'Boreh, Divine Providence, strengthens our faith in Him.

Shabbat Shalom

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## Behaalotekha

**Torah Reading:** Num. 8:1 - 12:16 (page 605)

**Haftorah:** Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7 (page 620)

### 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.*

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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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### **Yarzheit**

**Harrison Saint Fleur**

*(brother of Rabbi Rene Thomas)*

**Sheila Maxie**

*(niece of Zakenah Yaffah Sutton)*

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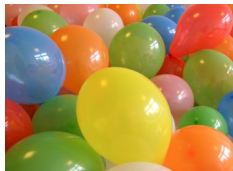
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## THIS WEEK IN BLACK & LATINO

May 24, 1997 - Astronaut Carlos Noriega returns safely after logging a total of 221 hours and 20 minutes in space, traveling 3.6 million miles.

May 25, 2020 - George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His death ignited the largest civil rights protests in U.S. history and catalyzed a global reckoning on racial injustice and police brutality.

May 26, 1956 - Following the arrest of two Florida A&M University students for sitting in the "white" section of a segregated city bus, students and local residents officially launched the Tallahassee Bus Boycott to challenge Jim Crow law.

May 27, 1942 - Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the U.S.S. West Virginia, became the first Black American awarded the Navy Cross. He received the honor for his extraordinary courage and heroism while returning fire at Pearl Harbor

May 28, 2000 - Juan Pablo Montoya became the first Colombian to win the Indianapolis 500. He had already won many races in Columbia before this victory.

May 29, 1968 - Members of the Crusade for Justice, a Chicano group, stage a protest against the government's lack of adequate poverty programs.

May 30, 1943 - James Chaney was born in Meridian, Mississippi. He became a dedicated civil rights activist during Freedom Summer, focusing on increasing African-American voter registration.

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

**Zaken Adar Ben Yisrael's Soup Kitchen**

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

Sunday, May 31

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

**Nashe Or Sisterhood Meeting**  
Sunday, May 31st @ 3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

**Sisterhood Appreciation**  
June 7, 2026  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Let's Eat To Live  
621 E. 67th St., Chicago, IL 60637

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

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