



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Shelach ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

June 9th, 2018 ~ 26 Sivan 5778

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:44 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:53 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan & Teens	9:00 AM
Ney Farewell Party	5:30 PM
Rabbi's Class	6:55 PM
Mincha	7:45 PM
Maariv	8:40 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:50 PM

Sunday June 10th – Friday June 15th
Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday June 11th – Friday June 15th
Additional Shacharit 8:45AM

Sunday June 10th – Thursday June 14th
Mincha / Maariv 8:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Menachem Baumgarten,

Rabbi Avi Bossewitch, Lazer Strohli,
Stuart Morginstin, Howard Estrin,
Michelle Redlich

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Dahlia & Steve Oppenheimer,
Gilda & Jack Burstein,

Robin & Robert Waldman, Pepita &
Simon Bronner, Sara & Ronald
Gottlieb, Nina & Jerry Schechter

Rabbi Bixon's Weekday Classes

Monday Women's Class

9:15 AM

Wednesday Advanced Talmud
After Maariv

Farewell Shabbat Party Sendoff

Today ~ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

All Beth Israel Congregants are invited
to Bid Farewell to the Ney Family & to
Honor our Beloved Rabbi Ney for the
Love & Dedication He Has Shown Our
Teenagers at Beth Israel

This Week's Hashkama Minyan

Kiddush is Being Sponsored by:

Rachel & Andrew Saka

In Honor of Their Graduates

Shalom & Yehuda

And for the General

Well-being of All Their Kids

Mazal Tov

Talia & Jacob Saka

On the Birth of a Baby Girl

Skylar Brooke

Mazal Tov to Grandparents

Judi & Sandy Saka

Carolyn & Jay Schechter

On the Marriage of Their
Children

Atara & Isaac Schechter

Mazal Tov to Grandparents

Nina & Jerry Schechter

Welcome!

Rabbi Ney & The Teen

Minyan in Leading the

Main Minyan Shacharit



Dads & Grads Kiddush!

NEXT SHABBAT JUNE 16TH

Parshat Korach

Great Way to Honor the
Fathers & Grads

\$36 First Dad or Grad / \$15 Each
Additional Name

Please Contact the Office



**CALLING OUT TO ALL BETH ISRAEL
CONGREGATION MEMBERS!**

**We Kindly Ask You to Submit
Your Scheduled Simcha Dates
(Such as Bar & Bat Mitzvahs)
for the 2018 – 2019 Calendar
*Please Contact the Office***

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Esti

9:30 Regular Groups Begin with
Youth Leaders

Congratulations to this

Past Week's

Diamond Daveners

Moshe Ney, Kobi Roth,
Hannah Leibowitz

Middot Award

Eviyata Schwartz
Dalia Silverstone

TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

TEEN MINYAN

Begins at 9:30am

Teen Seudat Shlishit

Seudat Shlishit will take
place between Mincha &
Maariv with Rabbi Ney,
Rabbi G. & The Bermanator
– Ben Berman

BETH ISRAEL'S YOUTH

Special Youth Shabbat

Teens will be participating
and helping run the Main
Minyan from Gabbai to
Leining, from Davening to
Speaking!



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Parshat Shelach

By: Ari Ciment

CAN ISRAEL REALLY SUCCEED

הכל צפוי, והרשות נתונה...
[Rabbi Akiva states]: Everything is expected and yet we are given רשות/free choice. (AVOS 3:15)

At first glance this is the philosophic conundrum: How can we have free choice with G-d knowing what will happen? How are we to really understand this?

To answer this question, lets analyze a Rashi from this week's parsha... We are told that the מרגלים/Spies who eventually spoke ill of Israel initially took **40 days** to scout the land although it was a very wide expanse requiring more time. G-d miraculously shortened their journey because as Rashi points out: גלוי לפני הקב"ה שנגזר עליהם יום לשנה, קצר הדרך: לפניו since it was revealed before the Holy One, blessed is He, that He would sentence them with a year for every day, he shortened the way [so they covered ground more rapidly]. The obvious question is similar to the question on Rabbi Akiva: If G-d knew that the Spies were going to sin (only later did they deliver their evil report), where is their free choice?! ANSWER: The answer is in the very next 2 words in the Torah (after the word **40 days**): וַיִּלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ - Rashi explains the need for the unusual double language of "they went and came" here: *To compare their going with their coming. Just as their return was with evil intent, so was their departure [on the journey] with evil intent.* When the Meraglim

started their journey, they became evil. Their mission wasn't to prove to the people that the Land was good but rather that the Canaanites in the East and West of Israel and the Emorites to the North (they didn't even have Hamas to worry about in the South back then!) were too formidable an enemy/is to overcome. **Their failed attitude doomed their mission to failure from the very beginning!**

Rabbi Avi Bossewitch taught us in the name of the Rav that when Rabbi Akiva says והרשות נתונה, הכל צפוי, he may in fact be talking less about the philosophical conundrum and more about the reality of any given potential. He explained: הכל צפוי - Everything is expected of you and הרשות נתונה - we are given DOMINION/POWER (רשות doesn't only mean choice but also domain or power) to execute our wills. As long as we genuinely believe in ourselves, we can be successful but our expectations are inexorably linked to our attitude and belief that we have the power to execute. Now it makes perfect sense. When G-d shortened the Meraglim's trip to 40 days before they sinned, He did so knowing that each day would be punished for 1 year and He didn't want them to suffer too much. But He wasn't punishing them per se for their future evil but rather because הרשות נתונה - לפני הקב"ה - G-d saw NOW that their attitude was doomed and they had no chance for success. The negative application of הכל צפוי, here is that G-d recognized the evil intent of the Meraglim and wasn't punishing them knowing that they will sin later as much as providing them some

discount on what He saw as inevitable, emanating from an evil uncorrectable bad approach! If you start off anything with a poor attitude or don't believe you have control of a situation, then the outcome is inevitably poor.

In 2018, when we look at our Israel, we shouldn't fear the Hezbollah on our north, Hamas to our south and Iran/Syria to our West as much as recognizing our unyielding great strength in being able to stand up strong to these bullies. הכל צפוי only works when we understand that הרשות נתונה.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: When G-d shortened the Spies travel in Israel before they actually delivered their evil report, Rashi explains that G-d knew they were going to sin. But as the next 2 words clarify (ויילכו ויבאו), G-d wasn't challenging their free will as much as teaching us that with such a poor attitude and lack of emunah/approach, the meraglim in fact had no chance to be good from the outset. They were focusing only on the formidable enemies and not on their own inherent strengths. Rabbi Bossewitch reminds us of the Rav's lesson on R Akiva: הכל צפוי, והרשות נתונה - G-d expects everything from us as He gives us the power to execute, even the unthinkable. ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO SUCCEED AS WE FOCUS ON OUR STRENGTHS AND WORRY LESS ABOUT OUR SURROUNDING ENEMIES

Error in Omission
Doctor & Mrs. Lee Goldberg
Sponsored Seudat Shlishit Last
Shabbat in commemoration of
Dr Goldberg's father's yahrzeit
Meir Yaakov ben Shlomo Avigdor
z"l



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Wishing Aviva & Rabbi Ney Much Success in their New Endeavor
We Will Miss you!

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