



# Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vaera/ Shabbat Mevarchim

January 13, 2018 26 Tevet 5778

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:32 PM  
Mincha 5:40 PM

### Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM  
Main Minyan 9:00 AM  
Sof Zman K. Shema 9:49 AM  
Teen Minyan 9:30 AM  
Rabbi Bixon's Class 4:40 PM  
Mincha 5:25 PM  
Maariv 6:20 PM  
Shabbat Ends 6:27 PM  
Family Learning 7:10 PM

Rosh Chodesh Wednesday January 17

Sunday January 14 –Friday January 19  
Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday January 15 –Friday January 19  
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 AM

Sunday January 14 –Thursday January 18  
Mincha/Maariv: 5:40 PM

### Rabbi Bixon's Weekday Classes

Monday Women's Class  
9:15 AM

Wednesday Advanced Talmud  
Class 8:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

**Beth Israel is  
Getting Ready for  
Purim! Watch your  
Email for the  
Beth Israel  
Mishloach Manot  
Order Form**

### This Week's Kiddush

is Sponsored by

**Blimie & Jonathan Levy**  
In Memory of Jonathan's Father  
**Dr. Mark Levy z"l**

### This Week's Seudat Shishit

is Sponsored by

Rita & Robert Galbut & Family  
Gita & David Galbut & Family  
Nancy & ALB Galbut & Family  
Ronalee & Russel Galbut & Family

In Memory of Their Father, Grandfather  
& Great Grandfather

**Capt. Hyman Galbut z"l**

### This Week's Announcements

is Sponsored by

**Loraine & Isaac Weiss**  
In Memory of Isaac's Grandmother  
**Shirley Weiss**  
**Channah Sarah**  
**Bat Reb Yaakov Yoel z"l**  
26<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, 5776

**Rose & Sam Gurfinkel &  
Family**

In Memory of Sam's Father

**Zerach ben Shmuel z"l**  
27 Tevet

### Mazal Tov to

**-Lauren and Joseph Saka**  
On The Birth of Their Daughter **Aliza**  
Mazal Tov to the Grandparents  
**Fancy and Jimmy Saka**

**-Rita & Robert Galbut**  
On the Engagement of Their  
Granddaughter **Shoshana**  
Daughter of **Adina & Brian Galbut**  
to **Gaby Barishansky**

**-Sylvia & Michael Kanoff**  
On the Birth of a Boy Born to their  
children **Chani & Darius Asly**

### Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 AM Pre- Groups Begin with  
Morah Atara and Morah Esti

9:45 AM Regular Groups Begin with  
Youth Leader

### TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

9:30 AM TEEN MINYAN

**Followed by An Amazing Kiddush!**

### THIS WEEK'S TEEN KIDDUSH

Sponsored by

**Leah & Avraham Green**  
In memory of Naftali ben Harav  
**Rafael z"l**

TEEN SEUDAT SHLISHIT TAKES PLACE  
After Mincha with the Bermanator

**Ben Berman, Rabbi Ney &  
Rabbi G.**

**Friday Night Minions!**

**THE GRAND RAFFLE WEEK!**  
For All Children Who Kept Earning  
Grand Raffle Tickets Each Week!  
The Final Week! Prizes Ruffled At  
The Program Are To Be Picked Up  
Motzi Shabbat

**Friday Night Shabbat Davening**

**Comes To Life**  
Led By Rabbi G.

**Family Torah Time Will Take Place**  
This Motzi Shabbat at 7:10 PM

**We Look Forward to Seeing You**  
Motzi Shabbat!

**Save the Date -**

Please Reach Out to Rabbi G. To Make  
Sure Your Child is on the Birthday Club  
List for the Upcoming Month of  
Tevet/Shvat



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### DVAR TORAH BY DR. ARI CIMENT

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION OF  
צַפְרֹדֶיַע AND ANGER?

רבי אליעזר אומר: ... , וְאֵל תְּהִי נֹחַ  
...לְכַעַס. וְשׁוּב יוֹם אֶחָד לִפְנֵי מִיתְתְּךָ

“Rabbi Eliezer says... and don't be quick to get angry and repent one day before your death”. Most commentators interpret this to be completely unrelated separate elements. But is there a possible connection. What does anger have to do with being able to repent before you die?!

**ANSWER:** וַתַּעַל הַצַּפְרֹדֶיַע וַתִּכֶסּוּ  
“**And the FROG went up and covered the land of Egypt” (8:2)**

There is a Medrash Tanchuma that quotes Rabbi Akiva as saying that there was initially only one FROG but miraculously, as the Egyptians would smite the frog/frogs, many frogs came forth [from that one frog!]. Rashi echoes this medrash.

Rav Yakov Kanievsky asked the obvious question: if the abundance of frogs were a nuisance, why didn't the Egyptians simply stop smiting them once they realized that hitting them actually caused their multiplication!?

The answer he gives in his sefer Bircas Peretz (saw this idea from Rav Yakov Edelstein's Brina Yiktzoru) is essentially that anger always muddles reason. Though the Egyptians should have rationally stopped hitting the frogs, their anger made them out of control. Reason and real good intent can be squashed in one minue by one fit of rage. I will add that it is likely no coincidence that this message of anger is taught to us by the צַפְרֹדֶיַע/frog. The word צַפְרֹדֶיַע can be

broken up to mean צַפְרֹדֶיַע/morning and יָדַע/to know. One strategy we were taught in medical school to preventing anger at any situation is to “sleep on it” and “know the morning”- The lesson of anger is indeed to יָדַע/to know the צַפְרֹדֶיַע/morning.

When the Tanna in Avos says *don't be quick to get angry and repent one day before your death*, he is likley saying that anger leads us to lose control and eventually relinquish well-meaning and good intent. In order to assure we will die having done sincere teshuvah or repentance, we thus have to avoid anger which is the root of losing rationality! Anger and repentance are thus very much connected.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: Rav Yakov Kanievsky asked why didn't the Egyptians simply stop smiting the frogs once they realized that hitting them actually caused their multiplication!?! The Egyptans got angry and reason/rationality is squashed when anger takes control!

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION OF צַפְרֹדֶיַע AND ANGER? The lesson of anger is indeed to יָדַע/to know the צַפְרֹדֶיַע/morning. SLEEP ON IT AS ANGER JUST LEADS TO IRRATIONALITY!

**Community News**  
**Lubavitch**  
**Educational Center**  
**Dinner**  
**Tuesday January 16**  
**Honoring**  
**Dr Rivkie and Ozer Simon**