



The Englewood Synagogue

CONGREGATION
AHAVATH TORAH

Congregation Ahavath Torah SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Natan Slifkin

February 2nd ~ 3rd

Rabbi Natan Slifkin is the director of the Biblical Museum of Natural History in Beit Shemesh, Israel. Born in Manchester, England, he spent many years of study at yeshivot in Israel. He then taught Talmud and Jewish philosophy at Ohr Somayach Institutions, where he received rabbinic ordination. Rabbi Slifkin also has an MA in Jewish Studies from the Lander Institute in Jerusalem, where he graduated summa cum laude, and he is currently pursuing a PhD in Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University, writing a dissertation on Rabbinic encounters with zoology in the nineteenth century.

Rabbi Slifkin has also taught extensively on Judaism, science and zoology at Yeshivat Lev HaTorah in Ramat Bet Shemesh and at numerous synagogues worldwide. He has run many educational programs at zoos and natural history museums, as well as serving as scholar-in-residence on African safaris. Rabbi Slifkin has written numerous books on the topic of Judaism and the natural sciences, and he has also written extensively for the Daf Yomi Advancement Forum, as well as for many newspapers, websites and journals. He also maintains a popular blog, Rationalist Judaism.



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- *Friday Night Oneg – 8:00pm*
at the home of Debbie & Steven Siegler, 275 Hutchinson Road
How (not) to Become a Heretic: What Must a Jew Believe?
 - *Shabbat Morning Following services in The Straus Main Sanctuary*
The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought
 - *Shabbat Afternoon at Seudah Shlishit*
Rationalism vs. Mysticism: Schisms in Traditional Jewish Thought