Shabbat, August 18, 2018 - Elul 7, 5778
Parshat Shofetim (Pg. 1024) *The Eruv is Up this Shabbat*

**Torah Insights**

After words of encouragement by the Kohein, the *shotrim* (officers) would step forward and excuse from war those in the midst of an important process. The builder of a new home not yet dedicated, the planter of a vineyard not yet harvested, and the man engaged to be married were all free to return home. However, the exemptions did not stop there. The Kohein proclaimed: "Is there any man among you who is afraid or faint hearted? Let him go home rather than have his cowardliness demoralize his brethren." (Shofetim 20:8) (Translation from The Living Torah.) The Mishnah in Tractate Sotah records a dispute as to the nature of this fear. Rabbi Akiva assumes the straightforward meaning that the fear mentioned is the fear of battle. Rabbi Yossi Hagelili disagrees, and claims that the fear mentioned by the *shotrim* is the fear of sin. Those who feared the repercussion of sins “on their hands” were sent home from battle, lest their fear prove contagious and undermine military morale.

**Kiddush Sponsorship & Mazal Tov!**

The Kiddush this Shabbat is kindly sponsored by Dr. Sami and Rena Shulsky-David, in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rena’s father, Rubin Shulsky ob”m.

**Rabbi Eli Babich will be away August 12 - 26.**

**FAS WELCOMES SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE RABBI BINYAMIN SILVER THIS SHABBAT, AUGUST 17-18.**

Rabbi Silver will be addressing us and leading services this Shabbat.

Rabbi Binyamin Silver received Semicha from Rabbi Moshe Shternbuch, executive director emeritus of the rabbinical court of Jerusalem, and Rabbi Nathan Greenblatt, *Av Beis Din* of Memphis, Tennessee. In addition to Semicha, Rabbi Silver holds a Masters in Education, a J.D. and an LL.M in Taxation. Rabbi Silver began his rabbinic career as assistant rabbi in Long Island NY. In 2013 he assumed the role of assistant rabbi in one of the largest shuls in the greater Washington area. Alongside his rabbinic duties, Rabbi Silver is a practicing international tax attorney. He is credited with cultivating and growing a vibrant community of young professionals that has enhanced the greater Washington Jewish community. Rabbi Silver was one of the featured speakers last Passover at the Arizona Biltmore, and currently resides in Silver Spring MD with his wife, Estee, and adorable son, Gavi.
The Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat is kindly sponsored by Paula Fishman in commemoration of the first yahrzeit of her husband **David Fishman**
Dovid Shimon ben Avraham Yaakov ob”m.

**Women’s Club Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card Fundraiser 2018/5779**

Rosh Hashanah arrives early this year on Sunday eve, September 9th. The Women’s Club encourages all FAS members to participate in its annual New Year greeting card fundraiser by subscribing to its popular communal Rosh Hashanah card. Watch your mail and email for the upcoming Rosh Hashana subscription card letter which you will need to complete to be included. Proceeds of this project help support the Women’s Club in its various FAS synagogue projects and charitable giving throughout the year. By participating in this project, you can extend your good wishes and blessings in an attractive, meaningful gesture to the FAS community. All participants’ names will be listed on the card’s interior. **All card orders (including all names) must be submitted and pre-paid by Friday, August 24, 2018. The card will go to press on Monday, August 27, 2018. Call Tanya at FAS (212) 838-2122 or email her at Tanya@5as.org to sign up and pay. ($50 per household.)** On behalf of the Women’s Club, we thank you and send our best wishes for a joyous Holiday filled with good health and sweetness.

**Shana Tovah!** Linda Schonfeld & Starlin Leitner Taub.

**HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS**

Please remember to return your High Holiday seat request forms and let us know if you plan to attend our High Holiday services, which will commence this year on **Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 9**. If you are not joining us this year, please let us know ASAP, so we can open up seats to others who wish to attend. It is important that every seat is filled for the Holidays. **Please contact Sheila in the Synagogue office at (212) 838-2122, or email sheila@5as.org.**

**CHODESH ELUL SHOFAR**

The month of Elul is the month of teshuva- repentance for our misdeeds and mistakes. In concordance with this theme, our Sages instituted the blowing of the Shofar every morning at the end of services, other than Shabbat. Please be sure to join us for our weekday morning- and evening- services.

**Happy Birthday!**

Samuel Friedland, 5   Rochelle Akrongold, 6   Rafaela Silverberg, 8

**Junior Congregation - Rivkah Halpert Ages 1 - 4, 5th Floor - 10:30 AM**

Join us every Shabbat and Jewish Holiday. The children are introduced to basic teffilot and alef-bet. Food, games, activities and fun!

*Junior Congregation continues throughout July & August.*
RABBI SHMUEL FISHELIS - EIGHT CLASSES ON THE FIRST BOOK OF EIN YAAKOV

THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30 PM AT FAS

Rabbi Fishelis is teaching the fourth perek of Tractate Brachot of Ein Yaakov, the homiletic aggadata portion of the Talmud, for eight classes on Tuesday nights during the months of July and August. Rabbi Shmuel Fishelis has been giving the Daf Yomi shiur for almost 30 years. He is one of the Roshei Yeshiva at Mesivta Tifereth Yerushalayim, and he has smicha from Harav Hagoan Rabbi Moshe Feinstein Z'tl. This is a unique opportunity to learn areas of the Talmud not usually studied in depth, and which is only offered during the summer months. You are welcome to join, whether you have a background in Talmud or not.

Please RSVP to Tanya@5as.org.

TWO-PART SERIES with ALAN RECHTSCHAFFEN

“Prayers and the High Holidays”

Part I & II THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 at 6:30 PM AT FAS.

Sushi & Wine will be served. Please RSVP to Tanya@5as.org.

GOLF & TENNIS OUTING RAIN DATE
All golfers who registered for our event will get to play again on October 15. If you are interested in bringing players please contact the office at 212-838-2122.

SAVE THE DATE:
TWO-PART SERIES with CANTOR JOSEPH MALOVANY

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 & 13
One hour before Mincha, at FAS.

“Prayers For The High Holiday Services.”

Sushi & Wine will be served. Please RSVP to Tanya@5as.org.

Yahrzeits August 18 - 24, 2018; Elul 7 - 13, 5778

August/Elul
19  8  Mr. Milton Goodstein, Brother
20  9  Mrs. Ruth Dimenstein, Father-In-Law
20  9  Dr. Jack Goldman, Mother
20  9  Mrs. Michele Gould, Sister
21  10 Mr. Richard Hirsch, Mother
21  10 Mr. David Hirsch, Mother
21  10 Mrs. Carole Friedman, Mother
22  11 Mr. Victor Barnett, Father
23  12 Mr. Andre Bernard, Father
23  12 Dr. Lawrence Gelb, Mother
23  12 Mrs. Gabrielle Propp, Mother
23  12 Mrs. Paula Fishman, Husband
23  12 Mr. Yisroel Halpert, Grandmother
24  13 Mrs. Henriette Beilis, Husband
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, August 17

Candle Lighting………………………………………7:33 PM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat……………………………7:00 PM

Shabbat, August 18

Daf Yomi in the Library……………………………………8:00 AM
Parsha Class with Rabbi Silver…………………………8:30 AM
Shacharit………………………………………………9:00 AM
K’riot HaTorah…………………………………………9:50 AM
Mussaf…………………………………………………10:50 AM
Sermon/Announcements……………………………..11:15 AM
Adon Olam…………………………………………..11:30 AM

Shabbat Afternoon Schedule

Daf Yomi in the Library……………………………………6:00 PM
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit………………………………7:15 PM
Shabbat Ends………………………………………………8:34 PM

Sunday, August 19

Daf Yomi…………………………………………………7:30 AM
Shacharit…………………………………………………8:30 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv…………………………………………7:30 PM

Monday, August 20 - Thursday, August 23

Daf Yomi…………………………………………………6:30 AM
Shacharit…………………………………………………7:30 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv…………………………………………7:30 PM

Friday, August 24

Daf Yomi…………………………………………………6:30 AM
Shacharit…………………………………………………7:30 AM
Candle Lighting……………………………………….7:22 AM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat……………………………7:00 PM