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## Davar

*“A Matter for Discussion”*



So...here I am in Atlanta for a brief stop so that my son, Josh, can personally wish his grandmother a happy 95th birthday. This afternoon we set our heading to Houston via Route 10. It's not a road trip out of Jack Kerouac, Tom Wolfe or Ken Kesey.

Actually, it's more reminiscent of a drive we took Josh's freshman year at college. That was nearly 10 years ago, so Route 10 may be the appropriate highway after all.

Watching our children become adults, and at the same time caring for our aging parents, afford us opportunities to appreciate different stages of life. Isn't it interesting that we can observe the dawning independence of our children while simultaneously observing the increasing dependence of our beloved mothers and fathers? There is less to say about this fact than to do. How I have enjoyed my mother in my life for so many good years. How delightful to watch my son grow up and take his place in the world.

Although I am not a betting man, I would have given great odds at the possibility of Josh and I living in contiguous states. But here we are, Arkansas and Texas. Lucky to pursue our lives in both destinations.

Good wishes to all our friends in Hot Springs,

A Dad and his Son



*Josh, Lila and Rabbi Richard Chapin*

## Sisterhood



Our January 5th Sisterhood meeting was filled with activities, great food and even a surprise guest speaker. Patti led a discussion on a story from the book *What do we Talk About When we Talk about Anne Frank*.

While some of us had read this short story, we were all enthralled with the story and the discussion was quite lively. Our guest speaker was Rabbi Chapin and he, too, talked about the book.

Lunch was one of our favorites – make your own taco salad which was delicious, messy and lots of fun to eat. Taco shaped ice cream bars followed the meal. Delicious, and thank you to our hostesses.

We've been busy volunteering at Jackson House. I don't know who enjoys it more – the people we feed or those of us who have the fun of making the lunches and just visiting with each other.

February will have us bringing a picture of our favorite vacation (hopefully a picture where there is no telling who is in it and we can guess). Be prepared to talk about why this vacation was so great!

After the meeting, we had our first CHI Mah Jong game. We had a wonderful time and look forward to playing again after the next meeting. Thank you to our “experts” Cynthia Rephan and Betty Forshberg for helping us along and answering our questions.

Thank you to Sue and Patti as well as Marilyn Blumbeks, Sherrill and Anthony Nicolosi for helping prepare meals for Bridges of Hope which was held at First United Methodist Church. This wonderful program teaches young people how to be self sufficient as far as finding jobs, caring for themselves, managing their funds, etc. It's a wonderful opportunity to help those who want to help themselves.

## From the President



Happy New Year to all. Hope this year brings you much joy, happiness and good health. This past year has been an amazing year for me. I have truly loved serving as your temple president. I will not be able to complete my second

year because I have many family commitments that will cause me to be away more than this past year. I appreciate all your support and love you have shown me. We have an awesome board and so many members that work hard to keep things running smoothly. Thank you all.

I want to thank everyone that helped make this year's Hanukkah celebrations a huge success. Millie Baron did a wonderful job working with the kids. Karen Reagler organized all the latkes, Sue Koppel, Betty Kleinman, Betty Forshberg, Phyllis Hearn, Anita Williams, Ruth Sedler cooked latkes and Dennis helped set all the tables. I also want to thank Yossi Baron for arranging all the delicious corned beef and bread.

This year we also started sending out letters to alumni and people with a connection to CHI for their support. This project is called the *Mensch Society*. We have had great responses but we still need your help sending out letters to family and friends that may have gone to religious school, gotten married, or have family in our cemetery.

I have been working on locating past rabbis and have spoken to three, Rabbi Tom Friedman, Rabbi Jay Heyman and Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman. They all would love to visit HS and were excited to hear how we are doing. I would like to plan a reunion in the future. I still want to find Rabbi Angela Grayboys and Rabbi Matt Friedman. If anyone has contact information please let me know.

I am looking forward to many wonderful events and celebrations along with meaningful Shabbat services.

Mary



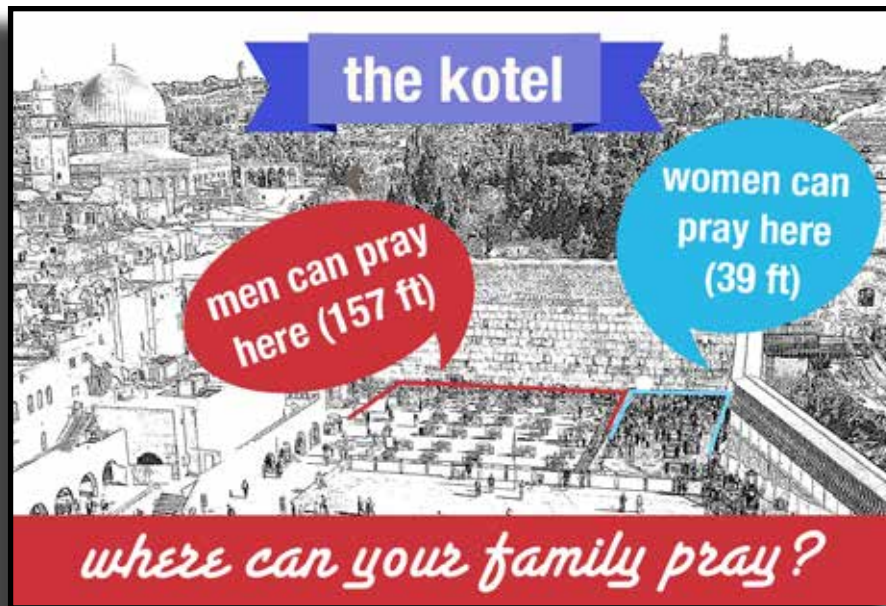
Mazel Tov to Jodie Koppel Keats and Tony Sule who were married in December. They each have two sons, who are not only brothers, but also best of friends.

They will continue to reside in New Zealand. Jodie is the daughter of Hal and Sue Koppel.



# Get Out and Vote, Esther!!

*I know I will...*



It took Queen Esther quite a while to understand that she had to make her own Jewish voice heard. And luckily, Esther did just that. She proceeded to save the Jewish people in her time and we celebrate that sacred moment at Purim, which this year falls on March 4th and 5th.

The role of women has changed significantly since Queen Esther's time and today, we see women actively participating in all aspects of Jewish life, both here and in Israel. In Israel, women serve leadership roles, not only in the armed services and Knesset but also in religious life. There are now 42 Reform (Israel Movement for Progressive and Reform Judaism) congregations in Israel in which women can be Temple presidents, read Torah, and lead their communities as rabbis and cantors. Reform Rabbis trained in Israel, both women and men, lead women to Bat Mitzvah, guide them in egalitarian wedding ceremonies and allow and encourage women to recite Kaddish for their loved ones at those moments of grief and loss. A few young women have even become Bat Mitzvah at the Kotel, the Western Wall.

But those opportunities are still too few and far between.

This year, we Reform Jews have an opportunity to effect Israeli religious life and generate resources to grow the Reform Jewish presence in Israel by voting and participating in the World Zionist Congress Elections.

When we vote, we stand tall, knowing we join with Queen Esther and make our voices heard for the future of Judaism and especially Judaism in Israel.

Vote for Greater Religious Equality in Israel and VOTE TODAY.

## How?

Go to [www.reformjews4israel.org/vote](http://www.reformjews4israel.org/vote).

Register and vote the ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism in Israel slate in the World Zionist Congress elections.

Vote online for the future of Israeli Jewish life.

## When? NOW!

## WHY?

Help create a dynamic Reform Judaism in Israel, that includes the voices of women and men; those born Jewish and those who have chosen Judaism.

Generate funds for education, youth work, social justice and pastoral care for the Israeli Reform movement.

Strengthen Reform Judaism's call for the values we cherish and will grant the Reform movement influence in the quality of Jewish religious life in Israel.

## GET OUT THE VOTE, ESTHER!!

I know I will—

# Letter From An Old Friend

## Greetings from Rabbi Tom Friedmann



Thank you to Mary Klompus for seeking out former rabbis of Congregation House of Israel. Through the Internet we reconnected and Mary asked me for a write up on the Friedmann family.

First I offer a family summary. We moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where I served for nine years. During that time Joani went back to school and became an R.N. My efforts to combine the Reform and Conservative congregations contributed to their merger, but left me without a job. I was not comfortable in the role of Conservative rabbi.

We then moved to Columbus, Georgia, where I served for fifteen years. Rachel and Josh graduated from high school there and both went to Tulane for their undergraduate degrees. Rachel continued her studies and now has two master's degrees, one from Tulane and the other from Johns Hopkins. Even though Rachel has loved in DC for ten years

and Josh has remained in New Orleans, they both regard New Orleans as their home.

I retired in 2009 and we moved back to Cincinnati, Joani's hometown. I help one of the Conservative congregations here with pastoral needs and am on call for the Jewish funeral home whenever they have an unaffiliated family who needs a rabbi. Joani volunteers at a nearby hospital as a patient escort. She remembers all too well how important volunteers were when she was an active nurse.

Our big excitement was Josh's wedding this past August. Lindsay and Josh met thirteen years ago at Camp Coleman, the URJ camp in Cleveland, Georgia. She was a counselor and he was a machon (counselor in training), so they weren't allowed to date. They stayed in touch over the years and now they are married. We are thrilled.

If anyone wishes to be in touch, my e-mail address is [RabbiTJF@aol.com](mailto:RabbiTJF@aol.com) and my cell number is 513-846-5681.

Shalom,  
Tom Friedmann  
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## Hanukkah Celebration

Dec 20, 2014



## Hannah and Mimi Turn 9



Check out the cool cake made by "aunt" Millie Baron.

# Tikkun Olam - To change the World

“Get active and make a difference.” This is the personal motto and way of life for Cynthia Rephan, Congregation House of Israel’s Tiuun Olom Award winner for 2014-2015.

Cynthia was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She was brought up as a member of Sinai Temple where she was confirmed and then became a Religious School teacher. Sinai Temple is the largest and oldest conservative congregation in the greater Los Angeles area.

She attended both LA City College and UCLA before meeting and marrying Bernard Rephan and moving to Hot Springs in 1949. She brought her enthusiasm and intellect to Hot Springs and has been an active member of both the Jewish Community as well as the Hot Springs Community.

She is the mother of 3 children – Ellen, Jerry and Sydney who were raised to be active members of the community. In her ‘spare time’ she worked for a local plumbing supply company and helped out wherever and whenever she was needed at the family business -- Rephan Department Stores.



Her contribution of her time and knowledge have been a vital part of the sisterhood of this congregation, serving as President, Secretary, Board member and always an interested and enthusiastic member.

In the 1950’s, Cynthia was chosen to actually break the ground with the first shovel full of dirt.

Cynthia has made a difference in many charities, including going door to door for Red Cross, United Way and Polio. She has volunteered in politics with the desire to spread the truth rather than lies. She has served on the board of Levi Hospital. She has been an active member of the Junior Auxiliary serving as both president and treasurer. She has been involved in REGARD – Recognizing Everyone’s Gifts and Respecting Diversity – which is a community wide organization. She also volunteers her time to both the Hot Springs Music Festival and the Hot Springs Film Festival.

In her “spare” time, her personal interests include gardening, needle point (her work is on display in our temple) and reading nonfiction, including biographies, autobiographies and information material.

For the last 65 years, Cynthia has been a valued member of the Jewish community and a wonderful ambassador for CHI in greater Hot Springs.

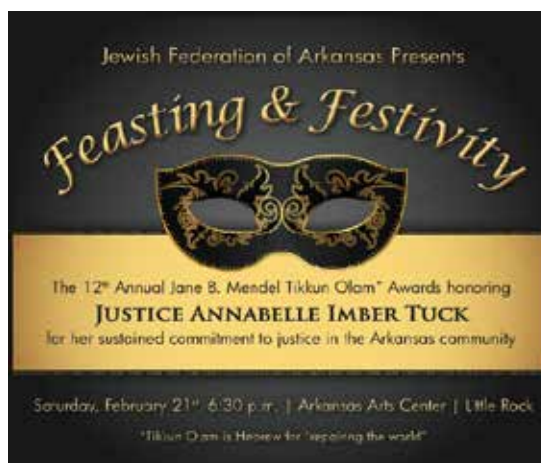
## Save The Date

**Saturday, February 21, 6:30PM**

The 12th Annual Tikkun Olam Award Dinner at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock. Our honoree is Cynthia Rephan, who has diligently and tirelessly served our community in so many capacities over the past 65 years.

**Friday, February 27, 5:15 pm**

Tomer Barash, Israel Emissary, will be visiting CHI for a wine and cheese reception.



# Jewish Movies to Watch Out For At Sundance

Although it's now well entrenched in the Hollywood ecosystem, the Sundance Film Festival remains a venue for some of the film industry's more offbeat voices and still largely unknown talent — and a place for boldfaced names to redefine themselves.

Jewish subjects and artists again will figure prominently in this year's festival, which runs from Jan. 22 to Feb. 1 in Park City, Utah. Here are the films to look for at Sundance:

## **"City of Gold"**

### **(Documentary)**

Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold is an icon in Los Angeles: His

recommendations are treated with reverence by foodies, and his reviews can change an obscure noodle shop or greasy spoon into a culinary hotspot. "City of Gold," directed by Laura Gabbert, follows Gold's perambulations through the city's large and diverse food scene, devoting equal care to rickety food trucks and pricey haute cuisine. As befits a man who by his own account received much of his Jewish and culinary training at the city's delis, Gold is as heimische as his palate is ruthlessly discerning.

## **"Partisan" (Feature)**

Australian Jewish filmmaker Ariel Kleiman, 29, presents his debut feature in his return to Sundance, where his 2011 short "Deeper Than Yesterday" won a Jury Prize and his script for "Partisan" won the festival's Mahindra Global Filmmaking Award in 2012. "Partisan" stars Vincent Cassel as the leader of a cultish commune who is seeking to protect and isolate his charges from a hostile world. Kleiman co-wrote the movie with Sarah Cyngler, the costume and production designer from "Deeper Than Yesterday."

## **"I Smile Back" (Feature)**

Sarah Silverman is a goddess in the world of standup comedy, but she's never really found her footing in the movies. That may change with her lead role in "I Smile Back," a domestic drama about a self-destructive suburban housewife who goes off her meds and is sucked into a destructive downward spiral of drinking and drugs. Silverman has publicly spoken about her own struggles with depression, and it will be interesting to see if she can channel her personal history into a potentially career-changing performance. The movie is adapted from the novel by Amy Koppelman, who co-wrote the screenplay, and is directed by Adam Salky.



## **"Princess"**

### **(Feature)**

The first full-length feature by Israeli filmmaker Tali Shalom Ezer, "Princess" presents its own vision of domestic strife. The drama delves into a dark subject matter:

the abusive relationship between a 12-year-old girl and her stepfather. Shalom Ezer, 36, previously ventured into unsettling territory with the short film "Surrogate," about a survivor of child abuse who sought sex therapy with a professional sex partner, and the 2005 documentary "Life at Abarbanel," about life in a mental hospital.

## **"Larry Kramer In Love and Anger"**

### **(Documentary)**

Less than a year after the Emmy Award-winning HBO movie adaptation of Larry Kramer's "The Normal Heart" thrust the 79-year-old playwright and activist back into the spotlight, the new documentary "Larry Kramer In Love and Anger" chronicles the life and career of this controversial and unbending figure. Kramer was one of the loudest and most uncompromising of the gay activists to emerge in the 1980s to publicize and combat the AIDS crisis, which he has often referred to as "a holocaust." His dogged advocacy helped force the issue onto the national agenda and keep it there.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### *Anniversaries*

David and Joanne Major	Feb 5
Norm and Barbara Bushee	Feb 11

### *Birthdays*

Ken Baim	Feb 1
Kathy Klein	Feb 10
Diane Goltz	Feb 12
Elan Grenman	Feb 13
Joanne Reagler	Feb 17
David D. Reagler	Feb 18
Imy Marcus	Feb 21

## Todah Rabah

To **Ross Sedler** for all his hard work on repairing our Torah

To **Millie Baron** for all her wonderful cakes, cookies and challas

To **Mary Klompus** for all her caring leadership and dedication

To **Barbara Morgan** for all her work organizing our library

To **Dennis and Anita Williams** for being our Temple shoppers

## Refuah Shelemah

*The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:*

- David Major
- Michael Waxler
- Bill Eisenkramer
- David Reagler
- Ken Baim
- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Barbara Diebel
- Louis Kleinman

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

## Oneg Thanks

Thank you to the following for sponsoring an Oneg during the month of February:

Feb 6	Kathryn Eisenkramer Patti Fleischer
Feb 13	Clarissa Kirsch Kay Fleischer
Feb 20	Oded Grenman Betty Forshberg
Feb 27	Marilyn Blumbeks Lori Hutchinson

**Reminder:** If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, bear in mind that it is YOUR responsibility to find someone to switch with and to advise Carol Kleinman of the change.

## The Missing Years

Moshe was eating in a Chinese restaurant and was chatting to his Chinese waiter. Moshe commented upon what a wise people the Chinese were.

"Yes," replied the waiter, "we're wise because our culture is 4,000 years old. But Jewish people are also very wise, are they not?" Moshe replied, "Yes, we are. Our culture is 5,000 years old."

The waiter was surprised to hear this. "That can't be true," he replied, "where did your people eat for a thousand years?"

# February Yahrtzeits

## Kaddish Recited February 6

**Milan Mandel**

*Stepfather of Lenny Mendel*

**Samuel Newman**

*Grandfather of Millie Baron*

## Kaddish Recited February 13

**Eric Ross**

*Father of Elaine Wolken*

**Rose Ginsburg**

*Grandmother of Millie Baron*

**Max Singer**

*Father-in-law of Lenny Mendel*

**William Boswell**

*Father of Anita Williams*

**Jason Kandel**

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**Ani Hannah Grenman**

*Mother of Oded Grenman*

**Julia Levine Bauman**

*Mother of Cynthia Rephan*

**Roy D. Dutch Schlosberg**

*Grandfather of Jeff Schlosberg*

## Kaddish Recited February 20

**Stella F. Weisman**

*Mother of Louise Levi*

**Pinchas Grenman**

*Father of Oded Greman*

**Ruben Unowsky**

*Father of Joel Unowsky*

## Kaddish Recited February 27

**Sally Friedlander Boley**

*Mother of Sherrill Nicolosi*

**Evelyn Unowsky**

*Mother of Joel Unowsky*

**Pearl Gartenberg Lippert**

*Aunt of Robert Gartenberg*

**Katrina Williams**, long time organist and vocalist for CHI, as well as a beloved friend, has passed away.

While she was not a member, she supported our congregation with her music and financial support for many years.

May her memory be for a blessing.

## Help Wanted

As our congregation grows and our activities increase, it is so important to have an "official" CHI photographer. We have so many opportunities to take photos and share them with our friends, members and people out-of-area, who are a part of CHI even if they don't live here.

If you are willing to bring your camera to services and activities, it would be a real 'mitzvah'. Perhaps this could be a shared position.

Bottom line is that we want and need someone to help us share all that is happening at CHI.

Please call me (922-3194) or email at [litelady1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:litelady1@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in helping.

## Greetings from old friends

*Dear Friends*

*I am so glad you have established this Mensch program. It will be good for House of Israel and also for those of us in "The Diaspora" outside of Hot Springs.*

*My vivid memories carry me back to you more often than does physical travel. We were in Hot Springs for the 50th high school graduation. Barbara and I missed being at services with you. but we did visit with several members and it was so good to re-connect. We also visited those at Jewish Rest.*

*With lots of good wishes from Barbara and me.*

*Rick Silverman*

## February 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> 7:33AM/5:45PM 9:30 am - Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12 Shevat Yevamos 120</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:32AM/5:46PM 11:00 am - Sisterhood Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 Shevat Yevamos 121</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:31AM/5:48PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 Shevat Yevamos 122</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30AM/5:49PM §6:34PM Tu B'Shevat</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 Shevat Kesubos 2</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:29AM/5:50PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16 Shevat Kesubos 3</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:28AM/5:51PM jij5:33PM 5:15 pm - Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm - Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17 Shevat Kesubos 4</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:27AM/5:53PM §6:38PM 9:30 am - Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18 Shevat Kesubos 5</p>
<p><b>8</b> 7:26AM/5:54PM 9:30 am - Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19 Shevat Kesubos 6</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:25AM/5:55PM 5:30 pm - Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20 Shevat Kesubos 7</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:24AM/5:56PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 Shevat Kesubos 8</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:22AM/5:58PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 Shevat Kesubos 9</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:21AM/5:59PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23 Shevat Kesubos 10</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:20AM/6:00PM jij5:42PM 5:15 pm - Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm - Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24 Shevat Kesubos 11</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:19AM/6:01PM §6:46PM 9:30 am - Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25 Shevat Kesubos 12</p>
<p><b>15</b> 7:17AM/6:02PM 9:30 am - Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26 Shevat Kesubos 13</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:16AM/6:04PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27 Shevat Kesubos 14</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:15AM/6:05PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28 Shevat Kesubos 15</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:13AM/6:06PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29 Shevat Kesubos 16</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:12AM/6:07PM Rosh Hodesh I</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30 Shevat Kesubos 17</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:11AM/6:08PM jij5:50PM Rosh Hodesh II 5:15 pm - Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm - Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Kleinman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Adar Kesubos 18</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:09AM/6:10PM §6:55PM 6:30 pm - Tikkun Olam Award Dinner, Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Adar Kesubos 19</p>
<p><b>22</b> 7:08AM/6:11PM 9:30 am - Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 Adar Kesubos 20</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:06AM/6:12PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 Adar Kesubos 21</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:05AM/6:13PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 Adar Kesubos 22</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:03AM/6:14PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 Adar Kesubos 23</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:02AM/6:15PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 Adar Kesubos 24</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:00AM/6:17PM jij5:59PM 5:15 pm - Oneg Shabbat, with Tomer Barash, Israel emissary. Wine and cheese reception. 6:00 pm - Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Kleinman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 Adar Kesubos 25</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:59AM/6:18PM §7:03PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9 Adar Kesubos 26</p>

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