

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, May 25 8:15pm Shabbat Eve service
And Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, May 26 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Andrew,
son of Susan and Nathan Roth

Saturday, June 2 10:00am B'nai Mitzvah of
Matthew Prussky, Son of
Nikki Prussky And
Jacob Wolfman, son of
Adrienne Wolfman

Friday, June 8 7:00pm Graduation and Family
Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 9 10:00am Bat Mitzvah of Melissa,
daughter of Lesley and
Eric Green

Wednesday, June 13 7:30pm **Congregation Habonim's
Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, June 16 10:00am B'Nai Mitzvah of
Zoe-May and Zachary,
children of Ellen Greenblatt
and Joel Starkman

Saturday, June 23 pm Bat Mitzvah of
Kevan, daughter of
Neil Harris

Friday, June 28 8:15pm Shabbat Eve Service and
Oneg Shabbat

MAX - MY DOG

By Avrum Rosensweig

Losing a pet is traumatic and very sad. They are God's creations, just as we are, and therefore deserve respect and dignity at the end of their days. The following article is one I wrote a few years ago when my dog, Max, was sick and dying. I am reprinting it now as I have recently heard from a number of people that they have lost a pet. If you are one of those individuals I hope you find solace in these words and peace in the memories you experienced.

Israel and the world are at war with terrorism. We are witness to genocide in Sudan and the maniacal murder of millions. And my dog, Max, is dying.

As I write this I feel somewhat like a boy who slips into his war ravaged home to rescue his fire truck. I am cognizant of the increased anguish that afflicts humankind, and therefore question the intensity of suffering I should allow myself for an animal, and the timeliness of this article. But my feelings for Max are as deep as a yawning well and my pain is very real. In short, life is a scratchy series of resolutions. I hope mine are mostly reasonable.

Max is a majestic looking German Shepherd with a broadly protracted tail lingering elegantly behind him. His right ear droops contributing a certain dopiness to his demeanor. This is in contrast to the brilliance one can see in his piercing brown eyes that sit confidently above his intimidating snout.

The Encyclopedia Judaica states that Jews have an ambivalent relationship with dogs. We embrace them because they 'refrained from barking during the exodus from Egypt', thereby preventing Pharaoh's soldiers from finding us in the plaque of darkness. On the other hand, we often abstain from having them as pets, because the sources say they are mean, and should be chained.

Max is both. He is kind to me - never barking upon my arrival home; always standing guard when his perceived enemies - the external noises of commerce or our well-intentioned landlord - come our way. He is also a one-man dog and snarls at my visitors with a daunting canine inhospitality.

For you who have never had a pet, it might be difficult to appreciate the bond between us, and the sorrow animal lovers feel when their pet gets sick. Consider, however, the Midrash, which states that Moses was chosen to save the Jewish people because of the sizeable caring he expressed for his animal flock. The person-animal relationship is potent and has a noteworthy position in our investigation of truth.

I love Max because he is a brilliant creation of God and because he is my friend.

As a creation of God, Max is perfect. His ability to smell is 60 times stronger than mine. He can sniff out a sickness. He can hear sounds in the distant night, lifts his head and growls valiantly, fending off our foes.

As a friend, Max makes me laugh; he kept an eye on me as we strolled along the cliffs behind the Bathurst Jewish Centre; he comforted me in a deliberate way when David (Rosenzweig), my brother-in-law, was killed.

I once heard the etymology for the Hebrew word dog -

ke'lev - is kol lev, all heart. Indeed. Max is 100 pounds of it. But soon I will likely have to make a decision for my ke'lev to go home.

When this moment arrives, like the Natives who whisper thanks in the ear of their downed hunt, I will say to Max: good-bye my friend. Thank you for your partnership in our beautiful companionship; for my silent self-importance knowing you were my loyal dog; for an education about animals - special enough creation to have their own floor on the Ark - and the inimitable spirit you shared so unconditionally. One day we will walk together again where shalom grows as high as the will can clamber.

Today I pray for the well being of Israel, Sudan and the rest of the world. I then pray for the comfort of my dog, Max - a splendid creation of God.

PERSONALIA

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Phyllis Mint and family for the loss of her brother, **Marcus Goldberg**, who passed away on March 22 after a long illness.

Marcus had been an active member of Habonim since the beginning of the Congregation, as has his sister Phyllis.

The unveiling of the monument for Steve Erdos will take place on Sunday, June 10 at 11 am at Pardes Shalom Cemetery.

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In memory of Dr. Arthur Steuermann - Rae Steuermann

In memory of Lewis Firestone - Rae Steuermann
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