

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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.

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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.

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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.

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## 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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Many thanks to Dianne Erdos-Rush for your help - Rhoda Sion

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**In Memoriam:**

From Rae Steuermann and family in loving memory of her husband Arthur and father Lewis Finestone

In loving memory of Henry and Sylvia Shanoff from Alan and Joni Shanoff

My deepest sympathy to Phyllis Mint and the family on the death of Marcus Goldberg - Gerda Gottlieb

Remembering with love our dear mother, Hettie Goldberg - Marcus Goldberg and Phyllis Mint

In memory of Allan Lax - Joan and Clifford Lax

In memory of Alice Engel - Erika Engel and Gavril Hercz

In memory of Dr. Arthur Steuermann - Rae Steuermann

In memory of Lewis Firestone - Rae Steuermann  
In memory of Irene and Leopold Stamberger - Catherine and Steven Feuer

I remember with love my dearest brother Stanley Goldberg - Phyllis Mint

In loving memory of my dear sister, Tina Patton - Edith Rosen

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**JAHRZEITEN SUMMER 2007**

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George Spitz	Sivan 15	June 1
Emerich Sperlinger	Sivan 15	June 1
Lola Fleischer	Sivan 15	June 1
Matthew Emas	Sivan 17	June 3
Moses Goldberg	Sivan 17	June 3
John Goldsten	Sivan 18	June 4
Rebecca Persiko	Sivan 19	June 5
Eric Parieser	Sivan 19	June 5
Anne Levy	Sivan 19	June 5
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan 20	June 6
Yolande Jakabb	Sivan 21	June 7
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan 21	June 7
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan 22	June 8
David Jakabb	Sivan 23	June 9
Richard Moldauer	Sivan 24	June 10
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan 26	June 12
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan 26	June 12
Sally Egnal	Sivan 28	June 14
Nigel Walsh	Sivan 28	June 14
Sen. David Croll	Sivan 29	June 15
Saul A. Junger	Tammuz 1	June 17
Nellie Sperlinger	Tammuz 1	June 17
Dorothy Pecaut	Tammuz 2	June 18
Celia Kofman	Tammuz 2	June 18
Michael Szende	Tammuz 2	June 18

Marie Schwartz	Tammuz 3	June 19
John Pachner	Tammuz 5	June 21
Stuart Allan Roebuck	Tammuz 7	June 23
Ben Levy	Tammuz 7	June 23
Margot Cige	Tammuz 11	June 27
Feri Knapp	Tammuz 12	June 28
Leo Lowenthal	Tammuz 12	June 28
Franz Joseph Weiner	Tammuz 12	June 28
Gabriela Sara Kacer	Tammuz 13	June 29
Mendle Yazer	Tammuz 15	July 1
Louis M. Schwartz	Tammuz 15	July 1
Edward Harris	Tammuz 16	July 2
Elise Marx	Tammuz 16	July 2
George Bernard Sion	Tammuz 17	July 3
Ruth Libman	Tammuz 18	July 4
Matthew John Silver	Tammuz 18	July 4
Fannie Saslove	Tammuz 18	July 4
Sadie Scudwick	Tammuz 18	July 4
Mendel Bain	Tammuz 19	July 5
Joseph Lees	Tammuz 19	July 5
Milton Alexander		
Cadsby	Tammuz 19	July 5
Joseph Blum	Tammuz 19	July 5
Esther Storm	Tammuz 21	July 7
Karl Adolph Marx	Tammuz 24	July 10
Regine and Samuel		
Platschek	Tammuz 26	July 12
Florence Yazer	Tammuz 29	July 15
Leo Kohn	Av 1	July 16
Barbara Gaspard	Av 1	July 16
Henry Rosenberg	Av 1	July 16
Lupu Buium	Av 3	July 18
Tamara Goldman	Av 7	July 22
Erna Neubieser	Av 8	July 23
Susan Feuer	Av 9	July 24
Irving Glatt	Av 11	July 26
Sarah Stein	Av 13	July 28
Vera Spitz	Av 13	July 28
Marvin Hochman	Av 14	July 28

Albert Weinberg	Av 15	July 30
Bessie Goldberg	Av 15	July 30
Judith Lengyel	Av 17	August 1
Philip Dickman	Av 17	August 1
Willie Fleischeer	Av 18	August 2
Schlomoh Leufer	Av 19	August 3
Valerie Fine	Av 21	August 5
Amalia Silberstein	Av 23	August 7
Martha Weinlaub	Av 24	August 8
Jacob Cohen	Av 24	August 8
Ottilie Weiss	Av 25	August 9
Millie Lindsay	Av 25	August 9
Esther Vijeveno-Blom	Av 26	August 10
Siegfried Justitz	Elul 1	August 15
Harry Silver	Elul 2	August 16
Abraham Perlmutter	Elul 2	August 16
Mendel Schenken	Elul 2	August 16
Leonard Allen	Elul 2	August 16
Siegber Edelmuth	Elul 4	August 18
Ariel MillaKoch	Elul 6	August 20
Dr. David Sennett	Elul 8	August 22
George Springer	Elul 9	August 23
Sarah Grammer	Elul 10	August 24
Irving Kumer	Elul 11	August 25
Curt Linds	Elul 11	August 25
Willy Lobel	Elul 12	August 26
Karoly Feuer	Elul 13	August 27
Ilsa Haim	Elul 16	August 30
Tina Brucker-Taube	Elul 16	August 30
Gerhard Baumann	Elul 16	August 30
Rose Wittekind	Elul 17	August 31
Belle Charkow	Elul 17	August 31

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