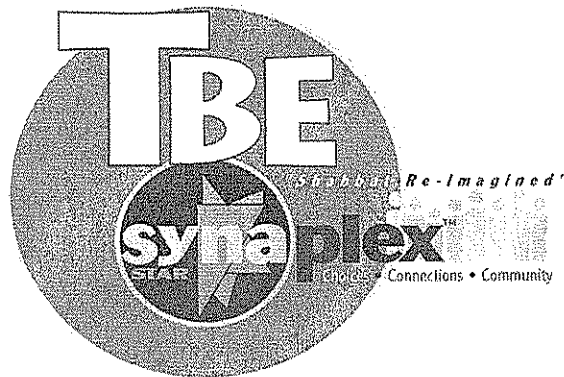


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ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: The Hammermans and Crosby

Favorite toy: Ping pong balls

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Sukkot. He likes running around the Sukkah and playing hide and seek.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He likes to grab kippot.

Pet Mitzvah Project: He shares his food with Chloe, his sister.

"Pet's Peeve": He doesn't like getting his hair brushed.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He is a great companion. He is also comforting, cuddly and fun to play with. He is very athletic, and it's fun to play ball with him.



CROSBY HAMMERMAN

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: The Hammermans and Chloe

Favorite toy: Kosher bone

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Hanukkah because she loves to play with her musical toy menorah and dreidel. She also likes to play with her Matzah Ball on Passover.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": She likes to chew a lot so she must be "chewish".

Pet Mitzvah Project: She is very obedient so she must be honoring her parents.

"Pet's Peeve": She doesn't like riding in the car.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: She is very loving and gives lots of kisses. It's nice to have a female child in the family!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Bailey - the Piskin Family. (Ch. Brigadoon it's All About You). #1 Bearded Collie in the country.

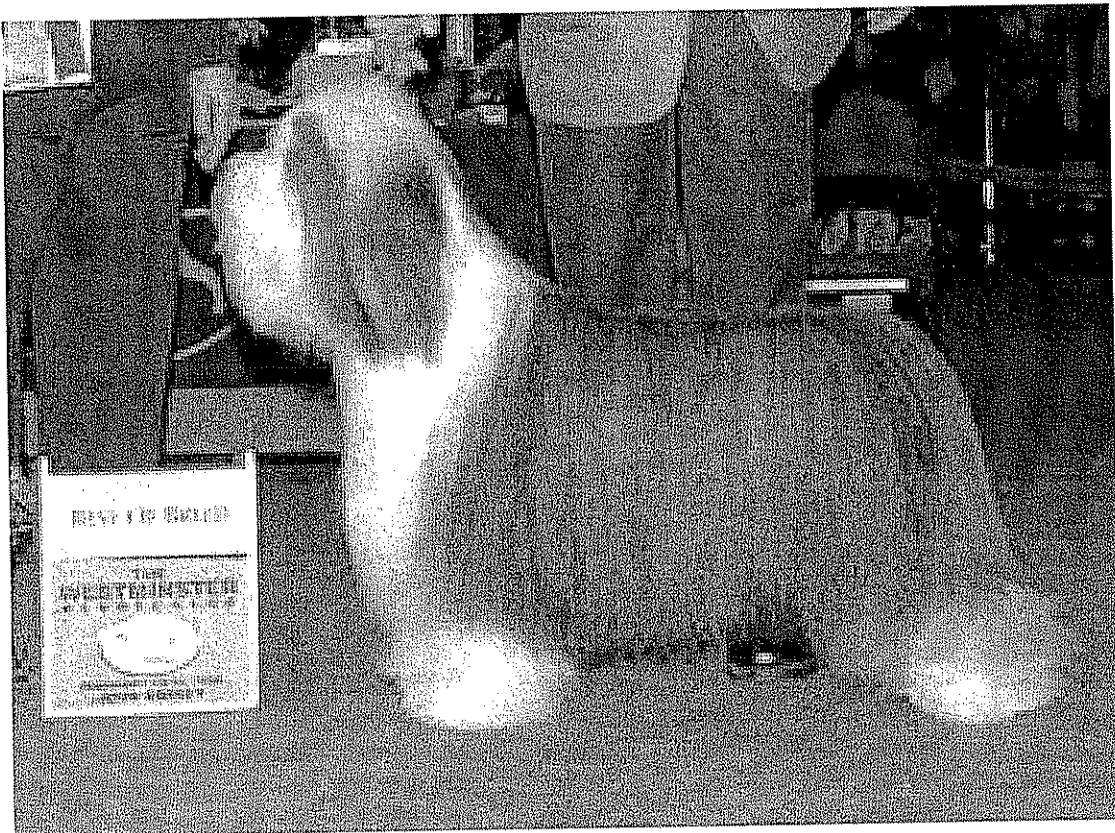
Favorite toy: Any ball.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Pedigree
Kosher food "Batah a bone"

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": Observes Shabbat.

"Pet's Peeve": Losing at a dog show.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Bailey has brought notoriety and fame to the Piskin Family.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Sierra, the Piskin Family (Ch. Brigadoon Sierra Sunrise)

Favorite toy: Empty plastic water jug.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Passover – can pick up the Matzah crumbs.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": observes Shabbat (i.e. does not work).

Pet Mitzvah Project: Enormous family welcome when coming home.

"Pet's Peeve": Wet grass.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Companionship for Skipper, another dog of ours.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Skipper - the Piskin Family.

Favorite toy: Kong filled with Cheerios.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": he has been circumcised.

Pet Mitzvah Project: cancer walk, therapy dog.

"Pet's Peeve": not being fed on time.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: old reliable and trustworthy.



life is good

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Scooby Doo – Nephew of the Robinov-Tepper Family.

Favorite toy: Stuffed chicken and tennis balls.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: His favorite Kosher food is Challah. His favorite Jewish expression is "kvetch". His favorite holiday is Hanukkah because he gets presents.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He has a kippah and tallit and he waits for the Motze prayer to end before eating his Challah on Shabbat.

Pet Mitzvah Project: He gives lots of licks to anyone who is sad to make them feel better.

"Pet's Peeve": He doesn't like being left alone.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He is a good friend and a loving companion.

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Pet dog: Clyde.

Owners: Sharon, Steven, Billie and Matthew Katz

Favorite toy: Tennis ball

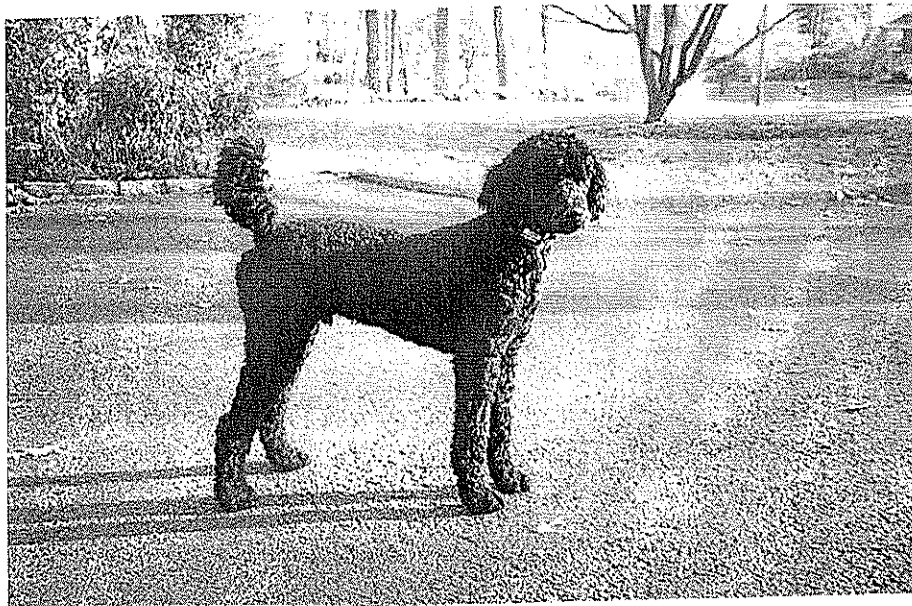
Favorite "Kosher" food: Peanut butter or shredded cheese.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He always stands quietly and respectfully with us on Shabbat when we say the prayers.

Pet Mitzvah Project: Playing with other animals whose owners need them to get more exercise and providing lots of love and affection to humans.

"Pet's Peeve": Not getting any humans willing to throw him a tennis ball, being stuck inside for long periods of time, blackouts and when we take away his toys.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Giving us unconditional love and affection. Always being happy to see us. Being so cute. We "kvel" often!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Pam Marcus, Jeff, Haley, Andrew and Ryan Erskine's Molly and Kiki Marcus, bichon frise sisters (from different litters)

Favorite toy: Molly: "Bunny," a furry pink (no-longer-squeaky) toy
Kiki: "Baby," a furry white stuffed-animal baby bichon dog

Favorite "Kosher" food: Jeff's Chicken Noodle Matzah Ball Soup

Favorite Jewish Holiday: Hanukkah, because they get biscuits and bones as presents

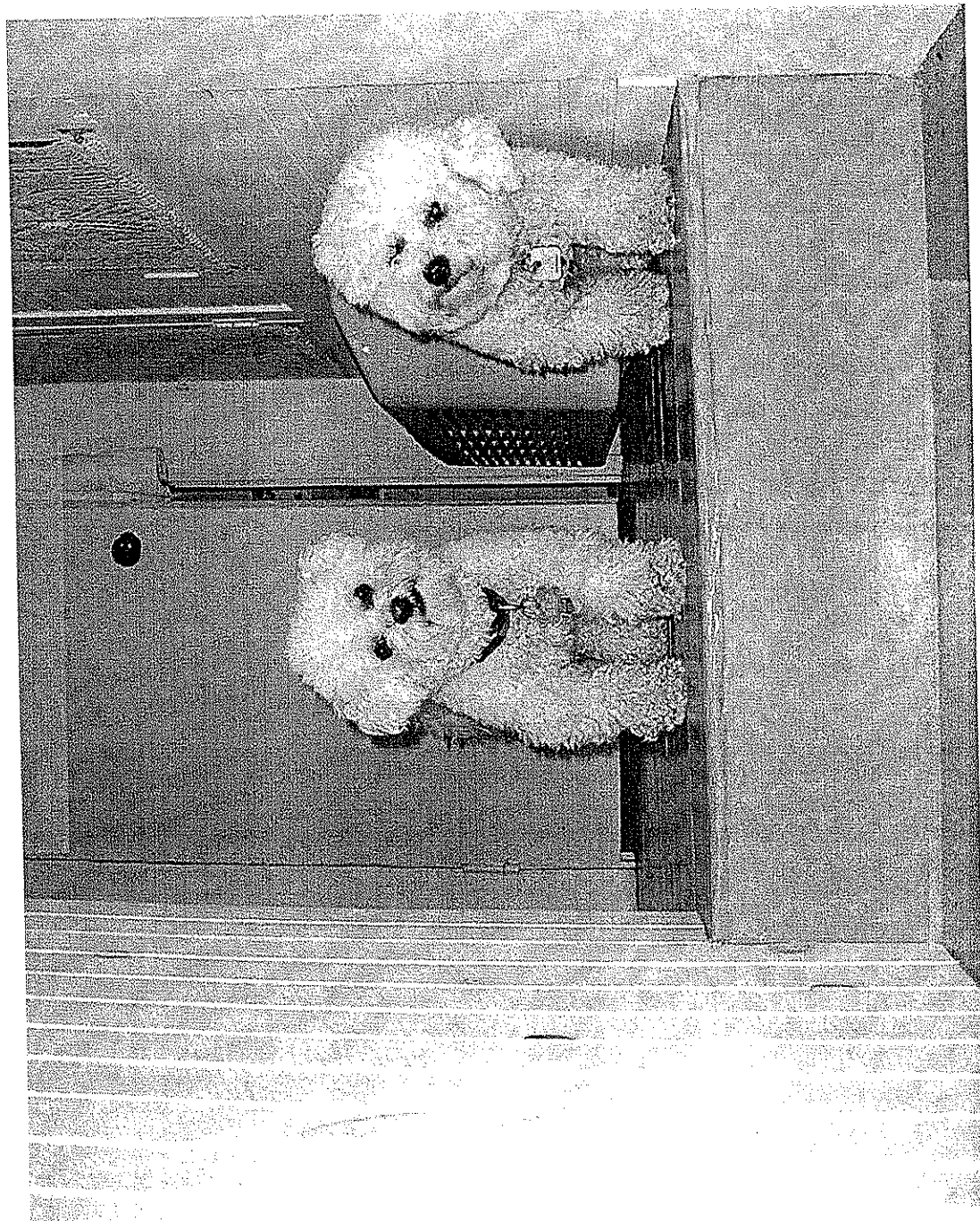
"My pet seems very Jewish because...": They like their dry kibble food soaked in the chicken soup broth and they like to sit around and eat.

Pet Mitzvah Project: They love to lick your hands and face and lie on your bed to keep you company, - whether sick or not!

"Pet's Peeve": They don't like to be left at home alone and sometimes leave a sign of disapproval to greet us upon our return.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: They are always sure to bring a smile to your face when you come in the door, no matter how tough your day was!

Stupid Pet Tricks: Molly: Pirouettes while standing on her hind legs.
Kiki: Buries her "Baby" in the backyard for safekeeping and then digs it up a few minutes later (the fur all full of dirt!) when it's time to come back inside!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Elias Boyer and Red Fin, a Beta fish

Favorite toy: His pebbles

Favorite Food: Beta food

Favorite "Kosher" food: Sorry, beta food is made with stuff we can't reprint in Temple, but what's a fish to do?

Favorite Holiday: Chanukah, because he loves to see the menorah.

Favorite Expression: "Oy Blub"

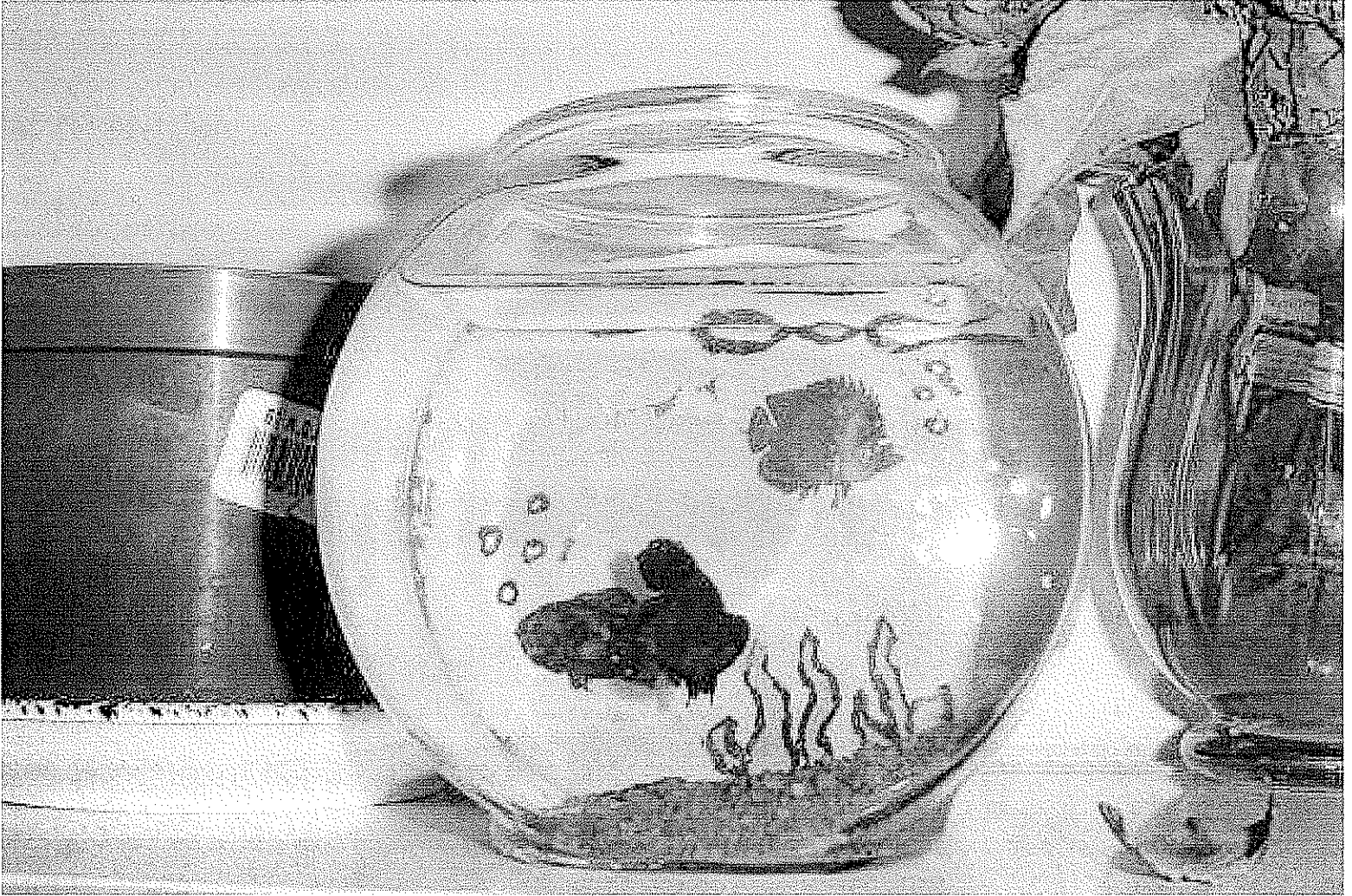
My Pet Seems Very Jewish because: Elias wanted to learn to swim like Red Fin, so he has helped us to fulfill the obligation, stated in the Talmud, Kiddushin 29a, to teach your child to swim?

Pet Mitzvah Project: Watching Red Fin swim around his bowl always calms Elias down.

"Pet's Peeve": When the bowl starts growing algae.

Stupid Pet Trick: None, Red Fin is one smart fish, he doesn't do stupid tricks. Though once, when mommy was cleaning out his bowl over the toilet, he fell in and she had to scoop him up with a ladle. We don't clean his bowl that way any more, and that really comes under the heading "Stupid People Tricks."

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Because Elias loves Red Fin!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Aliya and Josiah Boyer's Guinea Pigs, Peanut and Taffy

Favorite toy: The house

Favorite food: Strawberry tops and lettuce

Favorite "Kosher" food: Luckily vegetables are all paerve

Favorite expression: "Oy Squeek"

Favorite holiday: Channukah, because they love presents.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": They had miniature kippot that mommy crocheted for them which they used to wear before mommy vacuumed them up accidentally and hasn't made new ones yet.

Pet Mitzvah Project: They always cheer up Aliya and Josiah when they are sad.

Stupid pet trick: Once when we were watching TV, the MGM Lion roared at the beginning of a movie. Taffy, who was in Josiah's lap, heard that roar and raced across three other people's laps to get into the safety of a blanket. We mute the lion now.

"Pet's Peeve": They don't like being picked up when they are resting, but then again, neither do we.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Aliya and Josiah say, "Because we love them!"



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Elias Boyer's (8 year old) pet hermit crabs. They do not have names yet. Elias' birthday was October 22nd and his friend Jan gave him two really special hermit crabs. Elias is still thinking about what to call them as we go to press...

Favorite toy: Plastic trees.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: The hermit crabs love Cheerios (as a special treat only). The Boyers think the hermit crabs would like Hanukkah a lot because they will give them more Cheerios.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": When the crabs get too big for their shells, they move into a new one, and new beginnings are Jewish, because we start the Torah new each Simchat Torah.

Pet Mitzvah Project: The hermit crabs do mitzvot every day, because they make Elias happy!

"Pet's Peeve": The crabs hate being dropped!

Stupid pet tricks: The hermit crabs can climb on anything.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: They have made Elias very, very happy. Before he got the crabs, he did not have a pet he could hold (sorry Red Fin, you're great, but not really cuddly). Elias' brother and sister have guinea pigs, and now Elias has pets that are just for him and that makes him feel really special!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Butter, Jonathan, Noah and Matthew Arons

Favorite toy: Moongoose/bird

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Hanukkah

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He likes to listen to me practice for Bar Mitzvah

Pet Mitzvah Project: Shares toys

"Pet's Peeve": Getting a bath

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He has brought joy to our family.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Annie, owned by the Swidlers. AKA - Annie the Wonder Dog.

Favorite toy: old Sylvester slipper.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: She loves a good steak bone.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": she is so giving and she loves to eat.

Pet Mitzvah Project: Annie is a joy to anyone she meets.

"Pet's Peeve": she buries her bones in my house plants.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Annie is such a joy. Her unconditional love and good nature has comforted us in bad times and helps us realize just how much we have. We rescued her six years ago from an animal shelter, and she has never stopped returning the favor.

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Biscuit Kasindorf

Favorite toy: stuffed mailman

Favorite "Kosher" food: All food! Especially Grandma Alice's brisket.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": he has his very own yarmulke and tallis.

Pet Mitzvah Project: he is always friendly with smaller dogs.

"Pet's Peeve": he hates the piano!

How my pet has blessed my family's life: he has made our family complete!!!



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Tucker Jet Wise, owned by the Wise family

Favorite toy: Tennis balls

Favorite "Kosher" food: Empire chicken breast

Favorite Jewish holiday: Rosh Hashanah because he likes to lick the honey off the dishes.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": he looks very handsome in a yarmulke.

Pet Mitzvah Project: cleaning dishes for the Wises (they go in the dishwasher afterwards, not to worry!)

"Pet's Peeve": he gets very jealous and cries when we are talking on the phone.

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Brenda, Alex, Leslie and Joy Heyison's cat - Mitzi

Favorite toy: A dangled string, a fishing line with a toy at the end – anything she can chase and pounce on.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Mitzi loves Challah. Because she kept jumping on the Shabbat table to stare at it and then to snatch slices, we now keep a chair open for her and pass her a bit at ha-motzi.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": She kvetches a lot. Mitzi is very vocal about what she wants. But she also is affectionate, loves the people she knows and purrs at them.

Pet Mitzvah Project: Mitzi has an uncanny ability to raise one's spirits and to share her contentment.

"Pet's Peeve": "You don't let me outside enough!"

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Mitzi is the most affectionate, loving animal we have ever known. She likes our company, talks to us (in meows) frequently, always lets us know how she feels, and delivers abundant love, companionship, cuddling and purrs.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Simon Winthrop Pollock (cat) – co-habits with the Pollacks – Lauren, Emilie, Adam, Stephen and Debra

Favorite toy: Anything with catnip.

Favorite "Kosher" food: Tuna fish.

Favorite Jewish expression: "My Simon cat with the gorgeous punim, you zahftig gorgeous boy."

Favorite Jewish holiday: Everyday is a holiday for Simon – he enjoys life!

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He doesn't eat a whole lot, but nonetheless is trying to slim down.

Pet Mitzvah Project: Simon grooms his brother Theodore all the time. He also sits on your chest and purrs while keeping you very warm – such a mitzvah!

"Pet's Peeve": When you have to stand up and leave the room when he is sitting on top of you. It makes him doubt your true devotion to him for a minute or so.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: By being his loving, giving self, and licking us on the hand to express that love.

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Theodore Winthrop Pollack (cat) – doesn't have owners either, in fact, he thinks that he is in charge of the Pollack family.

Favorite toy: The whole outdoors, which is where he escapes to when life indoors gets to be too cramped.

Favorite "Kosher" food: Tuna fish, and maybe some latkes with sour cream.

Favorite Jewish expression: "Theodore, vas machs doo?"

Favorite Jewish Holiday: Chanukah – he even gets presents (Simon does too).

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He loves to eat, and he is a chazar (pig) – and will even take somebody else's food off of their plate if they are not watching (we are talking about Simon, mostly).

Pet Mitzvah Project: Theodore is very good at visiting family members who are sick and singing to them.

"Pet's Peeve": Not being served the family's food as an equal at the table. He doesn't like having to whine and beg for leftovers – but he does it anyway.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: by being adorable.

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Luna Winthrop Pollack – adopted dog. As were Simon and Theodore – they are all adopted by the Pollack family.

Favorite toy: Well, she'll devour or rip to shreds just about anything, food, toys, the house, the world – so the whole world is Luna's toy.

Favorite "Kosher" food: Luna is a "canine garbage can", and we can't even guarantee that she is kosher, even though we are, because she can't resist eating anything in her path, indoors or out! I will report that she has eaten a whole Challah in one sitting (the kind with raisins).

Favorite Jewish expression: "Oy gavult Luna – what are you essing now??"

Favorite Jewish holiday: all of them because they all revolve around food, except for Yom Kippur, which revolves around fasting – boo! Luna doesn't like to reflect upon her sins much either. She is always eager to sin again – although we don't think she does so maliciously, just off handedly.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": She is highly intelligent and very well-spoken. She is thinking about becoming a doctor or a lawyer when she gets older, and she has already been accepted to the best canine graduate school around!

Pet Mitzvah Project: Luna is always eager to go along with her human companions on long walks in the Mianus River Park, where she makes sure that they get enough exercise to stay healthy and have a good cardio-vascular workout. At Mianus she also has the opportunity to kibbitz with other dogs about how to best befriend her family and meet their needs, by wolfing down all unhealthful and fat-laden foods such as pizza.

"Pet's Peeve": Furniture, baseboards, the dog bed, the siding on the house, etc. does not taste as good as veggie burgers, Garden of Eatin' brand Rib Lets (kosher and vegetarian ribs), fish, cheese carrots, Challah, cookies and cake—but she is always willing to taste them again to be sure.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: teaching us the value of eating in moderation and getting plenty of exercise. She is also very sweet and eager to please – and she is always willing to bark at phantom deer without prompting!

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Nurit Avigdor - Chico

Favorite toy: stuffed dreidel

Favorite "Kosher" food: chicken

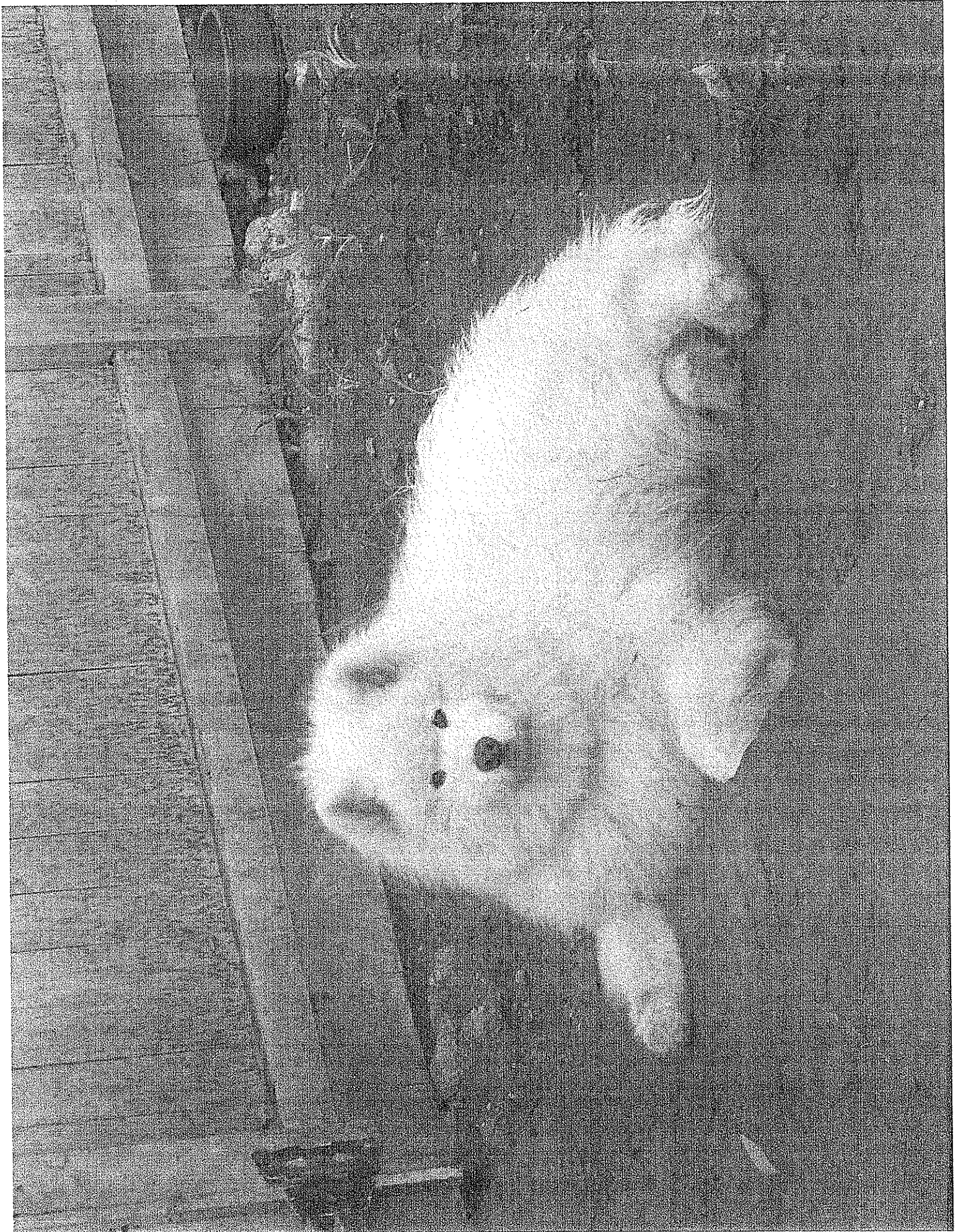
Favorite Jewish expression: Kelev Tov

Favorite Jewish holiday: Pesach and Shabbat. Shabbat is the only day Gabby takes him for a walk.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": he understand Hebrew. Once I asked the class I teach to bring their dogs to Hebrew School and I said to Chico, "Shev ten yad," etc. The kids learned a lot of Hebrew. That's probably the last time I say bring your dog to Hebrew School.

Pet Mitzvah Project along with his Pet Peeve: Today a girl knocked on our door. She had gotten off on the wrong bus stop and she needed a ride home. Chico was sitting out in the backyard and hates to go back in the car unless he knows you will take him to the park. He actually agreed to get in the car and give her a ride home. He did not give me a hard time because he knew it was a Mitzvah!

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He calms everyone down and I forget to worry about Adam who is going to be drafted to the Israeli Army next week. I guess that is why I am living with a big polar bear and survived almost seven years.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: The Hainbach's Jack, a Golden Retriever

Hebrew Name: Ya'akov

Registered AKC Name: Edelweiss Whiskey Jack

Age: 5 years old

Birthday: May 19th

Breed: Golden Retriever (Golden Recliner)

Best Pal: Geoff Hainbach

Favorite Jewish Laws: Gittin 62a and Berachot 40a: "It is forbidden to taste anything prior to feeding one's animal."

Favorite Food: Everything! No exceptions!

Favorite Jewish Food: Apples, with or without honey. I'm sure chopped liver would be great, if I could only get some.

Favorite Toys: Anything containing food; rope toy used for Tug-of-War

Favorite Sports: Not to brag, but I am a champion eater. I inherited this talent from my birth mother, Pebbles, who loved to eat – you guessed it – pebbles! I myself prefer sticks, but there are very few things I can't or won't consume. I also love wildlife chasing, swimming, soccer, Frisbee and wrestling with Geoff.

Favorite Jewish Expression: Geh schluffee

Favorite Jewish Holiday (and why): Shabbat, because my family has more time to spend with me.

Least Favorite Jewish Holiday (and why): Passover, because I get exiled to the garage during the seders. Some festival of freedom!

"I am very Jewish because": I am Aleph Dog. Also, I love to eat and I am really smart.

Best Trips: Mianus River Park and the Bartlett Arboretum

Where I want to go next: Zabar's! Oh, the stories I've heard! Salamis, cheeses, chocolates...!

Pet Mitzvah Project: I make people happy. I also cheerfully clean up any and all spills in the kitchen.

Clever Pet Trick: I bring up the newspaper every day (for a food reward, of course!) and will shake your hand or slap you five, your preference.

Pet Peeve: Food allergies that necessitate diet restrictions.

How I Have Blessed my Family's Life: I am so loving and cuddly! I am always happy to see them and always ready to play or go for a walk outdoors. And I am so obedient, too (not!).



Why am I grinning? Because I know I'm Aleph Dog!

ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Junior, owned by Stacy, Don, Jeff and Sammie Cooper

Favorite toy: Kong and my Loofah Dog

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Chicken and rice because I ate it when I was sick. Hannukkah of course is my favorite holiday or will be (I'm only 5 months old).

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He takes a long time to say goodbye!

Pet Mitzvah Project: Sharing toys with others.

"Pet's Peeve": Stealing socks.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He is always there to cheer us up☺



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Pippin Leichter - Pincus. Owners: Belle-Ann, Jerry, Elana, and Helene Leichter

Favorite toy: Bone, rawhide chew.

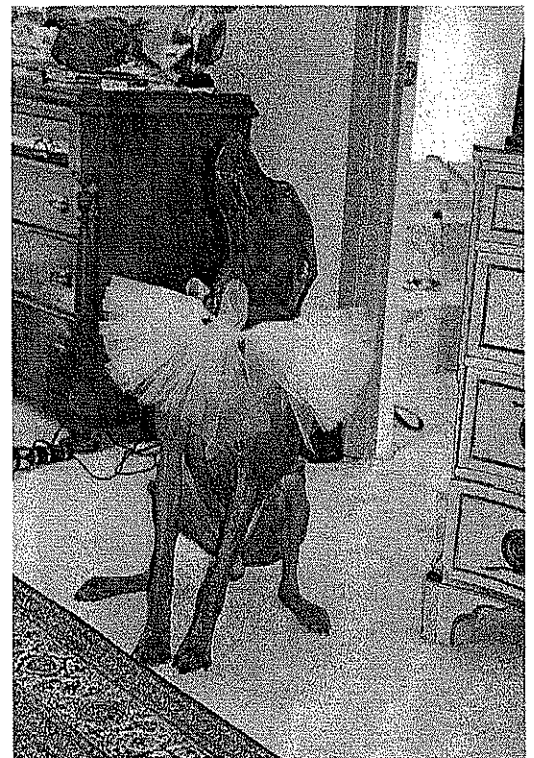
Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: Chopped liver, veal shoulder, stuffed peppers. Expression: "Oy Vey". Favorite holiday: Hanukkah.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He has a Hebrew name, Pincus, and loves all the Jewish festivals.

Pet Mitzvah Project: Visiting and sharing love with everyone.

"Pet's Peeve": Being served his meals late.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: Makes everyone happy, a joy to look at and be with.



ALL ABOUT MY PET

Pet's and owner's names: Cleo Grunberg, cat. (His mom is Ruth Grunberg, Joshua and Rebecca's aunt.) Cousin to Fuzzby, the dog, belonging to Joshua Fox.

Favorite toy: Anything on a rope or string to pull on and exercise with.

Favorite "Kosher" food, Jewish expression and/or Jewish holiday: He is a vegetarian at heart and loves greens - Passover and its foods intrigue him.

"My pet seems very Jewish because...": He is very intent on guarding his mom and her house. He fretted and refused to eat when I was in the hospital recently for gall bladder surgery. But he was overjoyed and regained his appetite when I came home.

"Pet's Peeve": People who appear threatening and do not approach him slowly.

How my pet has blessed my family's life: He listens intently, purrs me to sleep, and makes it a joy to come home because he is so glad to see me.

