# KOSHER WINES! The Wine Revolution

Lecture and Tasting with Micah Halpern



Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:00 p.m. Richard App Gallery

910 Cherry Street SE

Not long ago the expression "good kosher wine" was an oxymoron. No more. Today there are some exceptional kosher wines. California, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, France, Italy, Spain, even the Republic of Georgia, and especially Israel are producing exciting, quality wine. Kosher wines are becoming a craze. Kosher wines are making their way to wine lists in fine restaurants throughout the USA.

Micah D. Halpern lectures frequently, both in the United States and Israel, on issues relating to terror, foreign affairs, Israel and the Middle East, as well as wine history and popular culture. He is the author of the recently released, best selling book *Thugs*. Micah is the only exclusively kosher wine reviewer in the Western world. A native of Annapolis, he currently divides his time between Jerusalem and New York City.

# MUSIC TALKS Cellist Elad Kabilio

Accompanied by Pianist Ben Laude



Saturday, February 28, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel 1715 East Fulton

Music Talks aims to bring classical music to an informal setting and break down the barriers between musicians and their audience by taking advantage of the ambiance that chamber music provides. With engaging and interactive conversation, the listener is given an experience that truly makes music talk. Israeli cellist Elad Kabilio is an active soloist, chamber musician and a teaching artist. He has recently performed at Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Morgan Library, and the Joyce Theater in New York City. In 2011, Mr. Kabilio was appointed Music Director of Ballet Next, New York's new top Ballet Company, to critical acclaim. Join Cellist Elad Kabilio and Pianist Ben Laude as they explore the fantastic colors and textures of the great French Impressionist composers Debussy and Ravel. This intimate concert talk program will put a spotlight on the depiction of water in Impressionist works, as well as its sheer beauty.

### STAND-UP COMEDY Rabbi Bob Alper

The funniest Rabbi you have ever met! Entertainment for the entire family!



Sunday, May 17, 2015 Place and time TBD

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, and a graduate of Lehigh University, Bob Alper was ordained as a rabbi at the Hebrew Union College, and was the first person of the Jewish faith to earn a Doctorate at the Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served congregations in Buffalo and Philadelphia, which naturally prepared him for a successful career as a stand-up comic!

During the past 27 years Bob has appeared regularly at comedy clubs and organizational events, concerts and conventions throughout North America and England. The subject of numerous newspaper articles, Bob can be heard daily on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio. He was featured on CNN's "American Morning", and headlined at Toronto's Muslimfest. Really! His newest book, Thanks. I Needed That, has just been released.

Books and DVDs for sale after the event.

Dessert reception to follow

# Jewish Cultural Council of Grand Rapids Mission Statement

The Jewish Cultural Council of Grand Rapids aims to foster greater awareness of Jewish, culture in West Michigan by providing a vast range of quality programs with Jewish content. These programs highlight the arts, learning, current events, Jewish traditions and ideas and their impact on universal values. The programs are intended to appeal to Jews and non-Jews alike.

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616.942.5553

Tickets to individual events are \$15 for adults, \$5 for college students and children up to 18 are free.

# GROWING UP JEWISH IN PAKISTAN

A presentation with Hazel Kahan



Sunday, June 7, 2015 4:00 p.m. Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan NE

Forty years after she thought she had left Lahore forever, Hazel Kahan returned to her birthplace in Pakistan, now a very different country than the one she thought of as her home. Compelled to see with her own eyes whether the beloved house of her childhood was still standing, she discovered far more.

Hazel Kahan is the daughter of German Jewish doctors who fled Europe in 1937 to what was then British India. For them, Lahore provided shelter and a safe place where they could resettle with their young family. They remained in Lahore until 1971 when they moved to Israel. Hazel has lived, worked and studied in India, Pakistan, England, Australia and Israel. She now lives in Mattituck, New York.





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