

Tikkun Olam Through the Power of Kindness

Orly Wahba

Sunday, January 21, 2018



Orly Wahba is a teacher, entrepreneur, and community activist passionate about inspiring and motivating people to make the world a kinder place.

Orly began her career as a yeshiva middle school teacher, empowering children to embrace unity, build self-value, and use their power to influence the world for good. Trying to reckon with the death of two children in her school, and guide her students through it in 2011, Orly founded [Life Vest Inside](#) (LVI), a non-profit organization with a mission to empower and unite the world with kindness.

This event is co-sponsored
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Jewish Comedy Night

Avi Liberman

Saturday, February 3, 2018



Avi Liberman's quirky style has made him a favorite in comedy clubs from Los Angeles to New York. Born in Israel, raised in Texas, Avi has performed on the CBS *Late Late Show* with Craig Ferguson, on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and *Make Me Laugh*, as well as NBC's *Friday Nights!*

Avi has been overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan to perform for our troops. Since 2003, Avi has brought world-famous comedians to Israel to help boost morale through his *Comedy for Koby* tour. This tour benefits the Koby Mandel Foundation, a nonprofit organization that runs therapeutic healing programs for those who have lost a family member to terror attacks.

Avi recently released the documentary *Comedy Road*, a fun and poignant account of more than a decade of touring Israel with America's finest stand-up comedians.

Behind the Headlines: Middle East & Israeli Politics

Micah Halpern

Tuesday, April 17, 2018



Micah is a frequent Middle East analyst on network television and radio. His voice is recognized by listeners of talk radio across America, especially fans of his weekly feature *A Safer World* on USA Radio Network, and his daily one-minute feature *I've Been Thinking* on Town Square Media Network.

His face is familiar to viewers of Shalom TV where he hosts his own weekly show entitled *Thinking Out Loud*, and to viewers of CBS, FOX, MSNBC and to those who watch documentaries on PBS, The Learning Channel, The History Channel, and Discovery.

Micah's book, *Thugs: How History's Most Notorious Despots Transformed the World through Terror, Tyranny, and Mass Murder* spent time on Amazon's list of best-selling books. He is also author of *What You Need to Know About: Terror*.

Micah taught at Yale, Brandeis, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Researching Your Jewish Roots

Genealogy Presentation
with Genealogist Jennifer Alford

Sunday, October 29, 2017

1:30 to 3:30pm
Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton
Grand Rapids

Do you wonder about your heritage and ancestry? Does the idea of finding out more seem intriguing? Learn about the fascinating journey in discovering your Jewish roots. Hear some of the special challenges that make that path an interesting, and sometimes circuitous one. Whether you simply want to listen, or would like to participate in an interactive mini-workshop, this presentation is for you.



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