



Testimonials from our happy clients...

*"The comedians are as good as the BEST on Comedy Central. The NY Hysterical Society "brought it!" --- making it a gala evening for a fully-packed restaurant extravaganza. The NYHS made the event highly personalized and our needs were fully understood and met. Our guests said it was the most hilarious evening ever!"*

- Rachel-Rose Siwoff, Party Planner, Randolph, NJ

*"Donna Karan was extremely pleased with the performances of Bernie Fursh and Jessica Kirson at her private party in her apartment in NYC. Our guests really enjoyed the hilarious entertainment and I highly recommend Bernie and The New York Hysterical Society to any corporate event or private affair."*

- Sheila Parham Lebwth, Senior Executive Assistant to Ms. Karan, DONNA KARAN INTERNATIONAL, New York, NY

*"Taking on a public fundraiser like the one Amethyst Women's Project completed in April is a big challenge. Our "Comedy for a Cause" fundraiser would not have been possible without the kind and generous assistance of Bernie Furshpan and the wonderful comics of The New York Hysterical Society. With their help we were able to reach our fundraising goal while providing a wonderful evening of laughter for all those who supported our efforts. Thanks a million, Bernie!"*

- Aida Leon, Executive Director, Amethyst Women's Project, Brooklyn, NY

*"The evening that Jessica Kirson and Bernie Fursh provided was phenomenal, inclusive, provocative, and just fun!"*

- Jude Schanzer, Director of Programming at East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY

*"Our directors and kids had an absolute blast with your Comedy Improv Fun. Thank you!"*

- Steve Brooks, Assistant Director, Harbor Hills Day Camp, Mendham, NJ

*"The comedians from the New York Hysterical Society did a fabulous job for my in-laws' 50th anniversary party. They even got the grouchy people to laugh. Bernie was also very professional to work with, responded to all my many questions, and made me feel comfortable with the whole process. I hope to have the opportunity to work with them and their staff of comedians again!"*

- Lucy Zimmerman, Party Planner, Newark, NJ

*"In a day and age when it is getting more and more difficult to separate work and pleasure, Bernie Furshpan and his wonderful stable of comedians do just that by offering the opportunity for a community to come together and laugh and share and forget that the outside world exists for a few hours."*

- Steve Klein, President, Temple Shalom, Westbury, NY

*"This was the first time I ran a comedy event at my temple. I was unsure of the level of comics we would get. I was pleasantly surprised at how funny and appropriate they were. I would recommend this company to anyone planning a fun night out!!"*

- Keith Senzer, Event Planner, Midway Jewish Center, Syosset, NY

*"Our Temple fundraiser laughed itself to a big profit!"*

- Eva Figueroa, Event Coordinator, Temple Israel Reform Congregation, Staten Island, NY

*"Funtastic Laugh Out Loud Fun (FTLOLF)"*

- Cheryl J Clarke, Temple Coordinator, Temple Beth El Northern Valley, Closter, NJ



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*"Two years and counting now we have relied on The NY Hysterical Society to help make our fundraising event a roaring success. Bernie goes above and beyond to make sure you are happy with the entertainment he provides. Both years were a huge success. We're looking forward already to next year!"*

- Bryan Effron, Ways and Means Committee Chairperson, Congregation B'nai Israel, Emerson, NJ

*"Bernie held our hand from the first day we met till the end of the all of the productions – funny and creative! Do yourself and your organization a favor and let him run the show."*

- Marc Eiseman, President , Lake Success Jewish Center, Lake Success, NY

*"We were extremely satisfied with the personal service provided by Bernie from the NY Hysterical Society. He walked us through the process of booking talent for our fundraiser and we couldn't be happier with the results. The night was a great success and Bernie's help was a key component. We would recommend him for any organization that would like a comedy show fundraiser. Thanks."*

- Craig Iskowitz, VP, East Brunswick Jewish Center

*"The NYHS delivered a professional, no hassle comedy night at a great value that entertained all of my guests."*

- Peter J. Ensmenger, President, Police Athletic League, Plainview, NY

*"The audience loved the comics and I was thrilled with how easy Bernie made it for me to present a great evening of entertainment."*

- Linda Weiner Seligson, Cultural and Contemporary Adult Director, York Jewish Community Center, York, PA

*"The New York Hysterical Society?...they were hysterical! Not only did I have an average of a 5% increase from Pacesetters, I also had some returning, after several years out, gifts, and some one time gifts from non-members who came and enjoyed the show. I plan to bring them back later in the year for a JCC fundraiser."*

- Leah Ronen, Augusta Jewish Federation & Augusta JCC, Augusta, GA

*"A great night was had by all.... A laugh a minute!"*

- Sue Lederman, Events Coordinator, Friedberg Jewish Community Center, Oceanside, NY

*"On Saturday, October 16, 2010 the JCC of Allentown hosted a NY Comedy Night to rave reviews. Three comedians performed and we were treated to a special evening of laughter. From the booking, to the production, to the event details and execution, working with Bernie and The NYHysterical Society was a pleasure. I would recommend this to everyone who wants a hilarious night of fun."*

- Sandy Newman, Assistant Executive Director, Jewish Community Center of Allentown, Allentown, PA

*"A wonderful time was had by all as we were entertained by the very funny and very warm Bernie and friends!"*

- Raya Benhaim, Event Planner, Jewish Community Center of Middlesex, Edison, NJ

*"Bnai Zion hosted the Jewish Comedy Tour in May 2010. Bernie Fursh was the MC for the evening. Jessica Kirson stepped onto the stage and quickly had the crowd in stitches and at times blushing. This event was enjoyed by all – including the comedians."*

- Cheryl Bier, Controller, Bnai Zion Foundation, Inc, New York, NY



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## Top Entertainers Make a Splash at Comedy Night

On a mild night in May, in conjunction with the New York Hysterical Society, Bnai Zion hosted the Jewish Comedy Tour featuring several world-renowned comedians. Bernie Furshpan, a regular on the NY comedy circuit at Caroline's and Gotham Comedy Club was the MC for the evening. Hard-working comedienne Jessica Kirson - who had just arrived from Los Angeles, where she had appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno - stepped onto the stage and

quickly had the crowd in stitches and, at times, blushing. Danny Cohen, another headliner, had hilarious material that included a discussion about airport procedures that had the audience doubled-over in laughter. This event, which drew regulars who attend other functions at the Bnai Zion House as well as newcomers seeing it and learning about the organization for the first time, was enjoyed by all - including the comedians.





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May 3, 2011

Bernie Furshpan  
New York Hysterical Society  
P.O. Box 520  
Bat Shore, New York 11706

Dear Bernie:

With some time to think about and absorb all that happened last Thursday during our Comedy for a Cause Fundraiser at the Orange Grill, I should like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and each of the comedians that performed that evening and brought joy and laughter to the diverse crowd of supporters present at the event. I recently purchased a Snapple Ice Tea and under the bottle cap it said, "A six-year old laughs 300 times a day; an adult laughs 15 to 100 times day." A special thanks to the New York Hysterical Society for helping to make us all feel like six-year olds, if only for one special evening.

Kindly accept the gratitude of my board, staff, volunteers and supporters for a job exceptionally well done. We enjoyed ourselves immensely; strongly felt that we were among friends and family, and look forward to a continued collaborative relationship with you and the Hysterical Society in the years to come.

Best wishes for much success to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Aida Leon,  
Executive Director

*"Serving the Needs of Women and Children"*



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May 25, 2011

Bernie Furshpan  
P.O. Box 520  
Bayshore, NY 11706

Dear Bernie,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for holding the comedy show at the shelter you gave our veterans a time to laugh and forget their worries and concerns for a time. All had a great time. It is people like you that make a difference in this world. Our men and women veterans would like to thank you personally for your thoughtfulness.

Once again thank you from all of our veterans who are residing at The Salvation Army Northport Veterans Residence.

May God Bless and Keep You Always.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Rodriguez, LCSW-R  
Program Director