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May 29, 2013

Letter From Stephanie

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On May 30th last year I was told I have MS. It was a total shock. I knew something was wrong, but I thought I could get something fixed and I'd be all better. Instead I realized I could one-up everyone my whole life. (That was sort of a joke so smile when you read that or feel free to guffaw out loud.)

My husband responded appropriately right away. Good news, we'll never have parking problems again. Bad news, he said he'll never win an argument with me again. But seriously folks, he never won an argument with me before the diagnosis either.

Fairly soon after my meds starting taking effect (and by the way I love big pharma, you have definitely given me my life back) I wanted to do something to help. I found out 2 things fairly quickly, the MS Society had started a campaign for 250 million dollars to find a cure for MS and that most of the MS fundraisers are bikes, walks etc. Even if I could try those now, I may not always be able to do so, but I will always be able to laugh, and as much as I like. Now I really like my doctor and the people I've met at the MS Society seem really nice, but I'd love for them all to be out of a job!

So this is my first annual comedy fundraiser to raise money for the cure of MS.

There are definitely things I can't do, or can do less well than your standardly myelinated people. But one thing I have only really come to know in this past year, is that I'm surrounded by amazing people. Folks I know, and folks I don't really know have stepped forward in incredible ways.

So while I'm still sad I can no longer wear high heels (even big pharma, pt and yoga haven't given me that much balance back), I'm so happy to be surrounded by so much goodness. So go through the program, read the ads from our great supporters, study up on the fabulous raffle items and the unique auction items and spend money!

Thank you for your support!
Stephanie



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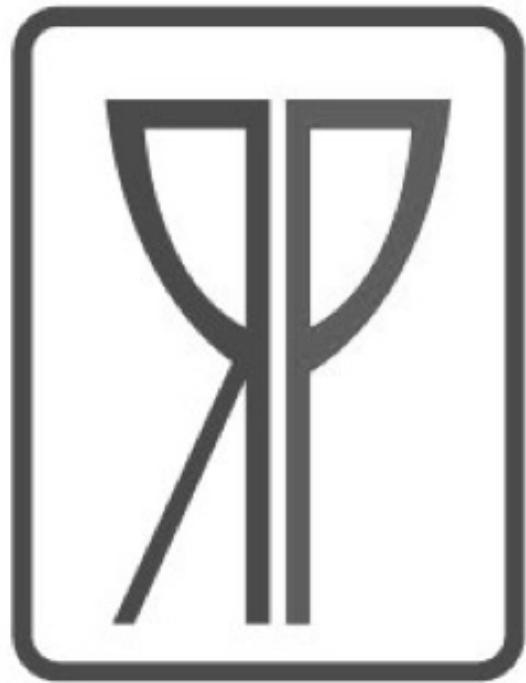
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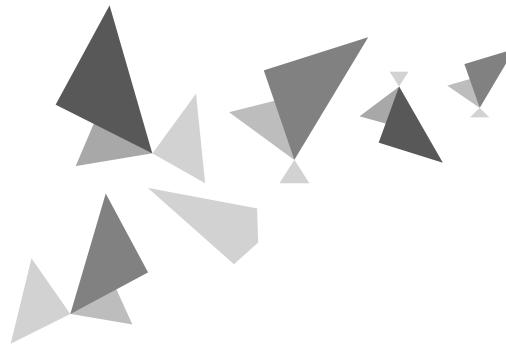


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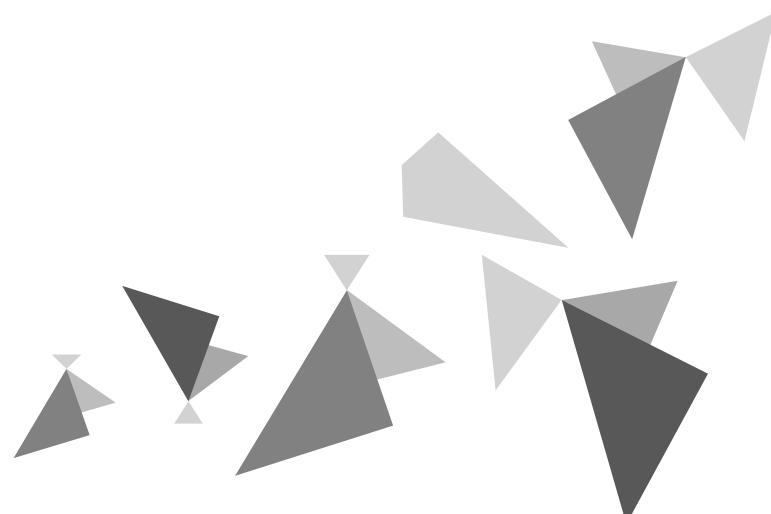
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Jonathan Katz

The Winiker Band





Jonathan Katz

My comedy is not for everybody, it's for everybody else. I learned the hard way. In the beginning I had a hard time finding an audience. But I did, and now it is a hard thing to shake. I need an audience more than anyone I know. I know it's not becoming, it's a flaw, but I am not without flaw.

At some point every comedian has to decide: "Do I want to do this, or do I want to be the funniest real estate broker in Teaneck?" I jumped in. It was scary. In the early days, some comedians had a pool going on how long I would last on stage. No one guessed twenty-five years.

I started stand-up in 1981 at The Improv in New York City. There was being funny onstage-important, but just as important was being funny at the bar, with the other comics (as my audience). It is a very competitive group I was trying to join, and nobody wants to get displaced. People say it's lonely at the top, but it's also roomy. No one needs to get displaced. We don't live in a world with too much comedy.

One night the producers of Late Night with David Letterman came in to see a guy from San Francisco. I went on before him, and I was told that if I could do five minutes without the guitar (I used the guitar a lot) they would have me on the show. I made my debut on Letterman in 1981 and have returned eight times since. I always pretend to leave something behind.

A few years later I made my debut on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. That was cool. Just before I went on, my wife noticed one of the few hairs I had coming straight out of my head. I told her to "just pull it out," she did, and I was grounded by my own pain. I killed.

The next weekend I was working at Governor's, a pretty tough room for me... on Long Island. I got onstage and was greeted from the back of the room by the phrase, "Fuck my come." That was fifteen years ago, and I still don't know how to respond.

I guess at some point I have to assume responsibility for disappointing the audience. I'm not there yet.

My life as a comic did not end that night. My self respect was diminished briefly, but I continued for many years after that night. Eventually, with the help of National television, and especially an animated show on Comedy Central called "Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist," I found an audience. I love them. They are the chosen people (also on the web at Jews.com).

Here is the only other thing I need to say about comedy today: you have to know when it is time to retire a joke, and then wait six months or fifteen years and try it again.

I'll give you an example: this is a joke I did just because Dennis Miller, a guy I hardly knew but have always liked, enjoyed the joke. The joke has never worked, and didn't that night either. But I still did the joke for another ten years because of the compliment.

"I have never been able to tell my dad I love him so I called him last night and I said 'how are you?' and he said 'fine' and I said 'just checking.'"

See what I mean?

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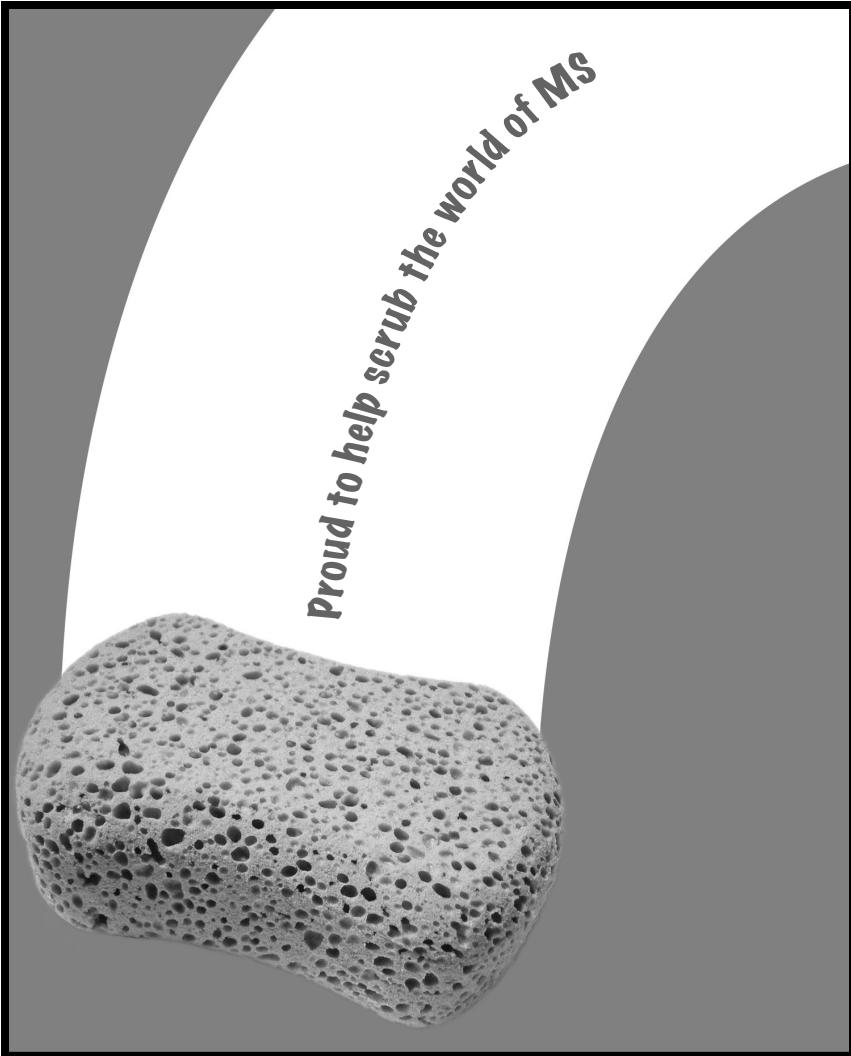
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Bearcats is thrilled to be a part of Laughing All the Way To a Cure. Humor is healing, and we're honored to provide some laughs at this wonderful event.

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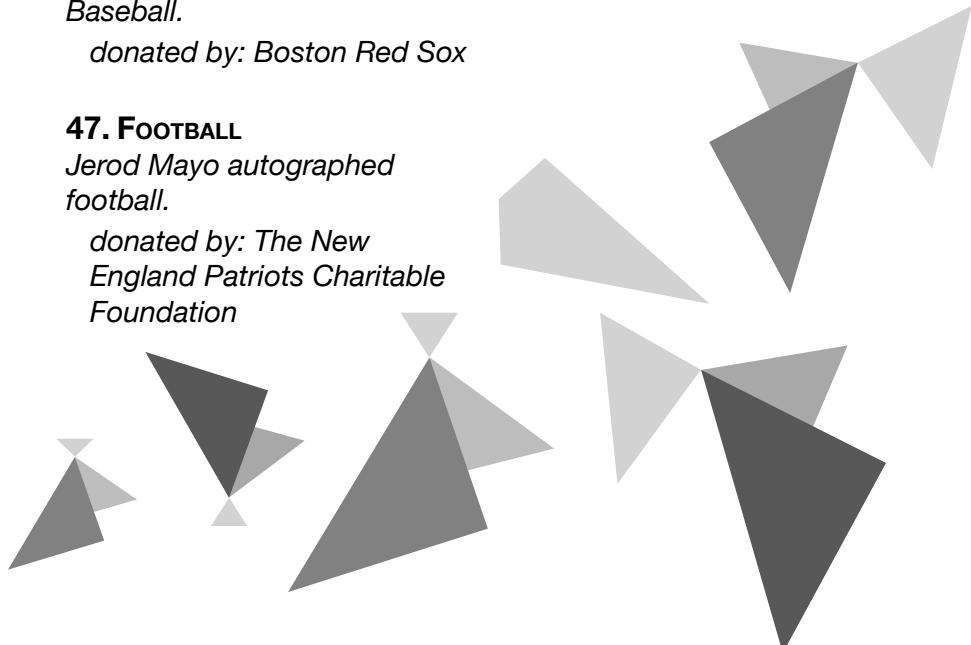
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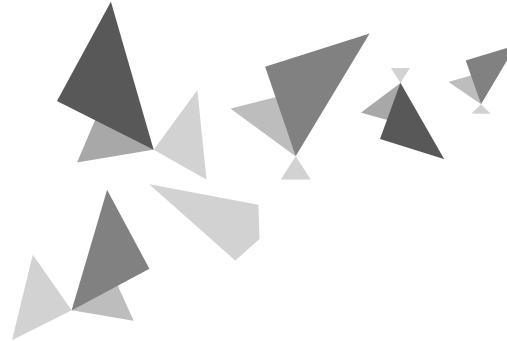
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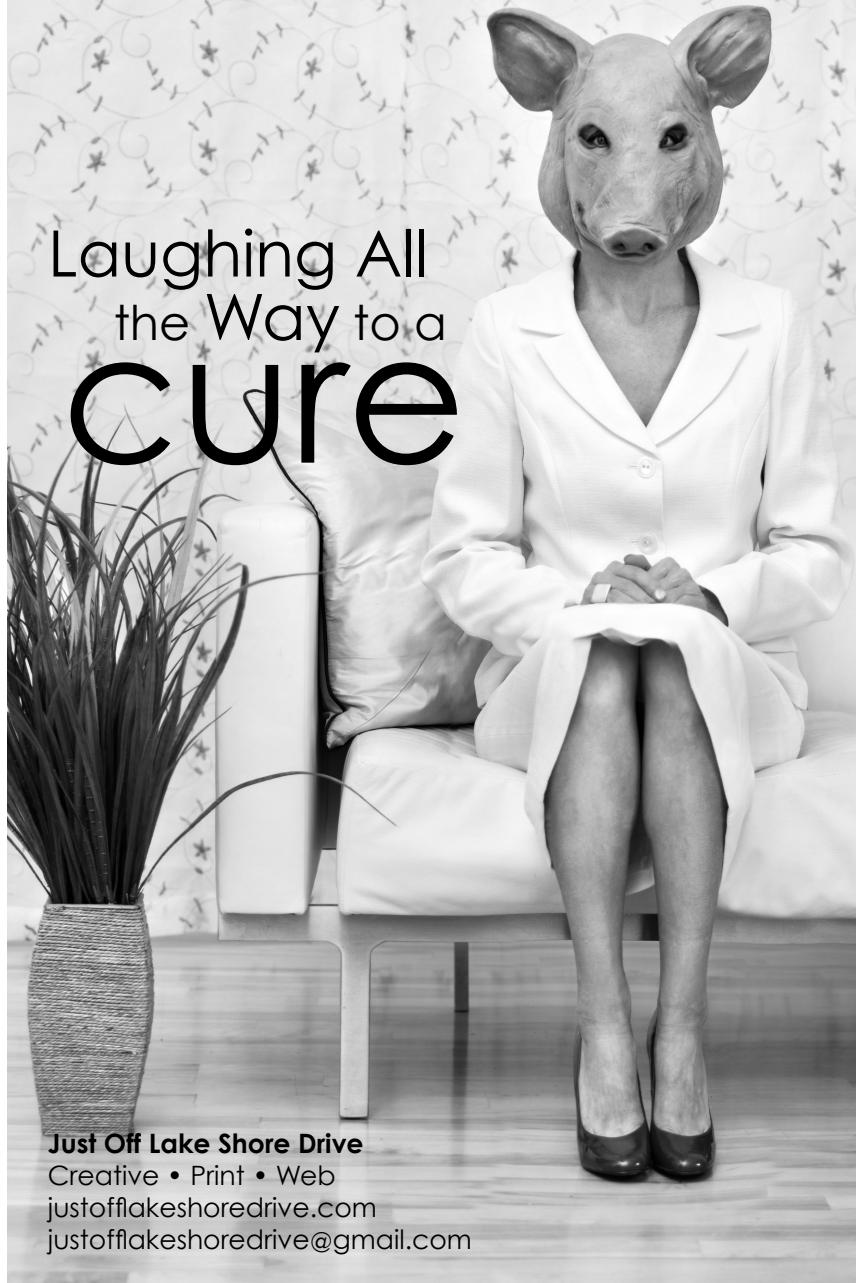
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