



## To Ensure an AMAZING Program...

Avish is a very flexible speaker – he does speak on improvisation after all! - so he can speak (and has spoken!) in just about any environment with just about any setup. However, over the years he has learned a few things about A/V, room setup, logistics, etc. that help to ensure his program goes as well as possible. The following are some of his requests (none of these area deal-breakers – just please let him know if you can not accommodate these requests so he can plan accordingly):

### **A/V:**

- One wireless lavalier/hands-free microphone for Avish
- One handheld microphone for volunteers (two is ideal, but one works)
- Avish does not use Powerpoint, so no projector or screen needed

### **Stage Setup:**

- An empty stage is preferable.
- The only exception to this is that Avish would like a small table – 3' round or backless stool (just big enough to hold a bell, a book, and a few sheets of paper) – on the stage, front, just off-center.
- If there is a podium/lectern, please have it off to the side of the stage (or move it before Avish speaks)

### **Room Setup:**

- Any audience setup works well: theater style, rounds, or classroom style. Because of the entertaining nature of the program, some prefer NOT to do classroom style.
- Humorous programs works best in an intimate environment. If the number of people will be significantly smaller than the number of seats in the place, taping off the back and side seats until they are needed can be very helpful.
- If possible, please avoid a center aisle (two side aisles are preferable). When speaking from the center of the stage, a center aisle creates the appearance of speaking to no one...
- For one of Avish's exercises, he has the audience write down a sentence on a special card he provides. He would like to get into the room 30-60 minutes in advance to put these out.
- Along those lines, he collects the cards towards the end of his speech. If you have a large group, he would appreciate a few volunteers to help him collect them.



## Food:

- Many groups find Avish is a fantastic speaker to have at lunch, which is great! Because Avish uses volunteers and audience activities, the ideal setup is for Avish to speak after the meal (or after everyone has been served and as they are finishing their meal).

## Introduction

- Avish will provide a written introduction. Feel free to say other things about Avish if you would like. Just please end by reading the written introduction as it is written – it sets up certain parts of the program.

## Name Pronunciation

- Avish: “Uh-Veesh”
- Parashar: “Par” (like on a golf course)-“uh”-“sher” (rhymes with “her”)
- Note: Don’t sweat this. If you mispronounce his name, Avish won’t take it personally, he promises!