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Stand-up comedian Shaun Eli has rightfully been called one of America's smartest comics. Whether it's a story about dining with a vegetarian or successfully fighting a parking ticket, master storyteller Shaun Eli proves that there's hilarity in the ordinary if you approach life with a comedic warp. Job interviews? Serving on a NYC criminal jury? How about the Ten Commandments? For just about anything he's experienced Shaun has a hilarious story at the ready. He has also been profiled in *The New York Times*.

With a sense of humor that's both cheerful and universal Shaun has headlined shows on five continents. His jokes have been quoted everywhere from *Forbes* to the *New York Post* to *Readers Digest* to *Healthcare Finance News*. In both *Reform Judaism* magazine and the *Christian Science Monitor*, where he was the subject of the cover story. He's been featured on *CareerBuilder.com* and *CNN*, in local papers like the *Scarsdale Inquirer* and the *Asbury Park Press* and in the college papers the *Yale Daily News* and the *Daily Pennsylvanian*. Even in *The Journal of Irreproducible Results*, a scientific humor magazine. Yes, there is one. And his group *The Ivy League of Comedy*sm was the subject of a front-page story in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

More than just smart, funny and clever, Shaun is determined to express his opinion passionately, not surprising for someone who wrote his first satirical essay at age ten. When profiled in *Fortune* magazine "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno quoted one of Shaun's jokes, citing it as an example of the type of "smart comedy" he's happy to include in his opening monologue. Jay and other late-night hosts used Shaun's topical material in their monologues for almost two decades.

Outside the world of comedy Shaun was a world-class athlete in two obscure sports (rowing and dragon-boat racing), worked as a lifeguard instructor and is an instrument-rated pilot. He is also an award-winning economic forecaster who once sold his car to a hitchhiker.

Shaun is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. You can watch his videos and read some of his writings, including satirical political essays and hundreds of jokes he's written for late-night television, on his web site *BrainChampagne.com* where his slogan "Brain Champagne: Clever Comedy for Smart Mindssm" rings true.