

JOEL CHASNOFF

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“Without question the greatest Jewish comedian touring today! 🎭”

—Don Kriss, Executive Director,
Jacksonville Jewish Center

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JOEL'S COMEDY: JEWISH HUMOR, REDEFINED

Joel Chasnoff is *not* your grandfather's Jewish comedian.

Joel is clever. Hip. Daring and edgy, yet 100% clean. From his stint on the Solomon Schechter basketball team to his tour of duty in the Israeli Army, nothing escapes Joel's sharp wit. Audiences across the spectrum of knowledge and observance find Joel's humor uplifting, powerful, and hilarious.

Joel performs in North America, Europe, and Israel, including the Montreal Comedy Festival, Israeli late-night TV, multiple appearances on NPR and PBS...plus, more than 1,000 Jewish events, and counting.

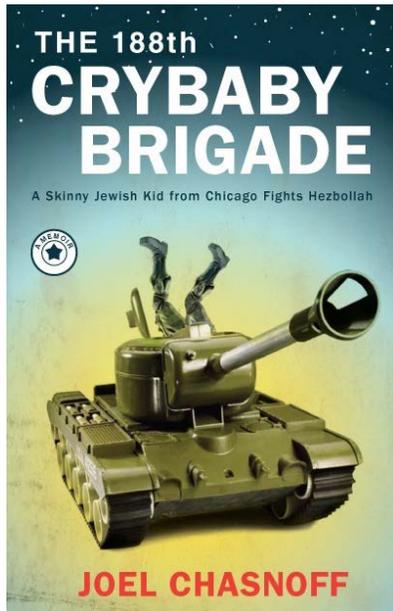
In 2010, Simon and Schuster published *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*, Joel's comedic memoir about his service in the Israeli Army. Kirkus Reviews called *Crybaby Brigade*, "Horrifyingly hilarious."

The film is currently in production at Paramount.

In 2013, Joel co-authored the cookbook *Balaboosta* with Israeli chef and *Chopped!* Champion Einat Admony. Joel also writes extensively about the plight of IDF Lone Soldiers, including highly-acclaimed editorials in the *Washington Post* and *Jewish Week*. His writing has been featured in the *Forward*, *The Big Book of Jewish Humor—25th Anniversary Edition*, and *The Idiot's Guide to Jokes*.

A portion of proceeds from Joel's comedy and book sales is donated to his foundation, **Project Elijah**. In its first venture, Project Elijah sent 100 low-income New York City schoolchildren to the circus.

Joel Chasnoff: the comedian who's redefining Jewish comedy.



“THE 188TH CRYBABY BRIGADE”

What’s a nice Jewish boy doing in a place like this?

Joel Chasnoff—a suburban-born, Ivy League-educated stand-up comic—sweats and grunts his way through a military tour in the Israeli Army in *The 188th Crybaby Brigade: A Skinny Jewish Kid from Chicago Fights Hezbollah* (Simon and Schuster).

Surrounded by a platoon of mama’s boys, this peace-loving, lactose-intolerant Jew from the suburbs invites readers to share his journey from basic training to Tank School and a tour-of-duty against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Like a *Catch-22* for our time, *Crybaby Brigade* boasts a cast of characters rarely seen outside the realm of fiction: the 20-year-old sergeant who torments Chasnoff as an outsider; platoon-mates who nearly kill Chasnoff accidentally—twice; the tough soldier who cries when his girlfriend dumps him; a brigade of teenagers battling their sexual urges; and, of course, the most memorable character of all: Joel Chasnoff himself.

The 188th Crybaby Brigade presents a hilarious look at life inside the Israeli Army,

from the mandatory daily chocolate snack breaks at 10am and 4pm, to the “duck walk” in which the platoon plods across a parade ground on their haunches as punishment. Mishaps abound, including mistaking a dog for a terrorist in Lebanon, and the Israeli Army’s inability to fire on a group of Hezbollah guerrillas because, according to the UN-negotiated Rules of Engagement, the enemy was standing on a farm.

Through it all, *Crybaby Brigade* describes the incredible bond between soldiers in a combat platoon: young men who hope, fear, contemplate death, and dream of the future. Chasnoff’s wry style reveals this army’s heart—the IDF can feel more like a zany extended family than a lethal fighting force. Readers laugh and cry along with Joel on his poignant and hilarious journey.

REVIEWS OF “THE 188TH CRYBABY BRIGADE”

“Horribly hilarious.”
—Kirkus Reviews

“Laugh-out-loud funny.”
—L.A. Jewish Journal

“A hilarious take on the sometimes absurd alternative reality of the IDF.”
—The Jerusalem Post

“*The 188th Crybaby Brigade* turns out to be a wise, carefully observed, profanely funny, and even touching portrait of Israeli society in all its polyglot, improvisational, maddening, and beleaguered glory.”
—New Jersey Jewish News

“A mostly humorous, frequently tender and sometimes infuriating book.”
—New York Jewish Week

“Much of this book is funny, but much is deadly serious. Parts of it will disturb readers who have a preconceived notion of Israel and its army. But if you can get beyond that you’ll finish the read loving Israel even more—warts and all.”
—Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Part *Stripes*, part Camp Ramah, Chasnoff’s comedic timing and honest heart shine throughout *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*.”
—Jewish Book Council

“Chasnoff is well within the tradition of military satires such as *Catch 22* or the film *Stripes*. With a combination of light-hearted moments, social criticism and personal heart-break, *The 188th Crybaby Brigade* makes for fascinating reading.”
—Kansas City Jewish Chronicle



COMEDIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Book Joel for an evening of laughs...

Or enjoy Joel's Laugh-and-Learn **Comedian-in-Residence Weekend** that includes:

- **Joel Chasnoff Live:** Joel's renowned stand-up act.
- **30 Jokes in 60 Minutes:** The funniest seminar on Jewish humor you've ever heard.
- **Crybaby Brigade:** Tales from Joel's tour of duty in the IDF.

• **Improv 101:** An introduction to improvisational comedy for adults and teens.

• **Israel: What's the Story?:** Joel's interactive-theatre piece about our relationship with Israel. Ideal for teenagers.

**The Comedy of Joel Chasnoff:
More than just jokes...it's who we are!**

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT COMEDIAN JOEL CHASNOFF

"Joel was a smashing success. I think people were so happy they wanted to share their joy by giving—we experienced a significant increase in donations!"

—Alissa Fischel,
Development Director,
Tampa Jewish Federation

"Joel was absolutely hilarious—our guests were laughing so hard they were literally crying."

—Lauren Yoked, Executive Director, Leket Israel Food Bank

"How often do you have people telling you that they LOVED your event? It was all because of Joel's incredible routine that left people happy and in the mood to give generously."

—Rabbi Eliav Block, Director, Camp Ramah Outdoors, CO

"Joel Chasnoff's hysterical performance had our dinner guests in tears of laughter. His humor was not only intelligent, but aIso clean and appealing to a wide audience."

—Rabbi Levi Shemtov, Chabad of Riverdale, NY

"Joel Chasnoff was amazing at the United Synagogue Centennial. He literally had 1,200 people praying ... that his act wouldn't end."

—Rabbi Charles Savenor, Director of Kehillah Enrichment,
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

"Joel was nothing short of fantastic."

—Lynn Norton Robins, New Jersey Regional Director,
Jewish National Fund



"In all my years working with Jews, I have never gotten such overwhelmingly positive feedback. If you have the chance, book him!"

—Jeff Braverman, Talent Coordinator,
Westin Fort Lauderdale Passover Vacations

"Joel is a first class act, bringing together the joys and oys of Jewish comedy."

—Rabbi Ari Israel, Executive Director,
Hillel at the University of Maryland

"Joel not only gets the whole room hysterically laughing, he engages the audience and creates a relationship with them."

—Rabbi Evan Schultz, Congregation B'nai Israel, Bridgeport, CT

"Joel was a huge hit with our diverse crowd. He was a pleasure to work with and I highly recommended him. "

—Rabbi Jordan Brumer, Executive Director,
Jewish Arizonans on Campus

"I highly recommend Joel. He was the highlight of the year!"

—Jane Dubro, Program Director,
Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

"Joel Chasnoff was so funny that we invited him back again to headline our annual fund-raiser. Your laugh lines will hurt."

—Anita Greenwald, Tzahal Shalom, Westchester, NY

"Joel headlined our winter fund-raiser and he couldn't have been a better fit for our audience."

—Daryl Wolke, Director of Development,
Geshur Jewish Day School