Comedy Show Advance Planning

The comedy show is used by the Men’s Club to raise money for another arm of the synagogue (the Religious School) or a specific program (a scholarship fund). It needs to be written over a period of time. In our case, there is a single writer who assembles ideas constantly. If there are multiple writers, scripts need to be submitted about 4 months in advance to a committee who will screen and edit them..

The topics are open-ended about synagogue life.

The director (in our case the writer), producer and the key players, (the rabbi(s), cantor, board officers) need to be on board. Other players need to be recruited. Non-performing jobs need to be filled – music, props (if needed) lighting (if needed), sound, etc.

The scripts should be screened by the Rabbi about 4 months ahead of time.

Rehearsals need at least 8 weeks. Staging and run-throughs should happen 1-2 weeks before the show.