

"Aliyah Monolog" standup show visit Ariel

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The Aliyah Monologues is a high-energy, one-man standup comedy show about the modern day emotional reality of a Child returning home.

The Monologues focuses on the social and emotional aspects of Aliyah (moving to Israel) and depict an Oleh overcoming multiple obstacles as he begins a new life in a country chosen to be home. A man who was a son, friend and rabbi in America is trying to work his way up the corporate ladder in Israel (and hoping to wait tables in the near future), while trying very hard to pick up his groceries and a wife. Ideals clash with the complexities of acclimation into Israeli society. There is a week of transition for all new Olim, the week in which the immigrant finds his little Israeli within. This is what happened during that week: The development of a whole comedy routine!

On Tuesday the 23rd of February the English speaking community of Ariel, enjoyed a good laugh with David Kilimnick's standup show "Aliyah Monologues". The evening started at 7:30 pm with coffee and cake which gave everyone a chance to have a chat and catch up with each other. After making Aliyah 6 years ago, David (single and religious) has accumulated plenty of material that the community could relate too, which meant excellent stand up! His story starts with his Jewish life in the States, wearing a baseball cap instead of a yarmulke, continuing with the story of his Aliyah and his life in Jerusalem as an Ole Chadash and struggle with ulpan, where you learn to read and write, but not speak! His understanding of those little things that can drive you mad in Israel, had everyone laughing.

The community had a very good evening's entertainment, and everyone enjoyed having a good laugh - before getting back to the reality called Israel.