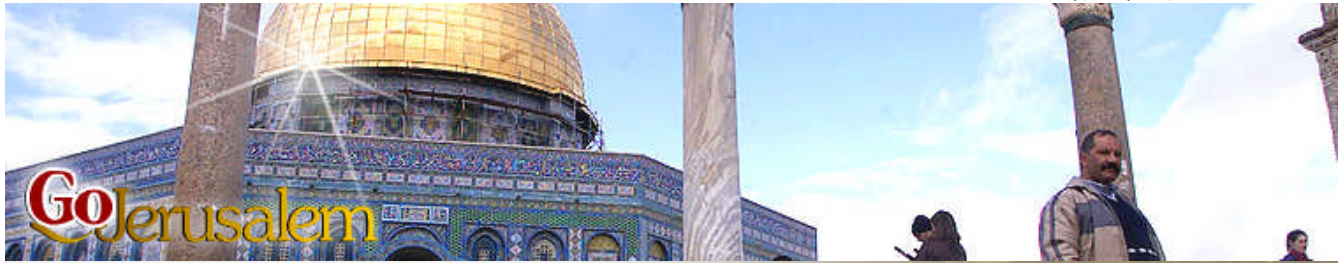


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## Israeli-Palestinian comedy back in Jerusalem

**Laughing at ourselves to bring understanding**

The Israeli Palestinian Comedy Tour is returning to Jerusalem in June with a new set of shows after a successful [first visit](#) and Canadian tour.

"We`re going to be doing a tour of about 10 shows throughout Israel and in Jerusalem in the hopes of using comedy and humor again as a means of helping to change attitudes," said Palestinian-American comedian Ray Hanania. "The first tour was a phenomenal success with Israelis and Palestinians all responding so positively."

Hanania said humor is a powerful way to change attitudes and perceptions.

"With the (Israeli-Palestinian) conflict only increasing, instead of surrendering to the terrorists and extremists we have to stand up to them and not run and hide," he said. "We need to set an example that we can live as normal people and pursue a vision of peace through non-violence. Humor and comedy is not the solution to the conflict, but it is a part of the solution we all have to pursue."

Hanania said he and the comedy tour`s other participants: an African-American Jew, and two Jewish Israeli comedians who were raised in the US, "make fun of everyone and everything, self-deprecating humor, social and cultural satire, political humor, and all."

He said people need to be reminded that the suffering, tragedy and violence is not what we are all about, "but the acts of individuals trying to control us."

Jerusalem dates announced so far are Saturday, June 9, at the [Ambassador Hotel](#) and Saturday, June 16, at Congregation Kol HaNeshama.

Tour details [here](#).

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