

PRESS RELEASE

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The Center for Research on Aliyah releases Aliyah Risk Calculator to help families assess their likelihood of immigration success as they decide on moving to Israel.

The Aliyah Risk Calculator measures pre-Aliyah individual and family risks and resources relating to moving to Israel. Based on research, specific pre-Aliyah features were identified that make it more likely that families will adjust well after Aliyah.

Ariel, Israel, February 1, 2021 – The Center for Research on Aliyah at Ariel University in Israel is releasing its Aliyah Risk Calculator intended to measure individual and family risks and resources relating to moving to Israel. Immigration to Israel entails many challenges for a family. Based on the center's research, specific pre-Aliyah features were identified that make it more likely that families will adjust well after Aliyah.

The calculator, which takes about 15 minutes to complete, uses scientific measures to assess various aspects of a family's circumstances including questions about social, financial, family, educational and individual life that have been shown to impact Aliyah success. The calculator assesses both risks and resources.

Once complete, the calculator produces a final score which combines both resources and risks with higher scores indicating that the individual is at an elevated risk of experiencing difficulties after moving to Israel. The score also places an individual in one of three categories of risk. For each risk zone, the calculator provides a description of the individual's risk circumstance and offers specific recommendations that should be considered in contemplating a move to Israel. The calculator can be found at www.aliyahresearch.com

Dr. Avidan Milevsky, the center's director and senior lecturer in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Ariel University notes, "The final score and interpretation should assist potential immigrants to Israel in making an informed decision about Aliyah and will help in developing a clear plan of success if the decision to move to Israel is made."

The Center for Research on Aliyah (CRA) is a research center housed in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Ariel University in Israel designed to study the variables that contribute to successful and adaptive immigration to Israel particularly for North American families. Data will be used to provide a clear, scientific portrait of the issues to account for when contemplating immigration to Israel and assist in developing guidelines and instructional material for families, schools, and agencies working on maximizing the Aliyah process.