



Supporting Israel
And Fighting Antisemitism Around The World

2020-21 StandWithUs Northwest *Shaliach* (Israel Educator)

Aviv Attia, 26, was born in Tel Aviv and raised in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. Like many Israelis, Aviv's family had centuries of history in the Middle East before moving to Israel.

His father's family lived in Spain for hundreds of years but were expelled to Tunisia following the Alhambra Decree in 1492. After centuries in Tunisia, they were forced to flee to Israel in the early 1950s.

His maternal grandparents were Iraqi from a wealthy family in Baghdad. In the early 1960s, they fled to Israel because of terrible antisemitic attacks against them and their business. They were forced to leave all their property behind and begin a new life in the land of Israel.

Aviv had a typical suburban upbringing. At age 18, he began his mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces, serving in the C4I corps (Command & Control, Communications, Computers and Information corps). In this unit, he became a communication technician, operations manager and commander. He received awards for leadership and earned an early promotion. Aviv's military service was spent in the north of Israel along the border of Lebanon.



After his IDF service, Aviv enrolled at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya, where he was selected for the Rabin Leadership Program, a prestigious program that prepares participants to take leadership roles in shaping Israel's future. Aviv graduated in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy & Sustainability. Additionally, he dedicated three years to volunteer leadership roles for Israel's most prominent LGBTQ+ rights organization.

During his studies, Aviv took part in StandWithUs tours around the United States, South Africa, and Australia, sharing his story of the real Israel, and combating BDS and antisemitism on campuses and in communities. Through these experiences, he has helped thousands of people gain a perspective on Israel that is often not shared in the media.

StandWithUs supports Israel and fights antisemitism through education. With our speakers and materials, we help people understand the complex issues facing Israel and the Jewish people, through the lens of real people and real stories.

In 2019, Aviv started as our Pacific Northwest *shaliach*. Even with a shortened school year, he spoke to 4,300 people in over 100 different locations. We welcome the opportunity to bring Aviv as a speaker to educate and dialogue on the issues. Please contact us to see the list of presentations we offer and to arrange a date.

