

# ANDREW J. HIRSH

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## Education

**Wesleyan University** – *Bachelor of Arts*– Entrepreneurship, Diplomacy, & Storytelling  
**Brandeis University** – *Social Impact MBA Candidate*  
**Academy of Art University** – *MA Candidate in Animation*  
**Tel Aviv University** – *Exchange Semester*  
**Tech2Peace** – *Python, Blockchain, Entrepreneurship Certificate*

**Middletown, CT** Spring 2020  
**Waltham, MA** Fall 2020-Spring 2023  
**San Francisco, CA/Remote** Spring 2021- Fall 2023  
**Tel Aviv, Israel** Fall 2016  
**Jerusalem, Israel** Spring 2021

## Relevant Work Experience

**Olive Branch Pictures Inc.** – *CEO & Founder*

**Jerusalem, Israel** October 2018-Present

A social enterprise media platform for conflict mediation, cultural diplomacy, entertainment-education, and philanthropy through multi-narrative comics and animated storytelling via an ideologically balanced, representational team & advisors + stakeholder crowdsourcing. Manage art & story development, fundraising, marketing, recruitment, and partnerships for "Shira and Amal".

**Fmr. South African Ambassador to Palestinian Authority Raf Gangat Book Tour GoFundMe** – *Manager* January 2021-Present

**SZZL** – *Strategist*

**Hollywood, California** May 2020-Present

A democratic ideation platform for collaboration, gamifying the development pipeline with legal assistance, and investor support.

**Jerusalem Media Group** – *Production Assistant*

**Jerusalem, Israel** June 2019-August 2019

A multimedia production company that produces content and events for Israel's top artists, companies, and organizations.

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerusalem International Film Festival** – *Jury Assistant*

**Jerusalem, Israel** July 2019

Assisted the Judges of the film competition with scheduling and logistics.

**Falling with Rex** – *Assistant Producer*

**Tel Aviv, Israel** September 2018-August 2019

Animated story of friendship between an Israeli boy and a Palestinian girl in 1930s Jerusalem. Assisted fundraising, casting & publicity.

**Border Community Alliance** – *Student Ambassador*

**Nogales, Mexico/Nogales, Arizona** June-August 2017

Learned from with and volunteered for organizational leaders and innovators at the forefront of the US-Mexican Border Crisis.

**HIAS** – an international refugee resettlement organization est. 1881 – *Paralegal*

**Tel Aviv, Israel** January 2017-April 2017

Provided logistical support, developed outreach strategies, and conducted research to assist pro-bono legal aid.

**Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies** – *Research Assistant*

**Tel Aviv, Israel** October 2016-March 2017

Provided outreach support and wrote about current events affecting the Middle East and Northern Africa in weekly newsletter.

## Fellowships/Scholarships

**50:50 Startups** Spring Incubator Fellow

**Remote/Jerusalem** January 2021-April 2021

A global entrepreneurship program that brings together Israeli Arabs, Jews, and Palestinians to co-develop equally-owned tech startups.

**Luff Peace Fellow at the Watson Institute Social Enterprise Startup Accelerator**

**Boulder, CO** August 2020-January 2021

**Brandeis University National Science Foundation I-Corp Fellowship**

**Waltham, MA** February 2021-May 2021

A program bringing business students together with technology researchers to develop technologies into products and companies.

**Brandeis University Social Impact MBA Half-Tuition Merit Scholarship**

**Waltham, MA** Fall 2020-Spring 2023

**Ballard Academy for Student Entrepreneurs Fellowship**

**Philadelphia, PA** September 2019-May 2020

A Ballard Spahr LLP initiative to provide student entrepreneurs with training, networking, and \$10,000 in pro-bono legal aid.

**Social Capital Markets Social Entrepreneur Scholarship**

**San Francisco, CA** October 2019

## Awards

**Connecticut State Student Entrepreneurship Awards 2019 Winner**

**Entrepreneurs' Organization** December 2019

**USA National Student Entrepreneur Awards 2020 Finalist**

**Entrepreneurs' Organization** February 2020

**SparkTank Innovation Startup Award for Olive Branch Pictures**

**Brandeis University** February 2019

**Ciright Dragon Startup Competition Business Services Award**

**Drexel University** March 2019

**University Start-Up World Cup Finalist**

**Venture Cup Denmark** August 2019

## Skills

Hebrew (Conversational) | Modern Standard Arabic (Intermediate) | Levantine Arabic (Conversational) | German (Conversational) | Startup Development | Project Management | Fundraising | Video Production | Storytelling | Writing | Accounting | Storyboarding | Adobe Creative Suite | Microsoft Office | Data Analysis (SAS) | Marketing | Emotional Intelligence | Animation | Company Culture

## Volunteer/Extracurricular

**Korea Refugee Project** – *Volunteer*

**Za'atari Refugee Camp, Jordan** March 2017-May 2017

Taught English to Syrian refugee children Za'atari Taekwondo Academy

**Project Harmony Summer Camp for Arabs & Israelis** – *Camp Counselor*

**Jerusalem, Israel** June-August 2018

Served as a Counselor for Arab and Israeli children and organized Film and Graphic Novel Workshops.

**Gabriel Project Mumbai** – *Volunteer*

**Mumbai, India** May 2016-August 2016

Taught English and tangible life skills to children living in the Kalva Slum of Mumbai, India.

**AEPI Fraternity** – *Philanthropy Chairman*

**Tel Aviv University & Brandeis University** October 2016-December 2017

**Wesleyan Refugee Project** - Volunteer

**Wesleyan University** September 2014-May 2016

A student-run organization that volunteers to help refugees find asylum and teach them English.

**Wesleyan Student Government** – *Class Representative*

**Wesleyan University** Fall 2014