



# Ancient Roots Israel

Herbal Conference & Community

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## PRESS RELEASE

*RE: American Herbalists Guild (AHG) and the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) Movement*

ARI made sudden international news, in the month prior to our First International Herbal Conference, when we and some of our speakers and participants, became the subject of an attack by the BDS Movement. This attack was spearheaded by the editor of the Journal of the AHG. This came as a shock to our community, many of whom are AHG members or registered herbalists (RH).

In October of 2020, we gave the AHG an opportunity to clarify their position, requesting in a [formal letter](#) that:

“...in light of the foregoing, we respectfully and formally request that, within 30 days of the date of this letter, the AHG issue a clear and decisive statement, to its membership and the general public, that the official policy of the organization is (i) to support apolitical and peaceful herbalist conferences all over the world, including in Israel, and (ii) to support AHG members, as well as all herbalists, who wish to speak at or otherwise participate in such conferences. In so doing, the AHG would adhere to its own Code of Ethics, as well as U.S. civil and human rights law, and confirm its staunch commitment to inclusivity and nondiscrimination.”

We regret to inform our community that as of this date, and despite confirmation of receipt of our letter, the AHG has still refused to comment to our requests for clarification.



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