

ISRAEL

Minister of Education

Ministry for Education

Yoav GALLANT

Date of Birth: 08/11/1958

Education

- BA in Economics and Business Administration, University of Haifa
- Senior Management, Harvard University

Military Service

Major-General

Biography

Gallant was born in Jaffa to his mother Fruma, a Holocaust survivor who immigrated to Isra-el on board of the SS Exodus, and to his late father Michael, a WWII partisan.

Gallant is a soldier and commander – an officer who served in the IDF for 35 years. Born in Jaffa, Gallant was raised and educated in Ramat-Gan and Givatayim. He was a member and mentor in the Scouts.

Gallant primarily served in combat roles, participating and commanding numerous military operations during his 35 years of service. His roles included: commander of a missile boat, commander of the Shayetet 13 unit, brigade commander, commander of the Gaza Division, Commander of the Armored Division, and Chief of Staff of the GOC Army Headquarters. In 2002, Gallant was appointed Military Secretary of late Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and was promoted to Major General. Between 2005 and 2010, Gallant served as commander of the Southern Command.

For the duration of his military service and after his release, Gallant remained involved in the community. He was one of the founders of the Impact Fund, which grants scholarships to discharged soldiers, served as chairman of the Friends of the IDF's Disabled Veterans Organization, was a member of the board of HaShomer HaChadash and a member of the board of directors of Madatech.

Yoav Gallant lives in Moshav Amikam. He is married to Claudine and father to a son, Mi-chael, and two daughters, Or and Guy.

Political Career

2015–2019 (Knesset 20/ Gov. 34) Minister of Construction and Housing

2019–2020 (Knesset 21-23/ Gov. 34) Minister of Immigration and Absorption

2020– (Knesset 23/ Gov. 35) Minister of Education

As the Minister of Education, Gallant is leading a Digital Revolution, working to enable every student in the country an efficient and high-quality online schooling.

Parliamentary Groups

Kulanu; chaired by Moshe Kahlon (Knesset 20), Likud (Knesset 21-23)