

## **Introduction**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Now it's my privilege to introduce you to one of Israel's most respected environmental experts.

He has worked as a business consultant for the United Kibbutz Movement, the Hevel Eilat Regional Council, Kibbutzim, and Industries.

His research includes the study of the effectiveness of environmental management systems and the future of sustainable development at the Dead Sea.

He is one of the founders of the Alliance for Middle East Peace, which brings together over 90 peace-building organizations throughout the region.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome the Director of International Development of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, David Lehrer.

## **100 Word Bio**

As Director of International Development of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, a Jewish National Fund-USA affiliate, David Lehrer passionately advances environmental cooperation between Israel and its neighbors in the Middle East. His research studies the cost of nature conservation in Israel. Previously, Lehrer lent his insights as a business consultant for kibbutzim and small businesses, and he has twice served as an emissary for the Jewish Agency for Israel in the United States. Lehrer is also a founder of the Alliance for Middle East Peace. Mr. Lehrer is a member of Kibbutz Ketura since 1981 and served as the Executive Director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies from 2001 until August 2021

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