

Yedidya Harush Introduction

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Now it's my privilege to introduce you to an Israeli hero...

He is a decorated soldier, whose reserve elite Israel Defense Forces (IDF) unit played a critical role during *Operation Protective Edge* in 2014, when repeated rocket attacks struck Israel, helping to secure Israel's Gaza border communities and protect the country...

He is a proud patriot who earned a basketball scholarship to high school in the United States, then returned to his roots in Israel and assumed a key leadership role, helping the evacuees of Gush Katif in Gaza to lead a normal life while their families and homes were in distress...

And he is a pioneer working with Jewish National Fund to develop Halutza into a thriving community and turn Ben-Gurion's dream of a blooming and prosperous Negev into reality. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome the community representative for Israeli residents of the Halutza region, Yedidya Harush.

BIO

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As Jewish National Fund's Halutza Liaison for Negev Community Development, Yedidya Harush works to cultivate an underdeveloped region in Israel's southwestern corner into a thriving community. After completing high school in the U.S., Harush returned to Israel and assumed a key leadership role in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), helping evacuees of Gush Katif in Gaza lead a normal life while their families and homes were in distress. During *Operation Protective Edge* in 2014, when repeated rocket attacks struck Southern Israel, Harush and his reserve elite IDF unit worked to secure Halutza, the border, and protect the country.

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