

**MINISTRY OF FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL-**

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**TWELVE RECIPIENTS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE "THE AWARD FOR THEIR
LIFE WORK ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PROTECTING THE
ENVIRONMENT"**

The Minister for the Protection of the Environment, Gidon Ezra: " The Award winners represent examples of outstanding personal accomplishments in their life work in the area of protecting the environment of significant public importance and for that I congratulate them.

The Ministry said further that the awardees have in their life work contributed to promoting the environment in Israel since the day of its founding 60 years ago.

The Award Committee of seven leading environmentalist from all fields was headed by former Supreme Court Justice Jacob Tercil choose 12 awardees out of 62 candidates.

Heading the list was:

"Professor Hillel Shuval, resident of Jerusalem, born in the USA, who came to Israel in 1948 as a volunteer . Professor Emeritus at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, founded and led the Environmental Sciences teaching and research programs there for 30 years. Currently heads the Department of Environmental Health at the Hadassah Academic College. He was among the founders of the first governmental program for environmental protection in 1949 and has been active for 50 years in promoting environmental health in Israel. He has been a researcher in the field of environment and a leader in promoting water recycling and reuse."

The other Awardees are:

Professor Emanuel Mazor

Ori Dvir

Professor Amotz Zahavi

Yoav Sagi

Azaria Alon

Professor Uri Marinov

Dr. Yosi Leshem

Orit Tamir

Yosef Tamir

Professor Alon Tal

Belah Givon.

The award ceremony with take place in Caesarea on September 16th.