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## Beyond Borders: Environmental Cooperation in Israel and Palestine

Learn about the cross-cultural community and environmental studies at the Arava Institute, where students from Israel, Palestine, Jordan and around the world come together to collaborate on environmental solutions.



**Rachel Szor** studied at the Arava Institute in 2017 and is currently studying at the University of Haifa. She grew up participating in the youth peace-building movement CISV, which has taken her to Norway and France to participate in youth conferences with participants from around the world. Rachel did a year of community service as a youth leader in Nazareth before completing her service in the IDF from 2013-2016. In addition to her studies, she currently works as a tour guide in an Arab-Jewish community center, is completing a course in medical clowning, and is involved with the Women Wage Peace movement.



**Mahmood Al Ramahi** received his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Al Balqa' Applied University in Jordan in 2013, and recently received his M.Sc in Hydrology and Water Quality from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. He studied at the Arava Institute from 2013-2014. Mahmood has worked with experts from Israel, Palestine, and Jordan on a USAID project aimed at addressing the need for sustainable fuel sources in Bedouin villages. He also co-founded "Leaves of Canaan," an organization that aims to empower Arab women through creating job opportunities for women in Israel and Palestine. Mahmood is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Environmental Science at the University of Szeged, Hungary.