

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to the woman known as the “birth-mother” of the Jewish environmental movement ...

She is a passionate activist, who launched Shomrei Adamah, Hebrew for Keepers of the Earth, the first national Jewish environmental organization in the United States, which has grown to include over ten chapters and has shown tens of thousands of people how to connect their Judaism with their desire to protect the environment...

She is a popular author, who has written several influential books and articles on Judaism and ecology, including *The Splendor of Creation: A Biblical Ecology* and *Ecology & the Jewish Spirit*...

And she is a moving speaker, who regularly gives lectures at institutions, synagogues, and conferences around the country, educating audiences about the role religion can play in response to daunting environmental challenges.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome an environmentalism trailblazer, Rabbi Ellen Bernstein.