

## **AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN**

Amy Hirshberg Lederman is an award-winning, nationally-syndicated columnist, author, Jewish educator, public speaker, and attorney. She practiced law for 14 years before pursuing her passion of Jewish education. She has served as the Assistant North American Director of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School and the Director of the Department of Jewish Education and Identity for the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona and is the Development Associate for the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona. She currently teaches courses on Jewish spirituality, ethics, law and literature.

Amy received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College, her Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona and her Master's Degree in Jewish Education from the Spertus College of Jewish Studies. In 1997-98, Amy moved with her family to Israel where she was part of an international group of Jewish educators who studied at Hebrew University.

Amy's presentations range from Jewish Federation, synagogue and Leadership retreats to author book groups and seminars for Hadassah and the Anti-Defamation League. She has a nationally syndicated column featured in more than a dozen Jewish newspapers, has published stories in the Chicken Soup series, *Not What I Expected: The Unpredictable Road from Womanhood to Motherhood* and *Jewish Stories from Heaven and Earth*. Her reputation as the Ethics Maven earned her a featured spot on "Too Jewish," a Jewish radio show aired weekly in the southwest.

Amy's first book, *To Life! Jewish Reflections on Everyday Living* was published by Aliyah Publishing in 2005. Her second book, *One God, Many Paths: Finding Meaning and Inspiration in Jewish Teachings* won the 2009 Arizona Book Publishing Association Glyph Award for best book in the Religion/Spirituality category.

Amy speaks with humor, passion and clarity and is able to inspire and empower her audiences using her knowledge of Torah, Midrash, Rabbinic and contemporary law.

She is available to work with communities in areas of leadership development, philanthropy and legacy planning, Jewish law and ethics and family/community education. Current speaking topics include, but are not limited to:

- My Grandmother's Candlesticks: Passing the Flame from One Generation to the Next
- Finding the Leader Within: Spiritual Models of Leadership
- Giving from the Heart: The Jewish Case for Giving
- Living the Legacy, Leaving a Legacy: Endowing Tomorrow Today
- Chicken Soup and Candlesticks: Creating Healthier Jewish Families
- Lech Lecha: The Jewish Search for Meaning and Purpose
- Money and Happiness: The Real Cost of Living
- Everyday Ethics for Everyday Jews
- Who is the NEW Jewish Woman (and why does she keep texting me?)
- Ethical Wills: Creating a Legacy of Love and Values
- Putting God in your Briefcase: Finding Spirituality in your Work
- Judaism and the Justices: The Lives and Legacies of Jewish Supreme Court Justices
- Fascinating Jewish Trials that Changed History
- Freud and God: Can the Two Co-Exist? (co-presented with Dr. Raymond Lederman, psychiatrist)

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