

AMY HIRSHBERG LEDERMAN

Amy Hirshberg Lederman is an award-winning author, nationally-syndicated columnist, Jewish educator, international public speaker and attorney. She practiced law for 14 years before pursuing her passion of Jewish education. She 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. She worked as a Legacy Consultant for the Southern Arizona Jewish Community Foundation and speaks about Jewish family life, spirituality, law and leadership.

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 key notes and board retreats for the Jewish Federation, synagogues and Foundations to seminars for Canyon Ranch and other health-based organizations. 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 and reprinted in 2014. 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 from the heart with humor, passion and clarity and is able to inspire and empower her audiences using her knowledge of Torah, Rabbinic and contemporary law as well as the wisdom that comes from living life fully and encountering love and loss along the way.

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

- My Grandmother's Candlesticks: Passing the Flame from One Generation to the Next
- Every Family Has a Story to Tell: What's Yours?
- Giving from the Heart: Leaving a Legacy of Love and Values
- Finding the Leader Within: A Spiritual Model for Leadership
- Chicken Soup and Candlesticks: Creating Healthier Jewish Families
- Living and Loving with No Regrets
- Compassionate Medicine, Compassionate Judaism: Best Practices in Work and Life
- The Ten Commandments of Caregiving: Taking Care of Self and Others
- Life, Love and Loss: The Transformative Power of Jewish Ritual

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HAVING AMY SPEAK IN YOUR COMMUNITY
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