

Tribute to Stellar Educators

Congratulations on your worthy series "Today's Heroes of Jewish Education" (August 20). You cast your net widely but you could have included a bit more about recent extraordinary developments in the realm of Jewish women's education. You do well to discuss the important work of Esther Krauss, but attention needs to be paid to the high significance of Rabbi David Silber's pioneering activities since he founded the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education 20 years ago. Until rather recently, the Jewish education of women has, in practice, been seriously neglected. Rabbi Silber and his wife, Devora Steinmetz, have opened up the whole range of

Jewish studies to women who want to learn, full time or part time. They can be teenagers or grandmothers and they come from as far as Pennsylvania or Connecticut. Incidentally, Ms. Steinmetz has also initiated pioneering programs since she founded the now well-known elementary school Beit Rabbani. The crown of Rabbi Silber's achievement is the commitment and in-depth knowledge of Drisha's Scholars Circle. The superb quality of the circle's graduates is beginning to have a significant impact in the field of Jewish education.

Jacob Birnbaum
New York, N.Y.

* * * * *

FORWARD

FOUNDED APRIL 22, 1897

Published every Friday at 45 East 33rd Street,
New York City 10016, by

Forward Newspaper, L.L.C.

Harold Ostroff, Chairman
Michael Steinhardt, Vice Chairman
Seth Lipsky, President and Editor

Ira Stoll
Managing Editor

Jonathan Rosen
Cultural Editor

E.J. Kessler
Religion Editor

Seth Gitell
National Editor

Elissa Goodman
Foreign Editor

Blake Eskin
Arts Editor

Sara Berman
Features Editor

Nancy Segal
Calendar Editor

Wendy Belzberg
Family Editor

Kurt Hoffman
Art Director

Erica Brody
Production Editor

Michael Arnold, Bernard Bellush,

Rachel Blustein, Sarah Blustein,

Robin Cembalast, Douglas Century,

Jeffrey Goldberg, Philip Gourévitch,

Hillel Halkin, Binyamin Jolkovskiy,

Gabriel Kahn, E.V. Kontorovich,

Jonathan Mahler, Ivan Oransky,

Beth Pinsker, Mene Rosenzweig,

Elizabeth Rubin, Jessica Steinberg,

Gus Tyler

Contributing Editors

Adam Brodsky Business Manager

Marvin Pomerantz Treasurer

Raymond Lamparter Comptroller

Jerome Koenig Advertising Director

A.L. Gordon Marketing Director

Trademarks herein are used by permission of

Forward Newspaper, L.L.C. The Forward holds

exclusive rights to publish in English material

originally appearing in Forwards, which holds

exclusive rights to publish in Yiddish material

originally appearing in the Forward. An advertis-

ing rate card is available upon request. A 1-year

subscription in the New York Region is \$39.95;

elsewhere in the United States: \$49.95.

Telephone: (212) 689-8200, Fax: Editorial (212)

447-6406; Advertising (212) 689-4255. E-Mail:

newsdesk@forward.com. On the World Wide

Web: <http://www.forward.com>.

