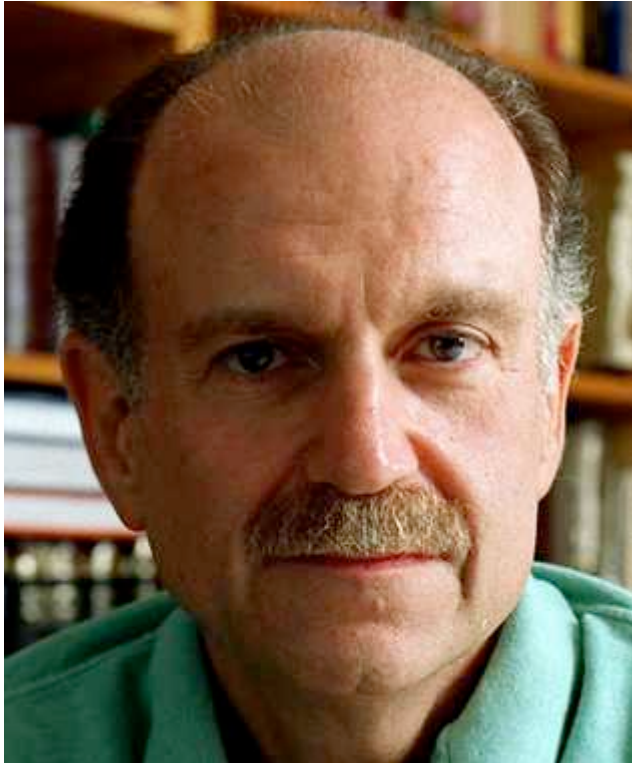


Q & A | Aryeh Rubin: Jewish sages of today



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Aryeh Rubin

Jonathan Dubin, a page designer and copy editor for The Miami Herald, asked this of Aryeh Rubin, the editor of "Jewish Sages of Today" (Devora Publishing, \$16.95):

Q: Why do sages matter in today's world?

A: We need sages -- more today than ever. Sages inspire us, elevate us, and motivate us to imagine and realize lives of intent and purpose. Look around. Who are our role models, our heroes, our children's heroes? Mass opinion in our culture elevates sports stars, rock stars, actors, politicians. We live in a celebrity culture where there is little celebration of true heroes -- those whose lives are dedicated to making a positive difference in the world. That's why I decided to do this book. My aim, with *Jewish Sages of Today*, is to introduce the world to accomplished Jewish activists, thinkers, teachers, and the like, and to provide insight into their lives. What drew these individuals to the particular work they do? What keeps them engaged, year after year? It is my hope that the examples of these remarkable people will inspire others, encourage innovative thinking, and spur the development of new ideas.

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