

THE TRAGEDY OF ESTRANGEMENT



RABBI SIMON JACOBSON



DR. JOSHUA COLEMAN



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ZOOM EVENT

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Featuring Rabbi Simon Jacobson and Dr. Joshua Coleman

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**Please note: The first 1,000 attendees can be admitted to this zoom meeting.*

All who register will receive a recording.

ABOUT THE EVENT:

The pain of estrangement is one of the greatest challenges that most parents / grandparents will ever face.

Now, for the first time, a renowned member of the clergy and founder of the Meaningful Life Center, Rabbi Simon Jacobson, joins Dr. Joshua Coleman, an international expert in parental estrangement, in conversation about this growing epidemic. Dr. Coleman's knowledge, and Rabbi Jacobson's wisdom, make this an epic event. *Moderated by Barbra Drizin.*

ABOUT RABBI SIMON JACOBSON:

Rabbi Simon Jacobson shares emotional, psychological, and spiritual skills to help people live their most meaningful lives. An “engaged sage” with an open, empathetic, and non-judgmental approach, he provides clarity, solutions, and new perspectives based on timeless teachings. He is the author of the best-selling book “Toward a Meaningful Life.”

Rabbi Jacobson is the founding Dean of The Meaningful Life Center, which bridges the secular and the spiritual through a wide variety of live and online programming. The Meaningful Life Center presents to people of all backgrounds the universal teachings of Torah as a blueprint for life. Rabbi Jacobson invokes people to discover and embrace the “unshakable truths that have been embedded in humankind’s genes since our genesis.” Amid the chaos of global pandemics and upheavals, he offers a unique perspective that blends historical, spiritual and psychological scholarship with empathy, acceptance and understanding of the challenges regular people face every day.

Rabbi Jacobson is one of the greatest scholars and most sought-after speakers in the Jewish world today. He has lectured to diverse audiences on six continents and in forty states on psycho -spiritual issues and applying Jewish thought to contemporary life. His voice is rooted in the timeless teachings of Torah, yet at the same time is profoundly timely, relevant, unique, and cutting edge.

Rabbi Jacobson’s career began in 1979 when he headed a team of scholars that memorized and transcribed hours of talks that the late Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, gave during the Sabbath and holidays as writing and tape recording are not permitted on holy days. In this position, Rabbi Jacobson was privileged to work in close association with the Rebbe and published more than 1000 of his talks.

He has been interviewed on over 300 radio and TV shows, including CBS, CNN, Newsmax, PragerU, PBS, MSNBC, FOX, and NPR. He is also the chairman and publisher of The Algemeiner Journal, the “fastest growing Jewish newspaper in America” according to CNBC, filling the position of his illustrious father, esteemed journalist Gershon Jacobson.

Learn more at www.meaningfullife.com.

ABOUT DR. JOSHUA COLEMAN:

Dr. Coleman, an international expert in parental estrangement, is a psychologist in private practice in the San Francisco Bay Area and a Senior Fellow with the Council on Contemporary Families, a non-partisan organization of leading sociologists, historians, psychologists and demographers dedicated to providing the press and public with the latest research and best practice findings about American families.

He is the author of numerous articles and chapters and has written four books: *The Rules of Estrangement* (Random House); *The Marriage Makeover: Finding Happiness in Imperfect Harmony* (St. Martin's Press); *The Lazy Husband: How to Get Men to Do More Parenting and Housework* (St. Martin's Press); *When Parents Hurt: Compassionate Strategies When You and Your Grown Child Don't Get Along* (HarperCollins).

“RULES OF ESTRANGEMENT” is the most comprehensive look at this growing epidemic and topics include the agony of parental estrangement, current cultural influences, the many pathways to estrangement, abandoned grandparents, strategies and interventions, and the Adult Child’s perspective.

Dr. Coleman also presents trainings on this topic to therapists and health professionals.

He has written for *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, NBC THINK, *The Behavioral Scientist*, CNN, MarketWatch, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Greater Good Magazine*, AEON, *Huffington Post*, *Psychology Today*, *Variety*, and more. He has given talks to the faculties at Harvard, the Weill Cornell Department of Psychiatry and other academic institutions. A frequent guest on the *Today Show* and NPR he has also been featured on *Sesame Street*, *20/20*, *Good Morning America*, PBS, *America Online Coaches*, and numerous news programs for FOX, ABC, CNN, and NBC television.

He is the co-editor, along with historian Stephanie Coontz of seven online volumes of *Unconventional Wisdom: News You Can Use*, a compendium of noteworthy research on the contemporary family, gender, sexuality, poverty, and work-family issues.

His books have been translated into Chinese, Korean, Russian, Polish, and Croatian
Learn more at www.drjoshuacoleman.com

About Barbra Drizin:

Barbra's personal journey led her to renowned psychologist, Dr. Joshua Coleman, noted author and expert in the field. Working with Josh for 3 years, she created and presented foundational "Strategies for Living with the Pain of Estrangement" webinars, launched a Facilitators Training Program for those interested in leading support groups, and created a private Facebook Group for Josh that now has over 4,000 members. Barbra is currently a Coach for Estranged Parents and Grandparents.

Barbra's professional experience includes principal of a private day school, director of two International English Language Institutes, Human Resources Manager, Executive Director of Los Gatos Downtown Association, and Social Media solopreneur.

She is passionate about, and dedicated to, those with whom she works.

Barbra recently co-led the first retreat for Estranged Parents and Grandparents with author Joyce Maynard, "Healing By the Lake," at Joyce's retreat center on Lake Atitlan, Guatemala.

Barbra's Mission and Commitment:

For us to reclaim our self-esteem, self-respect and dignity by learning essential skills and tools that enable us to more wisely navigate life's circumstances."

Learn more at www.barbradrizin.com