

## Dr. Seymour Epstein

Born January 3, 1946 in Toronto, Canada.

- Bachelor of Hebrew Literature 1968 The Jewish Theological Seminary
- BS 1968 Columbia University
- MA 1970 Brandeis University
- EdD 1976 University of Toronto (Thesis: *Models of Jewish Learning*)

Dr. Epstein has been active in every aspect of Jewish education, both formal and informal. He worked at United Synagogue Day School in Toronto and helped launch an experimental high school in 1971. From 1973 to 1978 he was an assistant professor at McGill University, where he directed the Jewish Teacher Training Program of Montreal. He was also actively involved in Camp Ramah and directed the Canadian Ramah for three summers.



In 1981, Dr. Epstein moved to Morocco to become the educational consultant for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Casablanca. Continuing his JDC work in Morocco, Western Europe, and the former Soviet Union, Dr. Epstein also served the JDC as director of Jewish education and was responsible for community development in Siberia, Russia.

Between 1999 and 2009, Dr. Epstein was the director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education at UJA Federation. In 2009 his first book, *From Couscous to Kasha: Reporting From the Field of Jewish Community Work*, was published by Urim Publications.

Dr. Epstein currently teaches at York University and consults in the field of Jewish education. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children, Yoni and Sarit.