

From the Editor-in-Chief

Obtain for yourself a mentor and you will have acquired a friend. (Pirke Avot).

Education is a tradition for us. Jewish society has always treasured those with wisdom much more than those with brawn. The reason is simple - ever since Moses received the Torah at Sinai, it has been understood that knowledge and conduct can only be transmitted through direct communication. You can not read a book on neurosurgery and then operate on a brain. You would not simply read a book on pediatrics and

then treat someone's child. Experience, intuition, ethics, and a dedication to the truth characterize a good educator. This is the way medicine was meant to be, and this is what this issue is dedicated to.

Those who worked on this issue gave of themselves, as all the people working on IJEM do. You will see the heart and soul of the labour of love that went into the creation of this issue; that too is the pathway to a good educator.

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