

# 'Keep trying,' she tells Adat Shalom crowd

## Dr. Brothers tells how to understand opposites

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author still considers herself a teacher, but now travels across the country lecturing and giving quizzes.

About half of her 500-plus students-for-a-day flunked a test given during Monday's 35th anniversary celebration of the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

The subject was "Understanding the

Opposite Sex" and the verb was "keep trying."

If you correctly answer five or six of the following true or false questions, put yourself on the book, said Brothers, author of the recently-released "What Every Woman Should Know about Men." The well-researched answers can be found at the end of this article.

1. Most husband-wife arguments are started by men.
2. When dining out, men are likely to order old stand-by dishes whereas women tend to try something new.
3. Women tend to be more cheerful and optimistic than men.
4. Women are more likely than men to go to pieces in a crisis situation.
5. Women change their minds more often than men.
6. Men have more complaints about married life than women.
7. Women lie about their ages more often than men.
8. Most husbands are more intelligent than their wives.
9. It's true that opposites attract.
10. It's better to resist your opposite and marry someone as much like you as possible.
11. A woman who goes too far with her husband prior to marriage will never fully gain his respect or trust afterwards.

**BROTHERS HAS RESORTED** to a question and answer format since realizing "what a vulnerable position you're in when you give advice for a living."

"My daughter's teacher had the class choose a wise person to write about. Lisa chose Socrates and wrote, 'Socrates was a very wise man. He gave advice to everyone. They poisoned him.'"

Adat Shalom's invitation, however, was not among the 3-400 Brothers turns down each year because she considers it important to reach a cross-section of people.

"I work out of New York, so by getting different kinds of playback during question and answer sessions in various parts of the country, I can avoid being 150 degrees off-base."

It was questions from Brothers' audiences that led to her authorship of "What Every Woman Should Know about Men."

The book, Brothers' sixth, answers such questions as, "why does he say he'll call me tomorrow, and then never follow up?" or "why is it so difficult in a work situation for women to break

the bond created among men who work together?"

"It seemed I was answering more and more questions on the subject during lectures," she said. "And new research is revealing that there are more differences between men and women than we thought. I felt it was time to write a book about what's new."

A SIGNIFICANT difference Brothers has noted in today's American women "is that they are liking themselves more than ever before," Brothers said.

"In the past, if you asked a woman to list her good and bad points, she'd write mostly bad ones, and a few good ones. Women have been trained to look at their faults, whereas men walk by a mirror and see Mr. America."

Despite the seemingly imminent failure of the equal rights amendment's passage, Brothers claims the basic tenets of the ERA will become reality.

"Women just won't accept living under the constraints of second-class citizenship," she said. "If you look to the states where the ERA has passed, you'll see that none of the dire consequences they predicted have come about."

Society has a long way to go, however, Brothers added.

"There's nothing that says child care is a woman's job, yet we still have only 6 percent of men taking paternity

leave. With more and more women working, more and more men have to share family and household responsibilities."

**NOW FOR THE answers:**

1. True. Nine of eleven arguments are started by wives.
2. True. Women are more adventurous in restaurants.
3. False. Women are depressed more often than men, due to more plentiful fears and anxieties.
4. False. Women get flustered over minor things, but in life or death situations, they are much less likely to go off the deep end.
5. False. Women take longer to make up their minds than men, but men change their minds two to three times more than women.
6. False. Women complain for a greater variety of reasons than do men.
7. False. Women, when asked how old they are reply, "Fine, thank you," or forget their age while men tend to shave off a year or two.
8. True. Two new studies show that women overall are more intelligent than men, but not significantly. But women tend to marry men more intelligent than they are. Men who marry women who are more intelligent increase their risk of heart attack by 50 percent.
9. True.
10. False. Marriage partners who complement each other have the healthiest relationships.
11. There's no answer to this one, but what you put down reveals a great deal about yourself.

### Dr. Joyce Brothers:

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

In researching her latest book, "What Every Woman Should Know About Men," Dr. Joyce Brothers said she found there are more differences between the sexes than people think.

## Heroes in Botsford fire guests of positive thinker

Farmington Hills' Dr. John Serini and registered nurse Barbara Sikkema were the topic of Norman Vincent Peale's nationwide radio series tomorrow on station WLQV, AM 1500.

Peale, renowned clergyman and author, narrates "The American Character," a daily program emphasizing good neighborliness, heroism and perseverance.

The two-minute program, which airs at 6:03 a.m. and again at 6:03 p.m. Friday, commends the couple for abiding

by the Hippocratic Oath which pledges medical personnel to preserve lives.

Serini, 30, and Sikkema, 27, were jogging on a December morning last winter when they noticed smoke seeping through the crevices of an apartment building at 2919 Botsford Dr.

The two Botsford General Hospital staffers awakened and evacuated all 14 residents, most of them elderly, before calling the fire department to the burning building.

All escaped injury but the building

was a total loss.

Heard on 350 radio stations coast-to-coast, The American Character is intended to inspire Americans to feel better about themselves and their country.

Since the program's initiation in 1978, more than 1,000 commercial-free broadcasts have aired, all underwritten by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Friday's program marks the fourth time Michiganians have been recognized.

## St. Mary's College group backs dean, vows boycott

By Elizabeth Roach  
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A group opposing the apparently forced resignation of the academic dean of St. Cyril & Methodius Seminary has threatened to picket Saturday's graduation ceremonies unless the situation is resolved by then.

The controversy at Orchard Lake Schools became public in March, after the resignation of the Rev. Anthony Kosnik, academic dean at the seminary. He also heads a graduate divinity program and the program that trains priests.

A number of seminary administrators and faculty have resigned in protest.

All of the seminary's full-time religious education teachers, along with some part-timers, are among those who have resigned, says Beverly Sinke of Milford, a student who co-chairs the Committee for the Reinstatement of Father Kosnik.

Sinke, a 42-year-old graduate of St. Mary's College, also part of Orchard Lake Schools, is enrolled in a master of divinity program at the seminary. She says her committee of 12 is backed by a support group of about 200, from which it can draw for potential picketers Saturday.

**DUE TO THE** resignations, only 11 of the seminary's 35 scheduled fall classes are left with teachers, Sinke says.

Also, the resignations have led to cancellation of the seminary's satellite program of degree credit courses in Flint, Saginaw, Gaylord and Alpena, she adds.

She says representatives of her group Friday picketed a meeting of the board of consultants, the seminary's policy-making board, which meets twice yearly.

"We simply asked them to do whatever they can at this meeting to save the school," she says. The group has sent letters to all board of consultants members.

Sinke says the situation "has got to be resolved for the good of the school. We're talking about people's lives and careers. We're talking about the good of the institution."

The resignations affect the college, too, because some seminary faculty members also teach there, Sinke says.

An Orchard Lake Schools spokesperson confirmed that three seminary administrators resigned, apparently in protest, after Kosnik's resignation. The Rev. Francis Koper, the seminary's rector, is the remaining administrator, the spokesperson said.

The three who resigned are Sister Anneliese Sinnott, associate dean, who teaches theology; Sister Josephine Gaugier, director of field education and a theology teacher; and Sister Trinita Schilling, director of the religious education department, who teaches courses in religious education.

**"I'M NOT SURE** why he (Kosnik) was asked to resign," Sinke says.

However, various people speculate that controversy over "Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought," a book Kosnik co-authored five years ago, may have led to his resignation.

Sister Joanne Witucki, who last year was a visiting professor at the college and the seminary, feels

that was the reason for Kosnik's resignation. Witucki says she has notified the seminary's administration that she will not return to teach there unless "the situation is altered and Father Kosnik and the others are reinstated."

"The whole handling of the affair is very unfortunate. It doesn't speak well for the archdiocese," she says.

"As soon as moral teaching begins to touch real aspects of human life, real questions, some people are frightened by that," she says.

Although the book was published five years ago, "if you know anything about the Catholic Church, you know we have a long memory," Witucki says. Sinke says she has read the book about three times and terms it "just good common sense."

The book is not a definitive study, but rather a springboard for discussion, Sinke says.

"They explored everything that surrounded human sexuality, from an academic point of view. It explores traditional teachings of the church," she says.

One nun, who took a course with Kosnik in which the book was used as a reference, says the book is a scholarly review of opinions and research.

**"IT WAS NEVER** intended to be a textbook for everyone to agree with," says the nun, who wishes to remain unidentified.

The nun says Kosnik, a 24-year faculty member, "is in a way very conservative. He stays within the teaching of the church. He gives the scholarly opinions. He gives you the spectrum from zero to 10" and lets students form their own opinions.

Sinke says representatives of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops gave seminary faculty and its teachings a favorable rating about two months ago.

Even so, there reportedly also has been speculation that Kosnik's resignation was ordered by Detroit Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka as part of an effort to purge liberals from the church. Szoka, serves as ex-officio chairman of the seminary's board of consultants.

Szoka is responsible for the appointment of the rector of any seminary in the archdiocese, but not faculty members, says the Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, director of communications for the archdiocese.

"He did not demand Father Kosnik's resignation. It's not his responsibility to do that," Halfpenny says.

It seems "highly unlikely" that Szoka would circumvent a decision by administrators, Halfpenny says.

**KOSNIK'S RESIGNATION** "was the fulfillment of a promise made to the administration and the board of regents that he would tender his resignation upon request if ever he should become a liability to the schools," according to a March 29 letter posted on a campus bulletin board and signed by Kosnik and Sinnott, Gaugier and Schilling.

As of last week, Sinke was able to verify at least nine more faculty members at Orchard Lake Schools who have resigned in protest of Kosnik's resignation. Most are either part-time or visiting faculty. Those teaching now will finish the term but will not return unless Kosnik is reinstated, she says.

Koper and the Rev. Stanley Milewaki, chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, did not return numerous telephone calls from the Eccentric.

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