

# FYI

## Judging Amy

Dr. Amy Neustein, a sociologist from Fort Lee who wrote “From Madness to Mutiny: Why Mothers Are Running from the Family Courts — And What Can Be Done about It,” will receive the “Woman of Valor: Lifetime Achievement Award” at the third annual Battered Mothers Custody Conference, to be held at Siena College Jan. 6-8.



We asked her, “What is a man of valor?”

“A man of valor would be a man who supports mothers who are struggling in the family court system, who works to protect children from abuse, who takes up the accusations of mothers who are having difficulty getting the courts to believe their allegations, and who is trying to protect children from abuse,” she said. “Some of these men are called feminist men because they are espousing a woman’s plight and a woman’s cause. I certainly have come across men of valor. My co-writer, Michael Leshner from Passaic County, is one. He is certainly very, very sensitive to the plight of women.”

—Jacob Berkman