



Book review – 'La Nouvelle Autorité - Parents, enseignants, communautés'

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Haim Omer 'New Authority' has been published in French in December 2017 by 'Les Éditions Fabert' in the collection '[Creative psychotherapies](#)' directed by Jean-Paul Mugnier. Jean-Paul Mugnier is the Director of IDES, the French Institute for Systemic Studies and had organized, in April 2015, a widely attended two-days conference-seminar of Haïm in Paris.

Here is a translation of the book back cover, presenting the book to potential French readers:

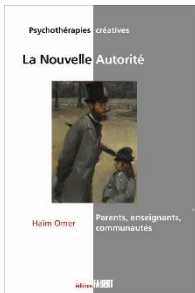
The very concept of Authority has deeply evolved during the last decades. Various groups (parents, teachers, educators) are wondering which form of authority to exercise and how. This book is an original contribution from Israel and deserves to be, at least, discovered.

Exercising authority is no longer what it used to be: the very word sounds suspicious. Parents, teachers and other educators having children and youth in their care are confronted daily with the fact that their position doesn't any longer confer them the authority that, once upon a time, naturally came with it.

Our ideals and our values have emphasized attachment and the child's need of development and autonomy. Gaining obedience or the use of constraint have become anathema, nearly as much as beating children.

Parent's distress when faced with their child violent or risky behavior, teacher's disarray when confronted to difficult and disrespectful pupils clearly demonstrate the need for a renewal of authority that will be compatible with our values, as a society. Even more so, both our daily experience and research point to the fact that children who grew up without constraints to their behavior are often school dropouts, suffer from a low self-esteem and are unable to regulate their violence and their self-endangering behaviors.

This book puts forward the conceptual basis for the exercise of a new authority aligned with our social aspirations. Much more than that, it details in a very practical and concrete fashion how to put it in practice, answering the educational and moral dilemmas facing parents, teachers and educators.



The book can be ordered on the [publisher's web site](#) or on [Amazon France](#).